



# **REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL #R10-1123 FOR: AUDIO-VISUAL PRODUCTS AND SERVICES**

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#### REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR AUDIO-VISUAL PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

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Principle contract officer

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Public opening location

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Education Service Center, Region 10 ("Region 10 ESC") is seeking proposals for the procurement of Audio-Visual Products and Services. Responses will be accepted until 06/24/2021 at 2:00 PM. All times are Central Standard Time.

The public bid opening will be held via Zoom meeting. Interested parties who wish to attend the bid opening should email Clint Pechacek at clint.pechacek@region10.org by 4:00 pm Central Time on June 23rd, 2021, to receive an invitation. Requests for an invitation after that time will not be accepted. The bid opening will begin at 2:00 pm Central Time on June 24th, 2021 after all submissions have been received.

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. Region 10 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 supplier will be given for vendors who respond with value that separates the vendor from other respondents within the competitive range.

#### This RFP consists of three sections and one Excel attachment:

#### Section One:

- Part A Introduction and Scope
- Part B Instruction to Respondents and Award Process

#### Section Two:

• Proposal Submission and Required Forms

#### Section Three:

- Part A Vendor Contract and General Terms and Conditions
- Attachment A Equalis Group Administrative Agreement
- Attachment C State Notices

#### Attachment B

• Pricing

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#### MASTER AGREEMENT

The purpose of Region 10 ESC soliciting this Request for Proposal is to create a Master Agreement for Audio-Visual Products and Services for use by public agencies supported under this contract ("Members"). Region 10 ESC, as the Lead Agency (as defined in Section Three; Attachment A, Equalis Group Administrative Agreement), has come together with Equalis Group to make the resultant contract (also known as the "Master Agreement") from this Request for Proposal available to other public agencies, 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 Master Agreement.

Access to the Master 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.

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### SECTION ONE: PART A – INTRODUCTION AND SCOPE

#### 1. BACKGROUND ON REGION 10 EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER

- 1.1. Region 10 Education Service Center ("Region 10 ESC" herein "Lead Agency") on behalf of itself and, potentially, to all other public agencies, 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") solicits proposals from qualified Respondents to enter into a Vendor Contract ("Contract") for the goods or services solicited in this invitation.
- 1.2. 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).

#### 2. ROLE OF THE EQUALIS GROUP

2.1. Equalis Group assists Region 10 ESC in helping other public agencies and nonprofits reap the benefits of national leveraged pricing, with no cost to the 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.

#### 3. PUPOSE OF REGION 10 ESC

- 3.1. 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.

#### 4. CUSTOMER SERVICE

- 4.1. Region 10 ESC is dedicated to making its contracts successful for both its members and its awarded vendors.
- 4.2. Region 10 ESC is committed to providing its members and awarded vendors with high quality service.

4.3. Region 10 ESC has dedicated staff available to answer questions, offer guidance and help in any way possible.

#### 5. PRODUCTS AND SERVICES COVERED (SCOPE)

5.1. It is the intention of Region 10 ESC to establish a contract with Respondent(s) for a complete and comprehensive offering of Audio-Visual Products 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:

