REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR GROUNDS MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT, ACCESSORIES, AND RELATED PARTS AND SERVICES

EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER, REGION 10

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Product or service

Grounds Maintenance Equipment, Accessories, and Related

Parts and Services

RFP#

EQ-111519-02

Proposal due date

01/17/2020 by 2:00 P.M. Central Time

Proposal submittal location

https://region10.bonfirehub.com/portal/?tab=login

Principle contract officer

Ms. Sue Hayes

Chief Financial Officer

Public opening location

Region 10 ESC

Rockwall Room

400 East Spring Valley Rd. Richardson, TX 75081

Education Service Center, Region 10 ("Region 10 ESC") is seeking proposals for the procurement of *Grounds Maintenance Equipment, Accessories, and Related Parts and Services*. Responses will be accepted by Education Service Center, Region 10 until 01/17/2020 by 2:00 P.M. All times are Central Time.

In general, Coop members will reference this RFP when purchasing from the vendor. Region 10 ESC will not charge a fee to public agencies for participation in the purchasing coop.

Faxed responses will not be considered. By submitting a response, responder certifies to the best of his/her knowledge that all information is true and correct. All proposals must be submitted electronically as directed in the Bonfire procurement application. Scanned submissions are acceptable where PDF files are requested.

Responses should be submitted on the forms provided. Only responses received by the date and time specified will be considered. PRICE, QUALITY, AND SUITABILITY: It is not the policy of Region 10 ESC to purchase services solely on the basis of low price alone; quality and suitability to purpose are taken into consideration. Term discount, if any, must be indicated on Deviation Statement & Signature Page and will be considered.

The Region 10 ESC Board of Directors may approve awarding of this proposal to one or more vendors. The Board of Directors also reserves the right to reject all proposals if it determines in its sole discretion that a reasonable basis exists for doing so. Consideration for an exclusive award to a single national supplier will

be given for vendors who respond with value that separates the vendor from other respondents within the competitive range.					ithin the





LEAD AGENCY AGREEMENT

The purpose of Region 10 ESC soliciting this Request for Proposal is to create a Lead Agency Agreement for Grounds Maintenance Equipment, Accessories, and Related Parts and Services 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.

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We acknowledge Region 10 ESC's Public Information Act submitted with this proposal, or any part of our proposal, Information Act.	policy and declare that no information , is exempt from disclosure under the Public
(Note: All information believed to be a trade secret or proprietary must be lidentify such information, in strict accordance with the instructions below, uniformation and released, if requested under the Public Information Act.)	isted below. It is further understood that failure to will result in that information being considered public
We declare the following information to be a trade secret under the Public Information Act.	t or proprietary and exempt from disclosure
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After completion of award, these documents will be available for public inspection.

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 Grounds Maintenance Equipment, Accessories, and Related Parts and Services. Awarded vendor(s) shall perform covered services under the terms of this agreement. See appendix B and C for more detailed scope and pricing requirements.

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 proposals must be submitted electronically as directed in the Bonfire procurement application. Scanned submissions are acceptable where PDF files are requested.

Responses will remain sealed by the Bonfire procurement application until the bid opening time specified. Responses received outside the Bonfire procurement application 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.

Include a copy of the portion of the RFP document that you are responding to prior to your tabulated response in each section. This means that all pages prior to the Appendices 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, 1st Page)
- Tab 2 Questionnaire (Appendix E)
- Tab 3 Company Profile (Appendix F)
- Tab 4 Product / Services (Appendix B)
- Tab 5 Pricing (Appendix C)
 - Attachment B Price List
- 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
 - Additional Required Documents (Appendix H)
- III. 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.
- IV. Inquiries and/or discrepancies: Questions regarding this solicitation must be submitted in the Bonfire procurement application. All questions and answers will be posted to the Bonfire procurement application. Respondents are responsible for viewing the Bonfire procurement application 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.
- V. 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 Bonfire procurement application 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

VI. Addenda: If required, will be issued by Region 10 ESC to all those known to have registered and downloaded a complete set of Proposal documents from the Bonfire procurement application. The vendor shall acknowledge on the Signature Form the number of addenda received.

VII. Calendar of events (subject to change):

<u>Event</u>	Date:
Issue RFP	11/15/2019
Deadline for receipt of questions via email	01/08/2019
Issue Addendum/a (if required)	01/08/2019
Proposal Due Date	01/17/2020

CONDITIONS OF SUBMITTING PROPOSALS

- VIII. **Amendment of Proposal:** A proposal may be amended up to the time of opening by amending the proposal submitted in the Bonfire procurement application.
- IX. 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.

- X. 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.
- XI. 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.
- XII. 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.

- XIII. 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.
- XIV. 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.
- XV. **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.
- XVI. 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.
- XVII. 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.
- XVIII. Formation of Contract: A response to this solicitation is an <u>offer</u> to contract with Region 10 ESC based upon the terms, conditions, scope of work, and specifications contained in this request. A solicitation <u>does not become a contract until it is awarded by Region 10 ESC</u>. 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.
- XIX. 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 <u>estimated</u> to be over \$20 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.
- XX. 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.

XXI. 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

XXII. 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.

XXIII. 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 and maintenance repair/requests
- 3. Average Fill Rate
- 4. Averagé on time delivery rate
- 5. Shipping charges
- 6. Return and restocking policy and applicable fees
- 7. History of meeting the delivery, installation, and maintenance 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
- 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 salespersons 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. Certifications in the Industry
- 11. Company profile and capabilities
- 12. 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
- XXIV. 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.
- XXV. 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.
- XXVI. 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.
- XXVII. 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

- XXVIII. **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

XXIX. 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

- XXX. 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.
- XXXI. 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 <u>01/17/20</u> , by and between
MTD Products Company	("Vendor")and Region 10 Education Service
Center ("Region 10 ESC") for the purchase of Grounds I	Maintenance Equipment, Accessories, and Related
Parts and Services ("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 <u>Customer Support:</u> 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 four (4) 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: One year renewals will take place automatically 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

<u>Scope</u>: 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.

<u>Compliance</u>: Cooperative Purchasing Agreements between Equalis Group and its Members have been established under state procurement law.

<u>Respondent's promise</u>: 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. <u>Respondent contract documents</u>: 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. <u>Form of contract</u>: 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. <u>Entire Agreement (Parol evidence)</u>: 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. <u>Assignment of Contract</u>: 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. <u>Contract Alterations</u>: 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 <u>Supplemental Agreements</u>: 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. <u>Cancellation for non-performance or contractor deficiency</u>: 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.

- 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 <u>Delivery/Service failures</u>: 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 <u>Force Majeure</u>: 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 <u>Standard Cancellation</u>: 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 <u>Duty to keep current license</u>: 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.

- 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 <u>Survival Clause</u>: 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 <u>Delivery</u>: 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 <u>Inspection & Acceptance</u>: 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 <u>Responsibility for supplies tendered:</u> Vendor shall be responsible for the materials or supplies covered by this contract until they are delivered to the designated delivery point.
- 7.4 <u>Shipping Instructions</u>: 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 <u>Additional charges</u>: 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 <u>Buyer's delays</u>: 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 <u>Payments</u>: 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.

- 8.2 <u>Tax Exempt Status</u>: Since this is a national contract, knowing the tax laws in each state is the sole responsibility of the Vendor.
- 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 reports are due on the fifteenth (15th) 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. Fields below marked as *required indicate a required field. All other fields are preferred, but not required:

	Equalis Member ID
ta	Vendor Customer Number *required (or Equalis Member ID)
Member Data	Customer Name *required
per	Customer Street Address *required
l <u>m</u>	Customer City *required
≥	Customer Zip Code *required .
	Customer State *required
व	Distributor Name
Distributor Data	Distributor ID
Itor	Distributor Street Address
ribu	Distributor City
istı	Distributor Zip Code
	Distributor State
	Product Category level 1
20.07.55	Product Category level 2 (Where available or applicable)
æ	Product Category level 3 (Where available or applicable)
Dat	Distributor Product Number
せ	Manufacturer Product Number
Product Data	Product Description
Ą	Product Brand Name
	Product packaging Unit of Measure level 1
	Product packaging Unit of Measure level 2
	Product packaging Unit of Measure level 3

	Purchase Unit of Measure
	Purchase Quantity
ata	Distributor Landed Cost Total \$ (without deviations)
<u>0</u>	Distributor Landed Cost Total \$ (with mfr deviations)
ben	Customer Purchase Total \$ *required
5	Admin Fee % *required
	Admin Fee \$ *required

ARTICLE 9- PRICING

- 9.1 <u>Market competitive guarantee</u>: 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 <u>Price increase</u>: 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 <u>Additional Charges</u>: 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 <u>Price reduction and adjustment</u>: 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 <u>Prevailing Wage</u>: 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 <u>Administrative Fees</u>: The Vendor agrees to pay administrative fees to Equalis Group based on the terms set in Attachment A. <u>All pricing submitted to Region 10 ESC shall include the administrative fee to be remitted to Equalis Group by the awarded vendor.</u>
- 9.7 <u>Price Calculation</u>: Cost plus a percentage as a primary mechanism to calculate pricing is not allowed. Pricing may either be in the form of line item pricing, defined as a specific individual price on a

product or service, or a percentage discount from a verifiable catalog or price list. Other discounts or incentives may be offered.

ARTICLE 10- PRICING AUDIT

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 <u>Current products</u>: 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 <u>Discontinued products</u>: 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 <u>New products/Services</u>: 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 <u>Options</u>: 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 <u>Product line</u>: 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 <u>Warranty conditions</u>: 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 <u>Buy American requirement</u>: (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 <u>Cleanup</u>: 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.
- <u>Site Preparation</u>: 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 <u>Safety measures</u>: 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 <u>Smoking/Tobacco</u>: 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 <u>Stored materials</u>: 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 <u>Maintenance Facilities and Support</u>: 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 <u>Funding Out Clause</u>: 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 <u>Disclosures</u>: 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 <u>Indemnity</u>: 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 <u>Franchise Tax</u>: 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 <u>Marketing</u>: 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 <u>Insurance</u>: 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 <u>Subcontracts/Sub Contractors</u>: 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 <u>Legal Obligations</u>: 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 <u>Boycott Certification</u>: 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 <u>Venue</u>: 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: <u>120 days</u>	
Company name	MTD Products Company
Address	5903 Grafton Road
City/State/Zip	Valley City, Ohio 44280
Telephone No.	330-558-3528
Fax No.	1-800-541-8650
Emali address	jennifer.kucera@mtdproducts.com
Printed name	Jennifer Kucera
Position with company	Pro Customer Support Lead
Authorized signature	
Term of contract March 01,	
Unless otherwise stated, all contant an additional two (2) years if agreed on the contra	tracts are for a period of three (3) years with an option to renew annually for reed to by Region 10 ESC. Vendor shall honor all administrative fees for any the twhether renewed or not.
And the	2-21-2020
Region 10 ESC Authorized Agent	Date
Print Name	

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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 Grounds Maintenance Equipment, Accessories, and Related Parts and Services. Respondents may elect to limit their proposals to a single product or service line within any category, or multiple products and services within any and all categories. However, respondents are encouraged to propose their complete catalog, products and services where available, including but not limited to the following categories:

- Fields and grounds equipment: a complete and comprehensive line of new unused fields and
 grounds equipment of the latest design and technology to include, but not limited to, mowing
 equipment; Tree, shrub, stump or vegetation maintenance; utility vehicles; spraying equipment; turf
 cultivation equipment; and any other equipment to maintain landscaping and turf and any
 equipment used to maintain artificial turf
- Golf course maintenance equipment: a complete and comprehensive line of new unused golf
 course maintenance equipment of the latest design and technology to include, but not be limited to,
 mowing equipment, utility vehicles, spraying equipment, renovation and utility equipment and turf
 cultivation equipment.
- Parking lot and sidewalk equipment: a complete and comprehensive line of new unused de-icing and snow removal equipment.
- Related equipment parts: a complete and comprehensive line of original equipment manufacturer (oem) sports fields and grounds equipment parts and golf course maintenance equipment parts.
- Used equipment: provide access to quality used equipment.
- Additional products: each respondent may offer their balance of line for ground maintenance
 equipment items and accessories. Region 10 ESC reserves the right to accept or reject any or all
 balance of line items offered.