#### 5.2. **Products & Equipment**

- <u>Audio Equipment</u>: Audio Mixers, Speaker Systems, Stereo Receivers/Equalizers, Compact Disc Players, MP3 Players, AM/FM Radio, Public Address Systems (including Portable), Portable Sound Systems, Wireless Microphone Systems, Amplifiers, Audio Cassette Recorder/Players.
- <u>Video Equipment</u>: Equipment for Videoconferencing, Studio Production, Video Recording, Digital Video Disc Players, Televisions, Plasma Screen Televisions, Television Monitors/Monitor Receivers, TV/VCR Combo Units, Camcorders, Digital Video Recorders, High-Definition Cameras (NON-Security Related), Digital Video Editing Systems, TelePrompTers, Blu Ray Players/Recorders.
- <u>Projection Equipment</u>: Video Projection Systems, Video Presentation Boards, Projectors: LCD, DLP (Digital Light Processing), Overhead, Slide.
- <u>Photographic Equipment</u>: Cameras, Digital Cameras, Drones, Digital Imaging, Camera Lenses, Stand Alone Printers for Digital Camera Printing only, SLR (small, medium & large format), Film Holders, Slide Printers, Lens Accessories, Digital Memory Cards.
- <u>Screens/Display</u>: Projection Screens including: Rear Projection, Motorized, Tripod, Portable & Wall, Video Plasma Displays, LCD Panels, Interactive Whiteboards.
- <u>Networking and Communication Equipment</u>: Switches, Wireless Access Points, Adapters, Routers, Cabling, Security Equipment, Servers.
- <u>Software</u>: Communication, Security, and any other software specifically required to properly operate the equipment and services outlined herein.
- <u>Peripherals/Accessories</u>: Products in this category will include those used in relation with the above Product Categories. Examples include Audio Video Carts, Projector Mounting Systems, Podiums, Lecterns, Stands, Equipment Cases, Racks and Rack Mounting Equipment, Test Equipment, Batteries, Chargers, Cables, Connectors, Adapters, Multimedia Consoles and Control Systems, Switchers, Routers, Lighting, Camera Accessories: Tripods, Fluid Heads, Camera Support Equipment
- 5.3. **Services** The scope of the Services includes, but is not limited to, the ability to develop and coordinate the design, installation, integration, and maintenance of audio-visual systems in conjunction with the project architect and construction personnel, including, Agency staff who are responsible for

finalizing and testing enterprise operations. The Audio-Visual Services Supplier will be responsible for deploying a complete system that operates according to the design and specifications, regardless of who installed the various components

5.4. This scope should be read as including all products, equipment, software, services and any other capability that respondents are able to offer which supports or complements functionality listed above.

#### 6. PRICING

- 6.1. **Attachment B:** 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. Respondents have the option to propose pricing in all or any of the following.
- 6.2. **Price value and coverage**: 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.
- 6.3. **Auditable Pricing**. It is the responsibility of the Bidder to provide a complete Cost Proposal that includes pricing based on a verifiable pricing methodology for all products and/or services to be considered for award. Some examples include but are not limited to:
  - <u>Line-item or fixed pricing</u>: In this format, individual products or services are offered at specific contract prices.
  - <u>Percentage Discount from Catalog or Category:</u> In this scenario, the catalog or category used as the price basis must be verifiable through a published or easily accessible price list where agencies can audit to verify they are receiving the correct contract pricing.
  - <u>Other Discounts or Enhanced Pricing</u>: Respondents should list any additional rebates, discounts off list, delivery size incentives or other price discounts not already provided. Respondents are encouraged to offer additional discounts for one-time delivery of large single orders to participating public agencies. Participating public agencies should seek to negotiate additional price concessions based on quantity purchases of any products offered under the Contract.
  - <u>Other Restrictions and Fees</u>: All other fees or restrictions must be provided. Examples such as minimum order sizes, restocking fees, and/or any other relevant fee or restriction that may be associated with this contract. Fees or restrictions not listed will not be allowed under this contract.
- 6.4. **All products and services must be priced**: All products and additional services such as installation, delivery, tech support, training, and other services must be priced. Any service provided free of charge should be listed in order to be included on any resulting contract award.
- 6.5. **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.
- 6.6. **Administrative Fees**. Pricing provided shall include the administrative fee paid to Equalis Group.

6.7. Cost Plus Pricing is not acceptable as the primary pricing methodology for the solutions provided in your Cost Proposal. Cost Plus can be defined as adding a markup to the cost of goods or services to arrive at a selling price. Using this pricing methodology is not accepted by Members using Federal Grant Funds to purchase the products or services offered.

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# SECTION ONE: PART B – INSTRUCTION TO RESPONDENTS AND AWARD PROCESS

#### 7. SUBMISSION FORMAT AND COMMUNICATION

- 7.1. 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.
- 7.2. **Response Submission**: All responses must be submitted electronically as directed in the Bonfire procurement application. Scanned submissions are acceptable where PDF files are requested. Responses received outside the Bonfire procurement application will not be accepted.
  - 7.2..1. Responses 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 Members and to waive any informality in the proposal process.
  - 7.2..2. 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 Section Two, Proposal Form #19).
- 7.3. **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. Responses should be consolidated into one PDF file for the RFP response.
- 7.4. **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.
- 7.5. **Inquiries and/or discrepancies**: Questions regarding this solicitation must be submitted in the <u>Bonfire procurement application</u>. 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.
- 7.6. 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.