Distribution Network

Equipment and service specified in this solicitation are dependent on an extensive supply chain service and distribution system. In order to be considered for award, each potential contractor is required to provide proof of an ability to distribute to customers through the terms of this contract. It is preferred that Manufacturers submit proposals on this equipment. Manufacturers submitting a proposal should submit a list of dealers that will be included as part of this contract. This list may be updated periodically upon mutual consent of the manufacturer and Region 10 and the dealers proposed.

Maintenance Facilities, Parts and Service

Equipment specified in this solicitation is dependent on the availability of prompt professional service. Respondents are encouraged to include a separate price that includes routine maintenance for the equipment. In order to be considered for award, each potential contractor is required to have existing maintenance facilities with a sufficient inventory of parts and trained technicians experienced in providing quality service on the equipment specified.

The Contractor will maintain a factory authorized parts and service facility for normal and warranty service. The Contractor shall be capable of providing parts within twenty-four (24) hours and shall be capable of being on site to respond to service requests within twenty-four (24) hours.

Trade-ins

Please describe in detail any available trade-in program

Financing

Please describe financing options available such as lease programs and conditional sales contracts.

Appendix C: PRICING

Attachment B

Region 10 ESC requests that potential Respondents offer a wide array of products and services at lower prices and with better value than what they would ordinarily offer to a single government agency, a school district, or a regional cooperative.

All pricing must be entered into the Attachment B template provided. Products/lines completed will be used to establish the extent of the Respondents product lines, services, warranties, etc. that are available. All services offered under this contract must be priced or listed as free and unlisted services will not be accepted. Please submit price lists and/or catalogs in excel or delimited format and provide a signed PDF copy for verification purposes.

Pricing must be entered into each worksheet within the Attachment B as follows:

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
- All relevant columns in this worksheet should be completed. Incomplete fields or columns may be deemed unresponsive at the sole discretion of Region 10 ESC

Other Pricing

- In addition to prices offered in the Core Price List, respondents shall provide a calculation for
 pricing on all other products available under the scope of this RFP. The calculation should be
 based on a discount from a verifiable price list or catalog. Cost plus a percentage as a primary
 method is not allowed.
- Additional services such as installation, delivery, tech support, training, labor and other services not already included in the Core Price list should be provided in this worksheet

Other Discounts

• List additional rebates, discounts off list, delivery size incentives or other price discounts not already provided in the other worksheets

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.

Other Restrictions and Fees

Please provide any other relevant information, fees or restrictions for Purchasing Group Members to receive pricing or value under this contract, such as minimum order sizes, restocking fees, and/or any other relevant fee or restriction associated with this contract. Fees or restrictions not listed will not be allowed under this contract.

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	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 va	ries.				
50 States & District of Columbia (Selecting this box is e	qual to checking all boxes below)				
Alabama	Montana				
Alaska	Nebraska				
Arizona	Nevada				
Arkansas	New Hampshire				
California	New Jersey				
Colorado	New Mexico				
Connecticut	New York				
Delaware	☐North Carolina				
☐ District of Columbia	North Dakota				
Florida	Ohio				
Georgia	☐Oklahoma				
☐ Hawaii	Oregon				
☐ldaho	Pennsylvania				
[]Illinois	Rhode Island				
Indiana	South Carolina				
☐ lowa	South Dakota				
Kansas	Tennessee				
Kentucky	Texas				
Louisiana	Utah				
Maine	Vermont				
Maryland	Virginia				
Massachusetts	Washington				
Michigan	West Virginia				
Minnesota	Wisconsin				
Mississippi	Wyoming				
Missouri					
All U.S. Territories & Outlying Areas (Selecting this box	is equal to checking all boxes below)				
American Samoa	Northern Marina Islands				
Federated States of Micronesia	Puerto Rico				
Guam	U.S. Virgin Islands				
Midway Islands	<u> </u>				
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2.	Diversity Programs			
6	Do you currently have a diversity program or any diversity par	tners that	you do bu	usiness with?
•	If the answer is yes, do you plan to offer your program or part	nership th	rough Equ	ualis Group Yes No
	the answer is yes, attach a statement detailing the structure of ersity alliances and a copy of their certifications.)	your progr	am, along	g with a list of your
•	Will the products accessible through your diversity program of Group members at the same pricing offered by your company		nip be off	ered to Equalis
	Gloup members at the same pricing offered by your company	•		☐Yes ☐No
(If an	swer is no, attach a statement detailing how pricing for particip	ants would	l be calcu	lated.)
enterp enterp of goo	Diverse Vendor Certification Participation e policy of some entities participating in Equalis Group to involve prises (M/WBE), small and/or disadvantaged business enterprises prises, historically utilized businesses (HUB) and other diversity and services. Respondents shall indicate below whether or reject areas and include proof of such certification with their response.	es, disable recognized not they ho	veterans business	business es in the purchase
	a. Minority Women Business Enterprise Respondent certifies that this firm is an MWBE List certifying agency:	∐Yes	XNo	
	b. Small Business Enterprise (SBE) or Disadvantaged Busines Respondent certifies that this firm is a SBE or DBE List certifying agency:	ss Enterpri	se (DBE) No	
	c. Disabled Veterans Business Enterprise (DVBE) Respondent certifies that this firm is a DVBE List certifying agency:		⊠No	
	d. Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUB) Respondent certifies that this firm is a HUB List certifying agency:		⊠No	
	e. Historically Underutilized Business Zone Enterprise (HUBZ Respondent certifies that this firm is a HUBZone List certifying agency:	Yes	⊠No	-
	f. Other Respondent certifies that this firm is a recognized diversity certificate holder List certifying agency:	_	ΧNο	

4. Residency

Responding Company's principal place of business is in the city of $\underline{\text{Valley City}}$ State of $\underline{\text{OH}}$

 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 3rd 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: Pro End User Support Lead
Company: MTD Products Company
Address: 5903 Grafton Road
City: Valley City State: Ohio Zip: 44280
Phone: 330-558-3528 Fax: 1-800-541-8650
Email: jennifer.kucera@mtdproducts.com
Billing & Reporting/Accounts Payable
Contact Person: Jennifer Kucera
Title: Pro End User Support Lead
Company: MTD Products Company
Address: 5903 Grafton Road
City: Valley City State: Ohio Zip: 44280
Phone: 330-558-3528 Fax: 1-800-541-8650
Email: Jennifer.kucera@mtdproducts.com
<u>Marketing</u>
Contact Person: Amanda Fullerton

Title:	Associate Brand Manag	er	
Compa	ny: MTD Products Com	oany	
Addres	s: 5903 Grafton Rd		
City: _	Valley City Sta	te: Ohio Zip: 44280	
		Fax:	
Email:	Amanda.Fullerton@mtd	products.com	
7.	X Manufacturer direct	h best describes your company's position in the di Certified education/government reseller Manufacturer marketing through reseller Other	stribution channel
8.	product introductions at price	pical unit pricing furnished herein, the Vendor agre ses that are proportionate to Contract Pricing. Itement detailing how pricing for participants would	XYes □No
•	Pricing submitted includes the (Fee calculated based on inv	ne required administrative fee. oice price to customer)	XYes □No
•	Additional discounts for pure	chase of a guaranteed quantity?	☐Yes XNo
9.	Cooperative/Group Purchas List all cooperative and/or go currently a member below.	ing Experience overnment group purchasing organizations of whic	h your company is
	Cooperative/GPO Name	Contract Number	Expiration Date
	BuyBoard	529-17	05/31/2020
	HGAC Buy	GR01-18	12/31/2020
	NPPGov	PS18007	06/05/2021

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 salespersons employed by your organization within the United States, broken down by market. If a dealer network is included as part of your response, please also list the total number of salespersons within the dealer network and your ability to train, influence, and incentivize those salespersons to sell this contract.
- 6. List the number and location of offices, or service centers for all states being proposed in solicitation, including the dealer network where applicable. Additionally, list the names of key contacts at each location with title, address, phone and e-mail address.
- 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. Provide relevant information regarding your ordering process including your firm's on-line catalog/ordering website, and the ability for purchasing group members to verify they are receiving contract pricing.
- 15. Describe your company's Customer Service Department (hours of operation, number of service centers, etc.).
- 16. Provide your safety record, safety rating, EMR and worker's compensation rate where available

- 17. Describe areas where downtime may occur with products and services provided, historical averages of that downtime, and how you resolve downtime issues when they do occur (For purposes of providing further clarity, examples of downtime might be a website ordering platform that goes offline, installed equipment that requires service or other products and services that can fail or go offline)
- 18. Provide information regarding whether your firm, either presently or in the past, has been involved in any litigation, bankruptcy, or reorganization.
- 19. Provide your ability to respond to emergency orders and maintenance/repair requests.
- 20. Provide historical fill rates, average delivery timeframes, installation, and maintenance timelines met by specific distribution center or dealer.

Marketing/Sales

- 21. 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
- 22. Describe how your company will demonstrate the benefits of this contract to eligible entities if awarded.
- 23. Explain how your company plans to market this agreement to existing government customers.
- 24. Provide a detailed 90-day plan describing how the contract will be implemented within your firm.
- 25. Describe how you intend on train your national sales force or dealer network on the Region 10 ESC agreement.
- 26. 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.