- 7.6..1. 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.
- 7.6.2. 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.

7.6..3. 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
- 7.6..4. 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

#### 8. ADDENDA

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

#### 9. CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Event	Date:
Issue RFP	05/21/2021
Deadline for questions	06/15/2021
Issue Addendum/a (if required)	06/16/2021
Proposal Due Date	06/24/2021
Approval from Region 10 ESC	08/18/2021
Contract Effective Date	09/01/2021

#### **10. CONDITIONS OF SUBMITTING PROPOSALS**

- 10.1. **Amendment of Proposal**: A proposal may be amended up to the time of opening by amending the proposal submitted in the Bonfire procurement application.
- 10.2. **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.
- 10.3. **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.
- 10.4.**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.
- 10.5. **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.
- 10.6. **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.
- 10.7. **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.
- 10.8. Formation of Contract: A response to this solicitation is an offer to contract with Region 10 ESC based upon the terms, conditions, scope of work, and specifications contained in this request. A solicitation does not become a contract until it is awarded by Region 10 ESC. A contract is formed when Region 10 ESC's board or designee signs the Vendor Contract Signature Form. The prospective vendor must submit a signed Vendor Signature Form with the response, thus eliminating the need for a formal signing process.
- 10.9. **Estimated Quantities**: Region 10 ESC anticipates that a substantial number of participating members will enter into contracts resulting from this solicitation; however, Region 10 ESC makes no guarantee or commitment of any kind concerning quantities or usage of contracts resulting from this solicitation. The annual volume for this contract is estimated to be 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.
- 10.10. **Multiple Awards**: Membership includes a large number of potential entities which may utilize this contract throughout the nation. To assure 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.

10.11. **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 Members reserve the right to obtain like goods and services from other sources.

#### 11. AWARD PROCESS

- 11.1. Award or rejection of proposals: In accordance with applicable laws, rules, and regulations for public purchasing, award(s) will be made to the most responsive and responsible Respondent(s) whose proposal(s) is/are determined to be the best value and most advantageous to Member, 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.
- 11.2. **Evaluation Process**: In evaluating the responses the following predetermined criteria is considered:
  - Products/Pricing (40 Points)
    - o All products and services available
    - Ability of offered products and services to meet the needs requested in the scope
    - o Pricing for all available products and services, including warranties if applicable
    - o Ability of Customers to verify that they received contract pricing
    - o Payment methods
    - Other factors relevant to this section as submitted by the Respondent
  - Performance Capability (30 Points)
    - Ability to provide products and services nationally
    - o Average on-time completion or delivery rate
    - Shipping charges (must be included in pricing worksheet if applicable)
    - Return and restocking policy and applicable fees
    - o Average downtime and resolutions/remedies as guaranteed in SLA
    - o Customer service/problem resolution
    - o Contract implementation/Customer training
    - o Financial condition of vendor
    - o capabilities related to ordering, returns and reporting
    - o Security protocols and integration with other platforms
    - o Other factors relevant to this section as submitted by the Respondent
  - Qualification and Experience (20 Points)
    - Respondent reputation in the marketplace

- Past relationship with Region 10 ESC and/or Region 10 ESC members
- o Experience and qualification of key employees
- o Past experience working with the public sector
- o Exhibited understanding of cooperative purchasing
- Past litigation, bankruptcy, reorganization, state investigations of entity or current officers and directors
- Minimum of 5 public sector customer references relating to the products and services within this RFP
- o Certifications in the Industry
- o Company profile and capabilities
- Other factors relevant to this section as submitted by the Respondent
- Value Add (10 Points)
  - o Marketing plan and capability
  - o Location and number of salespersons who will work on this contract
  - o Sales force training
  - Other factors relevant to this section as submitted by the Respondent

#### 11.3. 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.

#### 11.4. Evaluation Committee

• 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.

#### 11.5. Past Performance

• A vendor's performance and 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.