27.	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 onein year twoin year three
Admi	nistration
28.	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).
29.	Describe the capacity of your company to report monthly sales through this agreement.
30.	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.
31.	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.
32.	Please provide your company's environmental policy and/or sustainability initiative.
Refer	ences

Provide a minimum of three (3) customer references for product and/or services of similar scope 33. 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 F: COMPANY PROFILE

Please provide the following:

General Profile

1. Company's official registered name.

MTD Products Company

2. Brief history of your company, including the year it was established.

Founded in 1932, MTD Products Inc is a worldwide leader of outdoor power equipment headquartered in Valley City, near Cleveland, Ohio. Through our facilities in North America, Europe, Asia, and Australia, we produce quality mowers, snow throwers, utility vehicles, trimmers, tillers, and more for both residential and commercial markets. Our products can be found online and across the globe in all channels of distribution including, home improvement stores, hardware stores, mass retailers, independent dealers and farm supply stores.

Our current family of brands includes <u>Cub Cadet</u>, <u>Troy-Bilt</u>, and <u>Remington</u>, as well as <u>Robomow</u>, <u>Yard Machines</u>, <u>Rover</u>, <u>WOLF-Garten</u>, and <u>Bolens</u>. Together they offer a complete range of products to suit every type of customer and every kind of lawn and garden.

While diverse in nature, our brands share one thing in common. They are all backed by our strong network of MTD support focused on uncompromising quality, service and value through advanced manufacturing. Our engineering expertise and state-of-the-art facilities fuel our reputation for innovation and award-winning products.

At MTD, our commitment to our brands and our employees, the communities in which we operate, and the world in which we live, is second to none. Even today, we remain committed to the core values of our founders: Stewardship, Passion, Respect and Integrity. These values have been integral to our success and growth, and they continue to drive our decisions today.

- 3. Company's Dun & Bradstreet (D&B) number. 004196515
- 4. Corporate office location.

5965 Grafton Road Valley City, OH 44280

5. List the total number of salespersons employed by your organization within the United States, broken down by market. If a dealer network is included as part of your response, please also list the total number of salespersons within the dealer network and your ability to train, influence, and incentivize those salespersons to sell this contract.

MTD Products Company employs approximately 120 field sales representatives throughout the United States referred to as the 1MTD Sales Team. Below is our representation broken down by Market:

Northeast: 34 Representatives Mid-Atlantic: 26 Representatives Mid-West: 21 Representatives Southeast: 20 Representatives West: 21 Representatives

In addition to Sales Representatives employed directly by MTD our sales footprint incudes approximately 1600 independent retailors throughout the United States. On average, each independent retailer employees two sales professionals per location.

MTD's robust sales organization and strong dealer network is committed to provide the ultimate customer experience by providing support and training to potential and current MTD customers. Specifically, the stated contract will be included in all training and program material provided to the MTD dealer network. Accountability for driving awareness and usages of the contract will be accomplished by providing the dealer network goals and objectives for the use of this contract.

 List the number and location of offices, or service centers for all states being proposed in solicitation, including the dealer network where applicable. Additionally, list the names of key contacts at each location with title, address, phone and e-mail address.

Corporate Office Location:

59565 Grafton Road Valley City, OH 44280

North American Manufacturing Locations:

Shelby, OH Willard, OH Martin, TN Tupelo, MS

Sales Support Locations:

Nashville, TN Charlotte, NC Atlanta, Ga Tempe, AZ

MTD's dealer network is comprised of approximately 1600 independent retailers. To ensure complete visibility to all locations throughout North America below is a link to MTD's dealer network, locations, and key contacts.

https://www.cubcadet.com/on/demandware.store/Sites-cubcadet-Site/en_US/Stores-Find?showMap=true&horizontalView=true&isForm=true&rid=dealers

- 7. Please provide contact information for the person(s) who will be responsible for the following areas, including resumes:
 - a. Sales

Matt Miller, Director of National Accounts 410-512-7205 matt.miller@mtdproducts.com

Nearly 20 years of Outdoor Power Equipment experience. Committed to delivering the ultimate customer experience by providing solutions and support. Matt is responsible for managing government sales and channel growth for MTD

b. Sales Support

Jennifer Kucera Pro Customer Support Lead 330-558-3528 jekucera@mtdproducts.com

With more than 20 years at MTD Jennifer has a proven track record to provide support which exceeds expectations. Jennifer has vast experience in government sales and contract administration.

c. Marketing

Amanda Fullerton Associate Brand Manager 330-558-7885 amanda.fullerton@mtdproducts.com

Amanda is a dedicated Marketing professional with over 15 years of experience driving brand growth by developing key marketing initiatives.

d. Financial Reporting

Jennifer Kucera Pro Customer Support Lead 330-558-3528 jekucera@mtdproducts.com

With more than 12 years at MTD Jennifer has a proven track record to provide support which exceeds expectations. Jennifer has vast experience in government sales and contract administration.

e. Executive Support

Tom Rossman
Sr. Director of Sales
330-558-3020
trossman@mtdproducts.com

Tom has over 25 years of industry experience. His strategic planning ensures MTD and its brands operate at peak efficiency to provide world class products and services to MTD's customers.

8. Define your standard terms of payment.

MTD extends Payment Terms of Net 30.

9. Who is your competition in the marketplace?

The Toro Company ExMark John Deere Scag Power Equipment The Ariens Company

10. Overall annual sales for last three (3) years;

FY2017 MTD Annual Revenue - \$2.2B FY2018 MTD Annual Revenue - \$2.5B FY2019 MTD Annual Revenue - \$2.6B

11. Overall public sector sales, excluding Federal Government, for last three (3) years;

N/A

12. What is your strategy to increase market share?

MTD PASSIONATELY CREATES, BUILDS, AND DELIVERS GREAT PRODUCTS AND SERVICES THAT CONSUMERS ALL OVER THE WORLD ENJOY USING TO IMPROVE AND BEAUTIFY LAWNS AND GARDENS. DELIVERING THE BEST CONSUMER EXPERIENCE, WE WILL GROW OUR BRANDS' GLOBAL LAWN & GARDEN MARKET SHARE AND ACHIEVE PROFITABLE RESULTS THAT EXCEED OUR COST OF CAPITAL.

13. What differentiates your company from competitors?

MTD continues to invest resource into R&D beyond the competition to ensure we provide superior Products that provide solutions to the operations of our end-users. We have a dealer network second to none that guarantees complete customer satisfaction from the day of purchase and throughout the useful life of the products manufactured by MTD.

14. Provide relevant information regarding your ordering process including your firm's on-line catalog/ordering website, and the ability for purchasing group members to verify they are receiving contract pricing.

MTD prides itself on providing an easy transaction process. Whether its through one of our 1600 Independent retailers, or directly through MTD. We provide Purchasing Groups dedicated resources to assist with the ordering process. Our pro customer support leads are always providing the necessary information to both end-users and the MTD dealer Network. The ordering process is widely communicated to Independent retailers and is part of the annual Dealer program book. A purchasing group price matrix is created for each purchasing group which can be referenced against published map pricing on dealers and MTD's websites. Customers can purchase directly through our websites by clicking on the link for any product.

https://www.cubcadet.com/en US/commercial-equipment

15. Describe your company's Customer Service Department (hours of operation, number of service centers, etc.).

MTD prides itself on providing the best customer support in the business. Customers can work directly with MTD's world class Customer Service Call Center or through one of our 1600 independent retailers.

Customer Service Information

PRODUCT REGISTRATION
FINANCING
HOW-TO ARTICLES
TRACK ORDER
FIND MODEL/SERIAL NUMBER
MANUALS ONLINE
DEALER LOCATOR
COMMERCE PARTS PAGE

Call Us:

1-877-428-2349

Business Hours

MON-FRI: 9 am - 7 pm EST

SAT: Closed **SUN:** Closed

INTRODUCING CUB CADET RAPID RESPONSE TEXT SERVICES

Text "Order Status" from your mobile device

1-860-318-2507

and receive automated responses for: Order Status and Manuals Look up 16. Provide your safety record, safety rating, EMR and worker's compensation rate where available.

MTD conducts business with safety being priority number one. Throughout the history of MTD the company has demonstrated exemplary safety rating and a culture of safety.

17. Describe areas where downtime may occur with products and services provided, historical averages of that downtime, and how you resolve downtime issues when they do occur (For purposes of providing further clarity, examples of downtime might be a website ordering platform that goes offline, installed equipment that requires service or other products and services that can fail or go offline)

MTD's Post Sales Support is to ensure customers do not experience prolonged downtime. Our robust service support provides immediate action should service be required. Our goal is to provide service and parts within a 24-time period. We provide our dealer network specific programs and resources to be able to react quickly. For example, we publish a loaner and demo program to our dealers which incentivizes the dealer to keep both a demo and service loaner unit available should a piece of equipment not be able to be fixed within 24 hours. In this case a dealer can provide a loaner unit to the end-user while their machine is being repaired so additional downtime does not occur.

18. Provide information regarding whether your firm, either presently or in the past, has been involved in any litigation, bankruptcy, or reorganization.

In the ordinary course of business, MTD Products Inc and/or its subsidiary companies ("MTD") may be subject to various claims and lawsuits. These generally fall within the following categories: asbestos bodily injury claims; product liability claims; and employment-related claims. MTD currently has no legal proceedings or business litigation against it, any officer or principal, that it considers to be material to the financial condition or result of operations of MTD Products Inc and/or its subsidiary companies, including MTD Products Company. Each of the aforementioned categories is described in more detail, below.

- 1. <u>Asbestos</u>. MTD Products Inc or one of its subsidiary companies currently is named as a defendant in eighteen asbestos bodily injury suits in various jurisdictions. All but one allege exposure to products. MTD does not believe that it is a significant target defendant in any of these cases. MTD has insurance coverage for a portion of its asbestos liabilities.
- 2. <u>Product Liability</u>. MTD has product liability claims which are handled by its internal claim handling department, its law department and by outside counsel, depending on the nature of the claim. MTD maintains product liability insurance in the amount of \$100 Million in per occurrence and aggregate limits, subject to a self-insured retention of \$6 Million per occurrence

and \$12 Million in the aggregate annually. MTD's insurance limits are sufficient to cover anticipated product liabilities.

- 3. <u>Employment</u>. MTD has one active employment-related lawsuit pending in federal court in Mississippi. This lawsuit is covered by insurance and is being defended by AIG.
- 19. Provide your ability to respond to emergency orders and maintenance/repair requests.

MTD provides Next Day shipping of in stock parts. Parts maybe ordered directly through MTD or through one of MTD's independent retailers. Fast moving parts are typically stocked at independent retailers and are available for immediate pick-up or shipping.

20. Provide historical fill rates, average delivery timeframes, installation, and maintenance timelines met by specific distribution center or dealer.

MTD maintains world class parts fill rates of 98% or higher to both our dealers and end-users. Customers and dealers can expect 24-hour delivery lead times on stocking parts. Our dealers are back by MTD to expect the same fill rate percentage when conducting business with MTD's end users. Our fill rates are consistent though the United States and do no vary by distribution center.

Marketing/Sales

- 21. 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

MTD ensures a robust marketing plan of the contract to create visibility, ease of use, and growth. MTD dedicated marketing staff will be tasked with analysis, planning and execution of a strategic marking plan that maximizes positive impact to all stakeholders. The plan and execution of our marketing plan will include all the activities mentioned above including more. We will support our dealers to be equally involved in promoting and marketing the contract using the same strategy at the local level. MTD is a global company with enormous marketing and advertising bandwidth to ensure participation is at full potential.

22. Describe how your company will demonstrate the benefits of this contract to eligible entities if awarded.

MTD uses a consultative sales approach to make sure customers are fully educated on the products and services we provide. As a company we prepare our sales team with resources to reach a broad audience to clearly highlight all our programs that make doing business with us easier. Such resources include but are not limited to webinars, open houses, individual sales calls, and dedicated marketing resources.

We have experience and exemplary track records of utilizing purchasing co-ops by showing the benefits of using such contracts. We understand the mode of purchase is a major consideration when making a purchase which is why we are dedicated to educating customers on all benefits of making the transaction process the best possible experience. To accomplish we will use a combination of a local and national approach. From a National approach we will participate in trade shows, email marketing, webinars, etc.. From a local approach MTD and our dealers conduct one-on-one consultative sales visits, regional trainings and informational sessions.

23. Explain how your company plans to market this agreement to existing government customers.

MTD's marketing plan to for this contract to existing government customers will include but not be limited to:

- Local and National Trade-show participation
- Email Marketing
- Dedicated MTD staff resource available for questions.
- Point of Purchase material to be created for both Dealers and End-Users
- Dealer Open Houses
- Webinars
- 24. Provide a detailed 90-day plan describing how the contract will be implemented within your firm.

Within the first 90-day MTD will implement the contract by doing the following:

- Creation of official program document to be distributed to both dealers and end-users.
 Program document will include Contract details, Pricing structure, transaction process, benefits, contact information.
- Marketing Point of Purchase/ collateral to be created and distributed
- Company and dealer meetings to educate our sales team and dealer sales team on the benefits of the contract
- 25. Describe how you intend on train your national sales force or dealer network on the Region 10 ESC agreement.

Training with MTD is done with routine cadence through weekly, monthly, quarterly and yearly session. Immediately the region 10 ESC agreement would be added to the training agenda and conducted by the MTD assigned dedicated resource to the contract. Training platforms and opportunities would include but not limited to:

- Sales meetings (Local and National)
- Webinars
- Official Program Documents
- Dealer Spring Training Events
- 26. 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.

MTD and its brands acknowledge and approve this request.

- 27. Provide the revenue that your organization anticipates each year for the first three (3) years of this agreement.
- \$ 400,000 in year one
- \$ 800,000 in year two
- \$__1,200,000_ in year three

Administration

- 28. 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).
 - Currently, MTD participates in HGAC Contract Number GR01-18 Grounds and Turf Equipment. We have been very successful our growing awareness and usage of the contract to our dealers and end-users
- 29. Describe the capacity of your company to report monthly sales through this agreement.
 - MTD would be very diligent in providing timely reporting requirements for this contract. We have dedicated staff resources to ensure monthly sales reporting is completed
- 30. 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.
 - MTD will have a dedicated Staff resource to provide all requested information and data.
- 31. 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.

32. Please provide your company's environmental policy and/or sustainability initiative.

MTD is committed to providing environmentally sustainable and efficient technology. We currently offer electric and autonomous technology within our product lines which maximizes efficiency and environmental impact.

Many of us are concerned about the future of our planet and the health of future generations. We can all help this issue with something as simple as turfgrass. The satisfaction of creating beauty within the landscape can be rewarding for you and the environment.

<u>The Benefits of Turfgrass</u> The TurfMutt Education Program

References

33. 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:

Suffolk Public Schools – Suffolk, Virginia

Ryan Johnson

Maintenance Department

Phone: 757-636-6288, Email: ryanjohn@spsk12.net

PRO Z Commercial Mowers

City of Huntsville – Huntsville, Alabama

Tony Ivey

Grounds/Equipment Manager

Phone: 256-564-8030, Email: tony.ivey@huntsvilleal.gov

PRO Z Commercial Mowers

Morgan County Parks & Recreation – Hartselle, Alabama

Sean Dailey

Director - Morgan County Parks and Recreation

Phone: 256-560-6072, Email: SDailey@co.morgan.al.us

PRO Z Commercial Mowers

City of Moscow – Moscow, Idaho

Rick Benjamin

Fleet Supervisor

Phone: 208-883-7107, Email: rbenjamin@ci.moscow.id.us

PRO Z Commercial Mowers

City of DuBois – DuBois, Pennsylvania

Scott Farrell

Public Works Superintendent

Phone: 814-590-7651, Email: scott.farrell@duboispa.gov

PRO Z Commercial Mowers

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.

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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
•	DOC #10	Federal Funds Certification Form

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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

l, 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: MTD Products Company	
Title of Authorized Representative: Pro Customer Support Lead	
Mailing Address: PO Box 368022 Cleveland, OH 44136	
Signature:	
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:	MTD Products Company	
Title of Authorized	d Representative: Pro Customer Support Lead	
Mailing Address:	PO Box 368022 Cleveland, OH 44136	
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

01/17/2020

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.

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.

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.

Signature of Respondent	•
01/17/2020	
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.

MTD Products Company VENDOR	RESPONDANT
ADDRESS 5903 Grafton Rd	Signature
Valley City, Ohio 44136	Jennifer Kucera Printed Name
	Pro End User Support Lead
	Position with Company
PHONE 330-558-3528	AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL
FAX <u>800-541-8650</u>	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:

Staring 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

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 "r X I certify that my company qualif			
If you qualify as a "nonresident Bidder,"	you must furnish the following	g information:	
What is your resident state? (The state	your principal place of busines	ss is located.)	
	5000 0 %		
MTD Products Company	5903 Grafton Roa	ad	
Company Name	Address		
Valley City	Ohio	44280	
City	State	Zip	

DOC #10 FEDERAL FUNDS CERTIFICATION FORM

When a participating agency seeks to procure goods and services using funds under a federal grant or contract, specific federal laws, regulations, and requirements may apply in addition to those under state law. This includes, but is not limited to, the procurement standards of the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, 2 CFR 200 (sometimes referred to as the "Uniform Guidance" or "EDGAR" requirements). All Vendors submitting proposals must complete this Federal Funds Certification Form regarding Vendor's willingness and ability to comply with certain requirements which may be applicable to specific participating agency purchases using federal grant funds. This completed form will be made available to participating agencies for their use while considering their purchasing options when using federal grant funds. Participating agencies may also require Vendors to enter into ancillary agreements, in addition to the contract's general terms and conditions, to address the member's specific contractual needs, including contract requirements for a procurement using federal grants or contracts.

For each of the items below, Vendor should certify Vendor's agreement and ability to comply, where applicable, by having Vendor's authorized representative complete and initial the applicable lines after each section and sign the acknowledgment at the end of this form. If a vendor fails to complete any item in this form, Region 10 ESC will consider the Vendor's response to be that they are unable or unwilling to comply. A negative response to any of the items may, if applicable, impact the ability of a participating agency to purchase from the Vendor using federal funds.

1. Vendor Violation or Breach of Contract Terms:

Contracts for more than the simplified acquisition threshold currently set at \$150,000, which is the inflation adjusted amount determined by the Civilian Agency Acquisition Council and the Defense Acquisition Regulations Council (Councils) as authorized by 41 USC 1908, must address administrative, contractual, or legal remedies in instances where contractors violate or breach contract terms, and provide for such sanctions and penalties as appropriate.

Any Contract award will be subject to Region 10 ESC General Terms and Conditions, as well as any additional terms and conditions in any Purchase Order, participating agency ancillary contract, or Member Construction Contract agreed upon by Vendor and the participating agency which must be consistent with and protect the participating agency at least to the same extent as the Region 10 ESC Terms and Conditions.

The remedies under the Contract are in addition to any other remedies that may be available under law or in equity. By submitting a Proposal, you agree to these Vendor violation and breach of contract terms.

Does vendor agree? ______(Initials of Authorized Representative)

2. Termination for Cause or Convenience:

When a participating agency expends federal funds, the participating agency reserves the right to immediately terminate any agreement in excess of \$10,000 resulting from this procurement process in the event of a breach or default of the agreement by Offeror in the event Offeror fails to: (1) meet schedules, deadlines, and/or delivery dates within the time specified in the procurement solicitation, contract, and/or a purchase order; (2) make any payments owed; or (3) otherwise perform in accordance with the contract and/or the procurement solicitation, participating agency also reserves the right to terminate the contract immediately, with written notice to offeror, for convenience, if participating agency believes, in its sole discretion that it is in the best interest of participating agency to do so. Offeror will be compensated for work performed and accepted and goods accepted by participating agency as of the termination date if the contract is terminated for convenience of participating agency. Any award under this procurement process is not exclusive and participating agency reserves the right to purchase goods and services from other offerors when it is in participating agency's best interest.

Does vendor agree? ______(Initials of Authorized Representative)

3. Equal Employment Opportunity:

Except as otherwise provided under 41 CFR Part 60, all participating agency purchases or contracts that meet the definition of "federally assisted construction contract" in 41 CFR Part 60-1.3 shall be deemed to include the equal opportunity clause provided under 41 CFR 60-1.4(b), in accordance with Executive Order 11246, "Equal Employment Opportunity" (30 FR 12319, 12935, 3 CFR Part, 1964-1965 Comp., p. 339), as amended by Executive Order 11375, "Amending Executive Order 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity," and implementing regulations at 41 CFR Part 60, "Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor."

The equal opportunity clause provided under 41 CFR 60-1.4(b) is hereby incorporated by reference. Vendor agrees that such provision applies to any participating agency purchase or contract that meets the definition of "federally assisted construction contract" in 41 CFR Part 60-1.3 and Vendor agrees that it shall comply with such provision.

Does vendor agree? ______(Initials of Authorized Representative)

4. Davis-Bacon Act:

When required by Federal program legislation, Vendor agrees that, for all participating agency prime construction contracts/purchases in excess of \$2,000, Vendor shall comply with the Davis-Bacon Act (40 USC 3141-3144, and 3146-3148) as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5, "Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Covering Federally Financed and Assisted Construction"). In accordance with the statute, Vendor is required to pay wages to laborers and mechanics at a rate not less than the prevailing wages specified in a wage determinate made by the Secretary of Labor. In addition, Vendor shall pay wages not less than once a week.

Current prevailing wage determinations issued by the Department of Labor are available at www.wdol.gov. Vendor agrees that, for any purchase to which this requirement applies, the award of the purchase to the Vendor is conditioned upon Vendor's acceptance of the wage determination.