#### 12. TAXES

12.1. The Contractor will pay all sales, consumer, use and other similar taxes required by law for which an exemption does not exist. If the Contractor is required to pay sales tax on non-exempt material, equipment, services or other items purchased in connection with a Purchase Order, the Member will reimburse the Contractor for such tax, without mark-up, provided the Contractor submits the appropriate documentation.

#### 13. PROTEST OF NON-AWARD

- 13.1. **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 Mr. Clint Pechacek 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:
  - Name, address and telephone number of protester
  - Original signature of protester or its representative
  - Identification of the solicitation by RFP number
  - Detailed statement of legal and factual grounds including copies of relevant documents; and the form of relief requested
  - Any protest review and action shall be considered final with no further formalities being considered.

#### 14. NON-COLLUSION, EMPLOYMENT AND SERVICES

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

- It did not engage in collusion or other anti-competitive practices in connection with the preparation or submission of its offer; and
- 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.

#### **15. LIMITATION OF LIABILITY**

- 15.1. 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, ADMINISTRATORS 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.
- 15.2. 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.





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### **Proposal Form Checklist**

### The following documents must be submitted with the Proposal

The below documents can be found in Section 2; Proposal Submission and Required Bid Forms and must be submitted with the proposal. Please note Proposal Form 1 is a separate attachment (attachment B).

**PROPOSAL PRICING:** Attachment B is provided separately in a Microsoft Excel file and is required to complete your price proposal.

**PROPOSAL FORM 1: ATTACHMENT B - PRICING** 

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#### **PROPOSAL FORM 1: ATTACHMENT B – PRICING**

Pricing should be entered in the attachment B Excel form provided in this RFP packet. Please reference Section 1, Part B, Instructions to Proposers, for more information on how to complete pricing.

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#### PROPOSAL FORM 2: QUESTIONNAIRE

#### Company profile

- 1. What is your company's official registered name?
- 2. Provide a link to your company's website.
- 3. What is/are your corporate office location(s)?
- 4. Please provide a brief history of your company, including the year it was established.
- 5. Who is your competition in the marketplace?
- 6. What was your annual sales volume over last three (3) years?
- 7. What are your overall public sector sales, excluding Federal Government, for last three (3) years?
- 8. What is your strategy to increase market share in the public sector?
- 9. What differentiates your company from competitors in the public sector?

10. Diversity program - Do you currently have a diversity program or any diversity partners that you do business with?

Yes
No

- a. If the answer is yes, do you plan to offer your program or partnership through Equalis Group?
  - Yes
    - 🗌 No
- 11. Provide your safety record, safety rating, EMR and worker's compensation rate where available.

#### PRICING/PRODUCTS/SERVICES OFFERED

- 12. Please outline your products and services being offered, including the features and benefits and how they address the scope being requested herein. Please be specific; your answer to this question, along with products/services provided in your pricing file will be used to evaluate your offering.
- 13. Describe any integrations your organization can provide with other platforms.
- 14. What security protocols are in place to ensure the safe transmission of information being shared through your products and services?
- 15. Were all products/lines/services and pricing being made available under this contract provided in the attachment B and/or Appendix B, pricing sections?
- 16. Does the respondent agree to offer all future product introductions at prices that are proportionate to contract pricing offered herein?
  - Yes
    No
  - (If answer is no, attach a statement detailing how pricing for participants would be calculated.)

- 17. Does pricing submitted include the required administrative fee?
  - Yes
  - 🗌 No
- 18. Define your invoicing process and standard terms of payment.

#### **PERFORMANCE CAPABILITIES:**

- 19. States Covered Respondent must indicate any and all states where products and services are being offered.
- □ 50 States & District of Columbia (Selecting this box is equal to checking all boxes below)