Vendor further agrees that it shall also comply with the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act (40 USC 3145), as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 3, "Contractors and Subcontractors on Public Building or Public Work Financed in Whole or in Part by Loans or Grants from the United States"). The Act provides that each contractor or subrecipient must be prohibited from inducing, by any means, any person employed in the construction, completion, or repair of public work, to give up any part of the compensation to which he or she is otherwise entitled.

Does vendor agree? ______(Initials of Authorized Representative)

5. Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act:

Where applicable, for all participating agency contracts or purchases in excess of \$100,000 that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers, Vendor agrees to comply with 40 USC 3702 and 3704, as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5). Under 40 USC 3702 of the Act, Vendor is required to compute the wages of every mechanic and laborer on the basis of a standard work week of 40 hours. Work in excess of the standard work week is permissible provided that the worker is compensated at a rate of not less than one and a half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in the work week. The requirements of 40 USC 3704 are applicable to construction work and provide that no laborer or mechanic must be required to work in surroundings or under working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous. These requirements do not apply to the purchases of supplies or materials or articles ordinarily available on the open market, or contracts for transportation or transmission of intelligence.

Does vendor agree? ______(Initials of Authorized Representative)

6. Right to Inventions Made Under a Contract or Agreement:

If the participating agency's Federal award meets the definition of "funding agreement" under 37 CFR 401.2(a) and the recipient or subrecipient wishes to enter into a contract with a small business firm or nonprofit organization regarding the substitution of parties, assignment or performance or experimental, developmental, or research work under that "funding agreement," the recipient or subrecipient must comply with the requirements of 37 CFR Part 401, "Rights to

Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements," and any implementing regulations issued by the awarding agency. Vendor agrees to comply with the above requirements when applicable. Does vendor agree? _____(Initials of Authorized Representative) 7. Clean Air Act and Federal Water Pollution Control Act: Clean Air Act (42 USC 7401-7671q.) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 USC 1251-1387), as amended -Contracts and subgrants of amounts in excess of \$150,000 must contain a provision that requires the non-Federal award to agree to comply with all applicable standards, orders, or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 USC 7401-7671q.) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended (33 USC 1251-1387). Violations must be reported to the Federal awarding agency and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), When required, Vendor agrees to comply with all applicable standards, orders, or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act. Does vendor agree? (Initials of Authorized Representative) 8. Debarment and Suspension: Debarment and Suspension (Executive Orders 12549 and 12689) - A contract award (see 2 CFR 180.220) must not be made to parties listed on the government-wide exclusions in the System for Award Management (SAM), in accordance with the OMB guidelines at 2 CFR 180 that implement Executive Orders 12549 (3 CFR Part 1966 Comp. p. 189) and 12689 (3CFR Part 1989 Comp. p. 235), "Debarment and Suspension." SAM Exclusions contains the names of parties debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded by agencies, as well as parties declared ineligible under statutory or regulatory authority other than Executive Order 12549. Vendor certifies that Vendor is not currently listed on the government-wide exclusions in SAM, is not debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded by agencies or declared ineligible under statutory or regulatory authority other than Executive Order 12549. Vendor further agrees to immediately notify the Cooperative and all participating agencies with pending purchases or seeking to purchase from Vendor if Vendor is later listed on the government-wide exclusions in SAM, or is debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded by agencies or declared ineligible under statutory or regulatory authority other than Executive Order 12549. Does vendor agree? _____(Initials of Authorized)Representative) 9. Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment: Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 USC 1352) -- Vendors that apply or bid for an award exceeding \$100,000 must file the required certification. Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds

to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant or any other award covered by 31 USC 1352. Each tier must also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the non-Federal award. As applicable, Vendor agrees to file all certifications and disclosures required by, and otherwise comply with, the Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 USC 1352).

Does vendor agree?

10. Procurement of Recovered Materials:

For participating agency purchases utilizing Federal funds, Vendor agrees to comply with Section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act where applicable and provide such information and certifications as a participating agency may require to confirm estimates and otherwise comply. The requirements

of Section 6002 include procuring only items designated in guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at 40 CFR Part 247 that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable, consistent with maintaining a satisfactory level of competition, where the purchase price of the item exceeds \$10,000 or the value of the quantity acquired during the preceding fiscal year exceeded \$10,000; procuring solid waste management services in a manner that maximizes energy and resource recovery, and establishing an affirmative procurement program for procurement of recovered materials identified in the EPA guidelines.		
Does vendor agree?(Initials of Authorized Representative)		
11. Profit as a Separate Element of Price: For purchases using federal funds in excess of \$150,000, a participating agency may be required to negotiate profit as a separate element of the price. See, 2 CFR 200.323(b). When required by a participating agency, Vendor agrees to provide information and negotiate with the participating agency regarding profit as a separate element of the price for a particular purchase. However, Vendor agrees that the total price, including profit, charged by Vendor to the participating agency shall not exceed the awarded pricing, including any applicable discount, under Vendor's Cooperative Contract.		
Does vendor agree?(Initials of Authorized Representative)		
12. General Compliance and Cooperation with Participating Agencies: In addition to the foregoing specific requirements, Vendor agrees, in accepting any Purchase Order from a participating agency, it shall make a good faith effort to work with participating agencies to provide such information and to satisfy such requirements as may apply to a particular participating agency purchase or purchases including, but not limited to, applicable recordkeeping and record retention requirements. Does vendor agree? (Initials of Authorized Representative)		
13. Applicability to Subcontractors Offeror agrees that all contracts it awards pursuant to the Contract shall be bound by the foregoing terms and conditions.		
Does vendor agree?(Initials of Authorized Representative)		
By signature below, I certify that the information in this form is true, complete, and accurate and that I am authorized by my company to make this certification and all consents and agreements contained herein.		
MTD Products Company		
Company Name		
Signature of Authorized Company Official		
Jennifer Kucera Printed Name		
Pro Customer Support Lead Title		

01/17/2020

Date

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.

Date

The undersigned hereby accepts and agrees to compl	y with all statutory compliance and notice
requirements listed in this document.	
	01/17/2020

Signature of Respondent

DOC #12 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:	MTD Products Company	
Street:	5903 Grafton Road	
City, State, Zip Code:	Valley City, Ohio 44256	
Complete as appropriate:		
1	, certify that I am the sole owner of	
	, that there are no partners and the business is	not
incorporated, and the prov	isions of N.J.S. 52:25-24.2 do not apply.	
OR:		
1	, a partner in	, do
forth the names and address individual partners owning OR: Jennifer Kucera MTD Products Companames and addresses of all further certify that if one (1 also set forth the names and the individual partners own	(1) or more of the partners is itself a corporation or partnership, to sees of the stockholders holding 10% or more of that corporation 10% or greater interest in that partnership.	's stock or the a list of the ck of any class. I alp, that there is oration's stock or
Name	Address	Interest
MTD Products Inc	5903 Grafton Rd Valley City, Ohio 44280	100.00
I further certify that the sta of my knowledge and belie Authorized Signature and	Pro Customer Support Cens 0/1	orrect to the best

DOC #13 **NON-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT**

Company Name: Street:	
City, State, Zip Code:	
State of New-Jersey- Ohio	
County of <u>Medina</u>	
I, <u>Jennifer Kucera</u> of the <u>V</u> Name	'alley City City
in the County of <u>Medina</u> full age, being duly sworn according to law on n	, State of Ohio of ny oath depose and say that:
I am the Pro Customer Support Lead of	the firm of MTD Products Company Company Name
Township Board of Education attached proposal do so; that said Respondent has not directly or is collusion, or otherwise taken any action in restroproposal, and that all statements contained in smade with full knowledge that the Harrison Town statements contained in said bid proposal and it contract for the said goods, services or public we	ods, services or public work specified under the Harrison I, and that I executed the said proposal with full authority to Indirectly entered into any agreement, participated in any Indirectly entered in the above Indirectly entered in this affidavit are true and correct, and Indirectly entered in this affidavit are true and correct, and Indirectly entered in the above Indirectly entered in the authority to secure such Indirectly executed in the saffidavit in awarding the Indirectly entered in the saffidavit in awarding the saffi
contract upon an agreement or understanding f	for a commission, percentage, brokerage or contingent fee, ished commercial or selling agencies maintained by
MTD Products Company	Pro Customer Support Lead
Company Name	Authorized Signature & Title
Subscribed and sworn before me this	<u>n</u> n
My commission expires /0/28, 20 <u>23</u> SEAL SEAL SEAL	Page 55 of 86

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AFFIRMATIVE ACTION AFFIDAVIT (P.L. 1975, C.127) DOC #14 Company Name: MTD Products Company Street: 5903 Grafton Road City, State, Zip Code: Valley City, Ohio 44280 **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: A photo copy of their Federal Letter of Affirmative Action Plan Approval 1. OR A photo copy of their Certificate of Employee Information Report 2. OR A complete Affirmative Action Employee Information Report (AA302) 3. 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.

P.L. 1995, c. 127 (N.J.A.C. 17:27)
MANDATORY AFFIRMATIVE ACTION LANGUAGE

Authorized Signature and Title

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

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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 it 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 <u>Subchapter 10 of the Administrative</u> Code (NJAC 17:27).

Signature of Procurement Agent

DOC #15 C. 271 POLITICAL CONTRIBUTION DISCLOSURE FORM

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/lfns/lfnmenu.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.
- 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. 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:
 - o of the public entity awarding the contract
 - o of that county in which that public entity is located
 - o 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 éntity 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.

* N.J.S.A. 19:44A-3(s): "The term "legislative leadership committee" means a committee established, authorized to be established, or designated by the President of the Senate, the Minority Leader of the Senate, the Speaker of the General Assembly or the Minority Leader of the General Assembly pursuant to section 16 of P.L.1993, c.65 (C.19:44A-10.1) for the purpose of receiving contributions and making expenditures."

C. 271 POLITICAL CONTRIBUTION DISCLOSURE FORM

Required Pursuant To N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.26

This form or its permitted facsimile must be submitted to the local unit no later than 10 days prior to the

Address:				
City:	State:	Zip:		
The undersigned being authorize compliance with the provisions accompanying this form.	•		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
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Disclosure requirement: Pursua				
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committees of the government			local unit.	
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Contributor Name	Recipient Name	Date	Dollar Amount
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C. 271 POLITICAL CONTRIBUTION DISCLOSURE FORM

List of Agencies with Elected Officials	Required for Politica	al Contribution Disclosure
N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.26		
County Name:		
State: Governor, and Legislative Leade	ership Committees	
Legislative District #s:		
State Senator and two members of the	e General Assembly p	oer 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 <u>WWW.NJ.GOV/DCA/LGS/P2P</u> A COUNTY-BASED, CUSTOMIZABLE FORM.

STOCKHOLDER DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATION DOC #16

Name of Business:		
	ntains the names and home address standing stock of the undersignes OR	esses of all stockholders holding 10% d.
I certify that no one stockholde undersigned.	er owns 10% or more of the issu	ed and outstanding stock of the
Check the box that represents the typ	e of business organization:	
Partnership	Limited Partnership	Limited Liability
Corporation	Limited LiabilityCorporation	Partnership Subchapter S Corporation
Sole Proprietorship	corporation	
Sign and notarize the form below, and	d, if necessary, complete the sto	ckholder list below.
Stockholders:	Name:	
Name: MTD Products Inc	ivame:	
Home Address:	Home Addre	ss:
5903 Grafton Rd Valley City,	OH 44280	
Name:	Name:	
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Appendix I: CERTIFICATES

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

Please also list and include copies of any certificates you hold that would show value for your response not already included above.

Appendix J: SUPPLEMENTARY CATALOGS AND CONSUMER INFORMATION

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 of Alabama	State of Hawaii	State of Massachusetts	State of New	State of South
			Mexico	Dakota
State of Alaska	State of Idaho	State of Michigan	State of New	State of
			York	Tennessee
State of Arizona	State of Illinois	State of Minnesota	State of North	State of Texas
			Carolina	
State of Arkansas	State of Indiana	State of Mississippi	State of North	State of Utah
			Dakota	
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	State of Virginia
			Oklahoma	
State of	State of	State of Nebraska	State of Oregon	State of
Connecticut	Kentucky			Washington
State of Delaware	State of	State of Nevada	State of	State of West
	Louisiana		Pennsylvania	Virginia
State of Florida	State of Maine	State of New	State of Rhode	State of Wisconsin
		Hampshire	Island	
State of Georgia	State of	State of New Jersey	State of South	State of Wyoming
	Maryland		Carolina	
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 and https://www.usa.gov/local-governments.

Certain Public Agencies and Political Subdivisions:

CITIES, TOWNS, VILLAGES AND BOROUGHS		
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 CITES 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**

KAYSVILLE, UT ENTERPRISE, UT EPHRAIM, UT KINGSTON, UT KOOSHAREM, UT ESCALANTE, UT LAKETOWN, UT EUREKA, UT FAIRFIELD, UT LA VERKIN, UT LAYTON, UT FAIRVIEW, UT LEAMINGTON, UT FARMINGTON, UT LEEDS, UT FARR WEST, UT LEHI CITY CORPORATION, UT **FAYETTE, UT** FERRON, UT LEVAN, UT LEWISTON, UT FIELDING, UT LINDON, UT FILLMORE, UT FOUNTAIN GREEN, UT LOA, UT LOGAN CITY, UT FRANCIS, UT LYMAN, UT FRUIT HEIGHTS, UT LYNNDYL, UT GARDEN CITY, UT MANILA, UT GARLAND, UT GENOLA, UT MANTI, UT MANTUA, UT GLENDALE, UT MAPLETON, UT GLENWOOD, UT MARRIOTT-SLATERVILLE, UT GOSHEN, UT MARYSVALE, UT GRANTSVILLE, UT MAYFIELD, UT GREEN RIVER, UT MEADOW, UT **GUNNISON, UT** HANKSVILLE, UT MENDON, UT HARRISVILLE, UT MIDVALE CITY INC., UT MIDWAY, UT HATCH, UT MILFORD, UT HEBER CITY CORPORATION, UT HELPER, UT MILLVILLE, UT MINERSVILLE, UT HENEFER, UT HENRIEVILLE, UT MOAB, UT MONA, UT HERRIMAN, UT MONROE, UT HIDEOUT, UT HIGHLAND, UT CITY OF MONTICELLO, UT MORGAN, UT HILDALE, UT MORONI, UT HINCKLEY, UT MOUNT PLEASANT, UT HOLDEN, UT MURRAY CITY CORPORATION, UT HOLLADAY, UT MYTON, UT HONEYVILLE, UT NAPLES, UT HOOPER, UT NEPHI, UT HOWELL, UT NEW HARMONY, UT HUNTINGTON, UT NEWTON, UT **HUNTSVILLE, UT** NIBLEY, UT CITY OF HURRICANE, UT HYDE PARK, UT NORTH LOGAN, UT NORTH OGDEN, UT HYRUM, UT NORTH SALT LAKE CITY, UT INDEPENDENCE, UT IVINS, UT OAK CITY, UT OAKLEY, UT JOSEPH, UT OGDEN CITY CORPORATION, UT JUNCTION, UT OPHIR, UT KAMAS, UT ORANGEVILLE, UT KANAB, UT

ORDERVILLE, UT

OREM, UT

KANARRAVILLE, UT

KANOSH, 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

WELLINGTON, UT
WELLSVILLE, UT
WENDOVER, UT
WEST BOUNTIFUL, UT
WEST HAVEN, UT
WEST JORDAN, UT
WEST POINT, UT

WASHINGTON CITY, UT

WASHINGTON TERRACE, 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 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
LINCOLN 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

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ATTACHMENTS

ATTACHMENT A: Equalis Group Exhibits ATTACHMENT B: Price List

ATTACHMENT A: Requirements for Lead Agency Agreement To be administered by Equalis Group

The following exhibits are used in evaluating and administering Lead Agency Agreements and are preferred by Equalis Group. Redlined copies of the exhibits should not be submitted with the response. Should a respondent be recommended for award, these exhibits will be negotiated and executed between Equalis Group and the respondent. Respondents must select one of the following options for submitting their response and submit this page only.

Χ	Respondent agrees to all terms and conditions outlined in each of the following exhibits
	Respondent wishes to negotiate directly with Equalis Group on terms and conditions outlined in each of the following exhibits. Negotiations will commence after sealed bids are opened and Region 10 has determined the respondent met all requirements in their response and may be eligible for award.
	Respondent has amended or redlined their proposed terms and conditions for the following exhibits in the RFP response to Region 10 ESC.

- Equalis Group Exhibit A EQUALIS GROUP RESPONSE FOR LEAD AGENCY AGREEMENT
- Equalis Group Exhibit B EQUALIS GROUP ADMINISTRATION AGREEMENT
- Equalis Group Exhibit C EQUALIS GROUP MASTER INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT
- Equalis Group Exhibit D EQUALIS GROUP CONTRACT SALES REPORTING TEMPLATE Equalis Group

The following exhibits are provided as an example. Responses to Region 10 ESC should not include these exhibits.

EXHIBIT A: RESPONSE FOR LEAD AGENCY AGREEMENT

Scope of Lead Agency Agreement

1.0 Requirement

All transactions, purchase orders, etc., will occur directly between the Supplier and each Participating Public Agency individually, and neither Equalis Group, any Lead Agency nor any Participating Public Agency, including their respective agents, directors, employees or representatives, shall be liable to Supplier for any acts, liabilities, damages, etc., incurred by any other Participating Public Agency.

This Exhibit A defines the expectations for qualifying Suppliers based on Equalis Group's requirements to market the resulting Lead Agency Agreement nationally to Public Agencies. Each section in this Exhibit A refers to the capabilities, requirements, obligations, and prohibitions of competing Suppliers on a national level in order to serve Participating Public Agencies through Equalis Group.

These requirements are incorporated into and are considered an integral part of this RFP. Equalis Group reserves the right to determine whether or not to make the Lead Agency Agreement awarded by the Lead Agency available to Participating Public Agencies.

1.1 Marketing and Administrative Support

During the term of the Lead Agency Agreement, Equalis Group intends to provide marketing and administrative support for Supplier pursuant to this section 1.2 that directly promotes the Supplier's products and services to Participating Public Agencies through multiple channels, each designed to promote specific products and services to Public Agencies on a national basis.

Equalis Group will work in conjunction with Supplier to promote the Lead Agency Agreement to both existing Participating Public Agencies and prospective Public Agencies through:

- A. Marketing collateral (print, email, presentations)
- B. Website support
- C. Trade shows/conferences/meetings

Equalis Group will work in conjunction with Supplier to promote the Lead Agency Agreement to both existing Participating Public Agencies and prospective Public Agencies through:

- A. Individual sales calls
- B. Joint sales calls
- C. Communications/customer service
- D. Training sessions for Public Agency teams
- E. Training sessions for Supplier teams

Equalis Group will work in conjunction with Supplier to promote the Lead Agency Agreement to both existing Participating Public Agencies and prospective Public Agencies through:

- A. Serving as the subject matter expert for questions regarding joint powers authority and state statutes and regulations for cooperative purchasing
- B. Training sessions for Public Agency teams
- C. Training sessions for Supplier teams
- D. Regular business reviews to monitor program success
- E. General contract administration

Suppliers are required to pay an administrative fee based on a specific percentage of the greater of the Contract Sales under the Lead Agency Agreement and guaranteed Contract Sales under this Request for Proposal. Supplier will be required to execute the Equalis Group Administration Agreement (refer to Exhibit B for the administrative fee agreement and specific percentage).

Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings given to them in the Lead Agency Agreement or in the Equalis Group Administration Agreement between Supplier and Equalis Group (the *Equalis Group Administration Agreement*)

1.2 Award Basis

The basis of any contract award resulting from this RFP made by Lead Agency will be the basis of award on a national level through Equalis Group. If multiple suppliers are awarded by Lead Agency under the Lead Agency Agreement, those same suppliers will be required to extend the Lead Agency Agreement to Participating Public Agencies through Equalis Group.

Utilization of the Lead Agency Agreement by Participating Public Agencies will be at the discretion of the individual Participating Public Agency. Certain terms of the Lead Agency Agreement specifically applicable to the Lead Agency are subject to modification for each Participating Public Agency as Supplier, such Participating Public Agency and Equalis Group shall agree.

1.3 Objectives of Cooperative Program

This RFP is intended to achieve the following objectives regarding availability through Equalis Group's cooperative program:

- A. Provide a comprehensive competitively solicited and awarded national agreement offering the Products covered by this solicitation to Participating Public Agencies;
- B. Market the Lead Agency Agreement as one of the Supplier's primary go to market strategies to Public Agencies nationwide;
- Achieve cost savings for Supplier and Public Agencies through a single solicitation process that will reduce the Supplier's need to respond to multiple solicitations;
- D. Combine the aggregate purchasing volumes of Participating Public Agencies to achieve cost effective pricing.

2.0 REPRESENTATIONS AND COVENANTS

As a condition to Supplier entering into the Lead Agency Agreement, which would be available to all Public Agencies, Supplier must make certain representations, warranties and covenants to both the Lead Agency and Equalis Group designed to ensure the success of the Lead Agency Agreement for all Participating Public Agencies as well as the Supplier.