Alabama		Kentucky		North Dakota
Alaska		Louisiana		Ohio
Arizona		Maine		Oklahoma
Arkansas		Maryland		Oregon
California		Massachusetts		Pennsylvania
Colorado		Michigan		Rhode Island
Connecticut		Minnesota		South Carolina
Delaware		Mississippi		South Dakota
District of Columbia		Missouri		Tennessee
] Florida		Montana		Texas
Georgia		Nebraska		Utah
] Hawaii		Nevada		Vermont
] Idaho		New Hampshire		Virginia
] Illinois		New Jersey		Washington
] Indiana		New Mexico		West Virginia
lowa		New York		Wisconsin
🗌 Kansas		North Carolina		Wyoming
II U.S. Territories & Outlying Areas (Se	lecti		oxes	-
American Samoa		Midway Islands		U.S. Virgin Islands
Federated States of		Northern Marina		
Micronesia		Islands		
Guam		Puerto Rico		

20. List the number and location of offices, or service centers for all states being proposed in solicitation.

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

Manufacturer direct	Authorized distributor
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Value-added reseller

Certified education/government reseller

Manufacturer marketing through reseller

Other

- 21. Provide relevant information regarding your ordering process, including the ability for purchasing group members to verify they are receiving contract pricing.
- 22. Outline the methods of payments you will accept and include the overall process for agencies to make payments.
- 23. If your company is offering hardware, please describe your company's return and restocking policy.
- 24. Describe areas where downtime may occur with your equipment/software/website or other services provided, historical averages of that downtime, and how you resolve downtime issues when they do occur. Include any guarantees and remedies provided for in your SLA.
- 25. Describe your company's Customer Service Department (hours of operation, how you resolve issues, number of service centers, etc.).
- 26. Describe any training or other support resources you provide to support end users in better understanding how to utilize your products and services?
- 27. Outline any implementation or other resources you provide in helping to configure your solutions, whether during the initial startup, or ongoing as part of the software maintenance.
- 28. Describe the capacity of your company to report monthly sales through this agreement to Equalis Group.
- 29. 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.

#### PROPOSAL FORM 3: DIVERSITY VENDOR CERTIFICATION PARTICIPATION

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

a.	Minority Women Business Enterprise	
	Respondent certifies that this firm is an MWBE	Yes No
	List certifying agency:	
b.	Small Business Enterprise (SBE) or Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE)	
	Respondent certifies that this firm is a SBE or DBE	Yes No
	List certifying agency:	
c.	Disabled Veterans Business Enterprise (DVBE)	
	Respondent certifies that this firm is an DVBE	Yes No
	List certifying agency:	
d.	Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUB)	
	Respondent certifies that this firm is an HUB	Yes No
	List certifying agency:	
e.	Historically Underutilized Business Zone Enterprise (HUBZone)	
	Respondent certifies that this firm is an HUBZone	Yes No
	List certifying agency:	
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f.	Other	
	Respondent certifies that this firm is a recognized diversity certificate holder	Yes No
	List certifying agency:	
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#### PROPOSAL FORM 4: MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

Please provide contact information and resumes for the person(s) who will be responsible for the following areas.

Executive Contact		
Contact Person:		
Title:		
Company:		
Address:		
City:	_State:	Zip:
Phone:	Fax:	
Email:		
<u>Account Manager / Sales Lead</u> Contact Person:		
Title:		
Company:		
Address:		
City:	_State:	Zip:
Phone:	Fax:	
Email:		
Contract Management (if different Contact Person: Title: Company:		
Address:		
City:		_Zip:
Phone:		
Email:		
Billing & Reporting/Accounts Pa Contact Person:		

Title:			
City:	State:	Zip:	
Phone:	Fax:		
Email:			
<u>Marketing</u>			
Contact Person:			
Title:			
Address:			
	State:		
Phone:	Fax:		
Email:			

#### PROPOSAL FORM 5: REFERENCES AND EXPERIENCE QUESTIONNAIRE

Provide a minimum of five (5) customer references for product and/or services of similar scope dating within the past 3 years. Please try to provide references for K12, Higher Education, City/County and State entities. Provide the following information for each reference:

- a) Entity Name
- b) Contact Name and Title
- c) City and State
- d) Phone Number
- e) Years Serviced
- f) Description of Services
- g) Annual Volume

#### **Questions:**

- 1. Identify any contracts with other cooperative or government group purchasing organizations of which your company is currently a part of:
- 2. 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.
- 3. Provide information regarding whether your firm, either presently or in the past, has been involved in any litigation, bankruptcy, or reorganization.
- 4. Felony Conviction Notice Please check applicable box:
  - A publicly held corporation; therefore, this reporting requirement is not applicable
  - ☐ Is not owned or operated by anyone who has been convicted of a felony.
  - ☐ Is owned or operated by the following individual(s) who has/have been convicted of a felony.
  - \*If the 3<sup>rd</sup> box is checked a detailed explanation of the names and convictions must be attached.