2.1 Corporate Commitment

Supplier commits that (1) the Lead Agency Agreement has received all necessary corporate authorizations and support of the Supplier's executive management, (2) the Lead Agency Agreement will be promoted to Public Agencies, including any existing customers, and Supplier will transition existing customers, upon their request, to the Lead Agency Agreement, and (3) that the Supplier has read and agrees to the terms and conditions of the Administration Agreement with Equalis Group and will execute such agreement concurrent with and as a condition of its execution of the Lead Agency Agreement with the Lead Agency. Supplier will identify an executive corporate sponsor and a separate national account manager within the RFP response that will be responsible for the overall management of the Lead Agency Agreement.

2.2 Sales Commitment

Supplier commits to aggressively market the Lead Agency Agreement as its go to market strategy in this defined sector and that its sales force will be trained, engaged and committed to offering the Lead Agency Agreement to Public Agencies through Equalis Group nationwide. Supplier commits that all Lead Agency Agreement sales will be accurately and timely reported to Equalis Group in accordance with the Equalis Group Administration Agreement. Supplier also commits that its sales force will be compensated, including sales incentives, for sales to Public Agencies under the Lead Agency Agreement in a consistent or better manner compared to sales to Public Agencies if the Supplier were not awarded the Lead Agency Agreement.

3.0 SUPPLIER QUALIFICATIONS

Supplier must supply the following information in order for the Lead Agency to determine Supplier's qualifications to extend the resulting Lead Agency Agreement to Participating Public Agencies through Equalis Group.

3.1 Company

- A. Brief history and description of your company.
- B. Total number and location of sales persons employed by your company.
- C. Number and location of support centers (if applicable).
- D. Annual sales for the three previous fiscal years.
- E. Submit your FEIN and Dunn & Bradstreet report.

3.2 Distribution, Logistics

- A. Describe how your company proposes to distribute the products/service nationwide.
- B. Identify all other companies that will be involved in processing, handling or shipping the products/service to the end user.
- C. Provide the number, size and location of your company's distribution facilities, warehouses and retail network as applicable.
- State any return and restocking policy and fees, if applicable, associated with returns.

3.3 Marketing and Sales

- A. Provide a detailed ninety-day plan beginning from award date of the Lead Agency Agreement describing the strategy to immediately implement the Lead Agency Agreement as your company's primary go to market strategy for Public Agencies to your teams nationwide, to include, but not limited to:
 - Executive leadership endorsement and sponsorship of the award as the public sector go-to-market strategy within first 10 days
 - Training and education of your national sales force with participation from the executive leadership of your company, along with the Equalis Group team within first 90 days
- B. Provide a detailed ninety-day plan beginning from award date of the Lead Agency Agreement describing the strategy to

market the Lead Agency Agreement to current Participating Public Agencies, existing Public Agency customers of Supplier, as well as to prospective Public Agencies nationwide immediately upon award, to include, but not limited to:

- Creation and distribution of a co-branded press release to trade publications within first 10 days
- ii. Announcement, contract details and contact information published on the company website within first 30 days
- Design, publication and distribution of co-branded marketing materials within first 90 days
- iv. If supplier chooses to attend and participate at national and/or regional Public Sector conferences (i.e. NIGP Annual Forum, NPI Conference, Regional NIGP Chapter Meetings, etc.) and supplier-specific trade shows, conferences and meetings throughout the term of the Lead Agency Agreement, supplier agrees to market the benefit of Equalis Group and the Lead Agency Agreement to attendees
- Design and publication of national and regional advertising in trade publications throughout the term of the Lead Agency Agreement
- Ongoing marketing and promotion of the Lead Agency Agreement throughout its term (case studies, collateral pieces, presentations, etc.)
- Vi. Dedicated Equalis Group internet web-based homepage with:
 - Equalis Group standard logo;
 - Copy of original Request for Proposal;
 - Copy of contract and amendments between Lead Agency and Supplier;
 - Summary of Products and pricing;
 - Marketing Materials
 - Electronic link to Equalis Group's online registration page;
 - A dedicated toll free number and email address for Equalis Group
- C. Describe how your company will transition any existing Public Agency customers' accounts to the Lead Agency Agreement available nationally through Equalis Group. Include a list of current cooperative contracts (regional and national) your company holds and describe how the Lead Agency Agreement will be positioned among the other cooperative agreements.
- D. Acknowledge that your company agrees to provide its company/corporate logo(s) to Equalis Group and agrees to provide permission for reproduction of such logo in marketing communications and promotions.
- E. Supplier is responsible for proactive direct sales of Supplier's goods and services to Public Agencies nationwide and the timely follow up to leads established by Equalis Group. All sales materials are to use the Equalis Group logo. At a minimum, the Supplier's sales initiatives should communicate:
 - i Master Agreement was competitively solicited by a Lead Agency
 - i Best government pricing
 - ii. No cost to participate
 - iv. Non-exclusive contract
- F. Supplier is responsible for the training of its national sales force on the Lead Agency Agreement. At a minimum, sales training should include:
 - i Key features of Lead Agency Agreement
 - ii. Working knowledge of the solicitation process
 - Awareness of the range of Public Agencies that can utilize the Lead Agency Agreement through Equalis Group
- G. Provide contact information for the person(s), who will be responsible for:
 - i Marketing
 - i. Sales
 - ii. Sales Support
 - iv. Financial Reporting
 - v. Contracts
- H. Describe in detail how your company's national sales force is structured, including contact information for the highest-level executive in charge of the sales team.
- Explain in detail how the sales teams will work with the Equalis Group team to implement, grow and service the national program.
- J. Explain in detail how your organization will manage the overall national program throughout the term of the Lead Agency Agreement, including ongoing coordination of marketing and sales efforts, timely new Participating Public Agency account set- up, etc.
- K. State the amount of your company's Public Agency sales for the previous fiscal year. Provide a list of your top 10 Public Agency customers, the total purchases for each for the previous fiscal year along with a key contact for each.
- L. Describe your company's information systems capabilities and limitations regarding order management through receipt of payment, including description of multiple platforms that may be used for any of these functions.
- M. Even though it is anticipated that many Public Agencies will be able to utilize the Lead Agency Agreement without further formal solicitation, there may be circumstances where Public Agencies will issue their own solicitations. The following options are available when responding to a solicitation that is for Products covered under the Lead Agency Agreement.
 - Respond with Lead Agency Agreement pricing (Contract Sales reported to Equalis Group).
 - If competitive conditions require pricing lower than the standard Lead Agency Agreement pricing, Supplier may respond with lower pricing through the Lead Agency Agreement. If Supplier is awarded the contract, the sales are reported as Contract Sales to Equalis Group under the Lead Agency Agreement.
 - Respond with pricing higher than Lead Agency Agreement only in the unlikely event that the Public Agency refuses to utilize Lead Agency Agreement.
 - iv. If alternative or multiple proposals are permitted, respond with pricing higher than Lead Agency Agreement, and include Lead Agency Agreement as the alternate or additional proposal. Detail your strategies under these options when responding to a solicitation.

EXHIBIT B: EQUALIS GROUP ADMINISTRATION AGREEMENT

This ADMINISTRATION AGREEMENT (the "Agreement") is made the	hisday of
20, between Equalis G	roup ("Equalis Group"), and
(herein "Supplier").	
REC	ITALS
	(herein "Lead Agency") has entered into a Lead Agency Agreement
between the Lead Agency and Supplier, (as may be amended from time to the as attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference as thousand the company (herein "Product");	me in accordance with the terms thereof, the "Lead Agency Agreement"),
WHEREAS, said Lead Agency Agreement provides that any or and private primary, secondary and higher education entities, non-profit entit (either via registration on the Equalis Group website or execution of a Mast as Exhibit C) (hereinafter referred to as a "Participating Public Agency") may	er Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement, attached hereto
WHEREAS, Participating Public Agencies may access the Lea Agencies;	d Agency Agreement which is offered through Equalis Group to Public
WHEREAS, Equalis Group serves as the contract administrator	of the Lead Agency Agreement on behalf of Lead Agency;
WHEREAS, Lead Agency desires Equalis Group to proceed with	h administration of the Lead Agency Agreement; and
WHEREAS, Equalis Group and Supplier desire to enter into this Public Agencies and to set forth certain terms and conditions governing the r	Agreement to make available the Lead Agency Agreement to Participating elationship between Equalis Group and Supplier.
NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the payments to be Equalis Group and Supplier hereby agree as follows:	made hereunder and the mutual covenants contained in this Agreement,
DEFIN	HITIONS
1. Capitalized terms used in this Agreement and not oth Agency Agreement.	erwise defined herein shall have the meanings given to them in the Lead

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- 2. The Lead Agency Agreement and the terms and conditions contained therein shall apply to this Agreement except as expressly changed or modified by this Agreement. Supplier acknowledges and agrees that the covenants and agreements of Supplier set forth in the solicitation and Supplier's response thereto resulting in the Lead Agency Agreement are incorporated herein and are an integral part hereof.
- 3. Equalis Group shall be afforded all of the rights, privileges and indemnifications afforded to Lead Agency by or from Supplier under the Lead Agency Agreement, and such rights, privileges and indemnifications shall accrue and apply with equal effect to Equalis Group, its agents, employees, directors, and representatives under this Agreement including, but not limited to, the Supplier's obligation to provide appropriate insurance.
- 4. Equalis Group shall perform all of its duties, responsibilities and obligations as contract administrator of the Lead Agency Agreement on behalf of Lead Agency as set forth herein, and Supplier hereby acknowledges and agrees that all duties, responsibilities and obligations will be undertaken by Equalis Group solely in its capacity as the contract administrator under the Lead Agency Agreement.
- 5. With respect to any purchases by Lead Agency or any Participating Public Agency pursuant to the Lead Agency Agreement, Equalis Group: (i) shall not be construed as a dealer, re-marketer, representative, partner or agent of any type of the Supplier, Lead Agency or any Participating Public Agency; (ii) shall not be obligated, liable or responsible for any order for Product made by Lead Agency or any Participating Public Agency or any employee thereof under the Lead Agency Agreement or for any payment required to be made with respect to such order for Product; and (iii) shall not be obligated, liable or responsible for any failure by Lead Agency or any Participating Public Agency to comply with procedures or requirements of applicable law or the Lead Agency Agreement or to obtain the due authorization and approval necessary to purchase under the Lead Agency Agreement. Equalis Group makes no representation or guaranty with respect to any minimum purchases by Lead Agency or any Participating Public Agency or any employee thereof under this Agreement or the Lead Agency Agreement.

TERM OF AGREEMENT

6. This Agreement shall be in effect so long as the Lead Agency Agreement remains in effect, provided, however, that the provisions of paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 hereof and the indemnifications afforded by the Supplier to Equalis Group herein and in the Lead Agency Agreement, to the extent such provision survive the term of the Lead Agency Agreement, shall survive the term of this Agreement.

NATIONAL PROMOTION

- 7. Equalis Group and Supplier shall publicize and promote the availability of the Lead Agency Agreement's products and services to Public Agencies and such agencies' employees. Supplier's failure to maintain its covenants and commitments contained in this Agreement or any action of the Supplier which gives rise to a right by Lead Agency to terminate the Lead Agency Agreement shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement and if not cured within thirty (30) days of written notice to Supplier shall be deemed a cause for termination of this Agreement at Equalis Group's discretion. Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, this Agreement shall terminate on the date of the termination or expiration of the Lead Agency Agreement.
- 8. Supplier shall require each Public Agency to register its participation in the Equalis Group program by either registering on the Equalis Group website, www.equalisgroup.org, or executing a Master Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement prior to processing the Participating Public Agency's first sales order.
- Upon request, Supplier shall make available to interested Public Agencies a copy of the Lead Agency Agreement and such price lists or quotes as may be necessary for such Public Agencies to evaluate potential purchases. In addition, Supplier shall provide such marketing and administrative support as set forth in the solicitation resulting in the Lead Agency Agreement, including assisting in development of marketing materials as reasonably requested by Lead Agency and Equalis Group. Supplier and Equalis Group shall provide each respective party with its logo ("Logo") and the standard terms of use for its general use in marketing the Lead Agency Agreement. Both parties shall obtain written approval from the other party prior to use of such party's Logo. Notwithstanding, the parties understand and agree that except as provided herein neither party shall have any right, title or interest in the other party's Logo. Upon termination of this Agreement, each party shall immediately cease use of the other party's Logo.

MONTHLY REPORTING & FEES

- 10. Supplier shall pay Equalis Group an administrative fee in the amount of __% (2% recommended) of the total purchase amount paid to Supplier, less refunds, credits on returns, rebates and discounts, for the sale of products and/or services to Lead Agency and Participating Public Agencies pursuant to the Lead Agency Agreement (as amended from time to time and including any renewal thereof) ("Contract Sales"). Supplier shall provide Equalis Group with an electronic accounting report, in Microsoft Excel, in the format prescribed by Equalis Group, on a monthly basis summarizing all Contract Sales for the applicable month. A sample of the Contract Sales reporting format is provided as Exhibit E, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.
- Reports of Contract Sales for Lead Agency and Participating Public Agencies in each calendar month shall be provided by Supplier to Equalis Group by the 10th day of the following month. Such reports shall be accompanied by an administrative fee payment in the amount indicated on the report as being due. Administrative fee payments are to be paid by the Supplier to Equalis Group via Automated Clearing House (ACH) to the Equalis Group designated financial institution. Failure to provide a monthly report or payment of the administrative fees within the time and manner specified herein shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement and if not cured within thirty (30) days of written notice to Supplier shall be deemed a cause for termination of the Lead Agency Agreement, at Lead Agency's sole discretion, and/or this Agreement, at Equalis Group's sole discretion. All administrative fees not paid when due shall bear interest at a rate equal to the lesser of 1 1/2% per month or the maximum rate permitted by law until paid in full.
 - 12. Supplier shall maintain an accounting of all purchases made by Participating Public Agencies under the Lead Agency Agreement.

Equalis Group, or its designee, in Equalis Group's sole discretion, reserves the right to compare Participating Public Agency records with monthly reports submitted by Supplier for a period of four (4) years from the date Equalis Group receives such monthly report. Equalis Group may engage a third party to conduct an independent audit of Supplier's monthly reports. In the event of such an audit, Supplier shall provide all materials reasonably requested relating to such audit by Equalis Group at the location designated by Equalis Group. In the event an underreporting of Contract Sales and a resulting underpayment of administrative fees is revealed, Equalis Group will notify the Supplier in writing. Supplier will have thirty (30) days from the date of such notice to resolve the discrepancy to Equalis Group's reasonable satisfaction, including payment of any administrative fees due and owing, together with interest thereon in accordance with Section 11, and reimbursement of Equalis Group's costs and expenses related to such audit.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 13. This Agreement, the Lead Agency Agreement and the exhibits referenced herein supersede any and all other agreements, either oral or in writing, between the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereto and no other agreement, statement, or promise relating to the subject matter of this Agreement which is not contained or incorporated herein shall be valid or binding. In the event of any conflict between the provisions of this Agreement and the Lead Agency Agreement, as between Equalis Group and Supplier, the provisions of this Agreement shall prevail.
- 14. If any action at law or in equity is brought to enforce or interpret the provisions of this Agreement or to recover any administrative fee and accrued interest, the prevailing party shall be entitled to reasonable attorney's fees and costs in addition to any other relief to which it may be entitled. Venue for any such action in law or equity shall be in a court of competent jurisdiction in Dallas County, Texas. The law of the State of Texas shall apply, without giving effect to its choice of laws provisions.
- This Agreement and Equalis Group's rights and obligations hereunder may be assigned at Equalis Group's sole discretion, to an existing or newly established legal entity that has the authority and capacity to perform Equalis Group's obligations hereunder. Supplier may not assign its obligations hereunder without the prior written consent of Equalis Group.
- 16. All written communications given hereunder shall be delivered by first-class mail, postage prepaid, or overnight delivery on receipt to the addresses as set forth below.
 - A. Equalis Group

 Attn: EVP, Equalis Group

 3418 Green tree dr

 Sachse, TX 75048
 - B. Supplier
- 17. If any provision of this Agreement shall be deemed to be, or shall in fact be, illegal, inoperative or unenforceable, the same shall not affect any other provision or provisions herein contained or render the same invalid, inoperative or unenforceable to any extent whatever, and this Agreement will be construed by limiting or invalidating such provision to the minimum extent necessary to make such provision valid, legal and enforceable.
- 18. This Agreement may not be amended, changed, modified, or altered without the prior written consent of the parties hereto, and no provision of this Agreement may be discharged or waived, except by a writing signed by the parties. A waiver of any particular provision will not be deemed a waiver of any other provision, nor will a waiver given on one occasion be deemed to apply to any other occasion.
- 19. This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and shall be binding upon Equalis Group, the Supplier and any respective successor and assign thereto; subject, however, to the limitations contained herein.

EXHIBIT C: MASTER INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT

This Master Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement (the "Agreement") is entered into by and between those certain government agencies that execute a Management Services Agreement ("Lead Agencies") with Equalis Group LLC ("Equalis Group") to be appended and made a part hereof and such other public agencies ("Purchasing Group Member") who register to participate in the cooperative purchasing programs administered by Equalis Group and its affiliates and subsidiaries (collectively the "Equalis Group Purchasing Program") by either registering on a Equalis Group Party website (such as www.equalisgroup.org), or by executing a copy of this Agreement.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, after a competitive solicitation and selection process by Lead Agencies, a number of suppliers have entered into "Master Agreements" (herein so called) to provide a variety of goods, products and services (<u>Products"</u>) to the applicable Lead Agency and the Purchasing Group Member,

WHEREAS, Master Agreements are made available by Lead Agencies through the Equalis Group Purchasing Program and provide that Purchasing Group Member may purchase Products on the same terms, conditions and pricing as the Lead Agency, subject to any applicable federal and/or local purchasing ordinances and the laws of the State of purchase;

WHEREAS, in addition to Master Agreements, the Equalis Group Purchasing Program may from time to time offer Purchasing Group Member the opportunity to acquire Products through other group purchasing agreements;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises contained in this Agreement, and of the mutual benefits to result, the parties agree as follows:

- 1. That each party will facilitate the cooperative procurement of Products.
- 2. That the procurement of Products by Purchasing Group Member subject to this Agreement shall be conducted in accordance with and subject to the relevant federal, state and local statutes, ordinances, rules and regulations that govern Purchasing Group Member's procurement practices.
- 3. That the cooperative use of Master Agreements and other group purchasing agreements shall in accordance with the terms and conditions of such agreements, except as modification of those terms and conditions is otherwise allowed or required by applicable federal, state or local law.
- 4. That the Lead Agencies will make available, upon reasonable request the subject to convenience, Master Agreement information which may assist in improving the procurement of Products by the Purchasing Group Member.
- 5. That the Purchasing Group Members agrees that the Equalis Group Purchasing Program may provide access to group purchasing organization ("GPO") agreements directly or indirectly by enrolling the Purchasing Group Members in another GPO's purchasing program; provided that the purchase of Products through a Equalis Group Party or any other GPO shall be at the Purchasing Group Member's sole discretion.
- 6. That the Purchasing Group Member (each a "Procuring Party") that procure Products through any Master Agreement or GPO Product supply agreement (each a "GPO Contract") will make timely payments to the distributor, manufacturer or other vendor (collectively, "Supplier") for Products received in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Master Agreement or GPO Contract, as applicable. Payment for Products and inspections and acceptance of Products ordered by the Procuring Party shall be the exclusive obligation of such Procuring Party. Disputes between Procuring Party and any Supplier shall be resolved in accordance with the law and venue rules of the State of purchase unless otherwise agreed to by the Procuring Party and Supplier.
- 7. The Procuring Party shall not use this Agreement as a method for obtaining additional concessions or reduced prices for similar products or services.
- 8. The Procuring Party shall be responsible for the ordering of Products under this Agreement. A non-procuring party shall not be liable in any fashion for any violation by a Procuring Party, and the Procuring Party shall hold non-procuring party harmless from any liability that may arise from action or inaction of the Procuring Party. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Equalis Group Purchasing Program make no representations or warranties regarding any Product, Master Agreement or GPO Contract, and shall have no liability for any act or omission by a Supplier or other party under a Master Agreement or GPO Contract.

- 9. This Agreement shall remain in effect until termination by a party giving 30 days written notice to the other party. The provisions of paragraphs 6, 7 and 8 hereof shall survive any such termination.
- 10. This Agreement shall take effect upon (i) execution of the Lead Agency Certificate or (ii) the registration on an Equalis Group Party website or the execution of this Agreement by a Purchasing Group Members, as applicable.

EXHIBIT D: EQUALIS GROUP CONTRACT SALES MONTHLY REPORT

The awarded 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 reports are due on the fifteenth (15th) 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 Fields below marked as *required indicate a required field. All other fields are preferred, but not required:

	Equalis Member ID
Member Data	Vendor Customer Number *required (or Equalis Member ID)
	Customer Name *required
lpei	Customer Street Address *required
len	Customer City *required
= = ≥	Customer Zip Code *required
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Distributor Data	Distributor Zip Code
	Distributor State
	Product Category level 1
	Product Category level 2 (Where available or applicable)
m	Product Category level 3 (Where available or applicable)
Sat	Distributor Product Number
ಕ	Manufacturer Product Number
Product Data	Product Description
Pro	Product Brand Name
	Product packaging Unit of Measure level 1
	Product packaging Unit of Measure level 2
	Product packaging Unit of Measure level 3

	Purchase Unit of Measure
·	Purchase Quantity
Data	Distributor Landed Cost Total \$ (without deviations)
75	Distributor Landed Cost Total \$ (with mfr deviations)
ben	Customer Purchase Total \$ *required
S	Admin Fee % *required
	Admin Fee \$ *required