#### PROPOSAL FORM 6: VALUE ADD QUESTIONNAIRE

Proposer must agree to work in cooperation with Region 10 ESC and the Equalis Group to develop a marketing strategy and provide avenues to equally market and drive sales through the Contract and program to all current and potential Members. Proposer agrees to actively market in cooperation with Region 10 ESC and the Equalis Group all available services to current and potential Members.

- 1. Detail how your organization plans to market and promote this contract upon award.
- 2. Provide the number of sales representatives which will work on this contract and where the sales representatives are located.
- 3. Acknowledge that your organization agrees to provide its company logo(s) to Region 10 ESC and Equalis Group and agrees to provide permission for reproduction of such logo in marketing communications and promotions.
- 4. 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.

5. 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.

#### PROPOSAL FORM 7: CLEAN AIR WATER ACT

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

Potential Vendor:
Title of Authorized Representative:
Mailing Address:
Signature:

#### **PROPOSAL FORM 8: DEBARMENT NOTICE**

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

Potential Vendor:
Title of Authorized Representative:
Mailing Address:
Signature:

#### **PROPOSAL FORM 9: LOBBYING CERTIFICATION**

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

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

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of a Federal contract, the making of a Federal grant, the making of a Federal loan, the entering into a cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of a Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities," in accordance with its instructions.

3. The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all covered sub-awards exceeding \$100,000 in Federal funds at all appropriate tiers and that all sub-recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

Signature of Respondent

Date

#### PROPOSAL FORM 10: 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.

Signature	of	Respondent
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Date

### PROPOSAL FORM 11: ANTITRUST CERTIFICATION STATEMENTS (Tex. Government Code § 2155.005)

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

(1) I am duly authorized to execute this contract on my own behalf or on behalf of the company, corporation, firm, partnership or individual (Company) listed below;

(2) In connection with this proposal, neither I nor any representative of the Company has violated any provision of the Texas Free Enterprise and Antitrust Act, Tex. Bus. & Comm. Code Chapter 15;

(3) In connection with this proposal, neither I nor any representative of the Company has violated any federal antitrust law; and

(4) Neither I nor any representative of the Company has directly or indirectly communicated any of the contents of this proposal to a competitor of the Company or any other company, corporation, firm, partnership or individual engaged in the same line of business as the Company.

VENDOR \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

RESPONDANT

Signature

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

FAX \_\_\_\_\_

Position with Company

Printed Name

AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL

Signature

Printed Name

Position with Company

### PROPOSAL FORM 12: 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. <u>https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/elf\_info\_form1295.htm</u>

### PROPOSAL FORM 13: BOYCOTT CERTIFICATION AND TERRORIST STATE CERTIFICATION

# **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.

Does vendor agree? \_\_\_\_\_

(Initials of Authorized Representative)

# **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.

Does vendor agree?

(Initials of Authorized Representative)

### PROPOSAL FORM 14: RESIDENT CERTIFICATION

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

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

Texas or Non-Texas Resident

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

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

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

			Compan
y Name	Address		
			City
	State	Zip	

### PROPOSAL FORM 15: FEDERAL FUNDS CERIFICATION 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 <u>www.wdol.gov</u>. 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.

(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 (3 CFR 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 form 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? \_\_\_\_

(Initials of Authorized Representative)

### **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. Prohibition on Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment

Vendor agrees that recipients and subrecipients are prohibited from obligating or expending loan or grant funds to procure or obtain, extend or renew a contract to procure or obtain, or enter into a contract (or extend or renew a contract) to procure or obtain equipment, services, or systems that uses covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system from companies described in Public Law 115-232, section 889. Telecommunications or video surveillance equipment or services produced or provided by an entity that the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Director of the National Intelligence or the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, reasonably believes to be an entity owned or controlled by, or otherwise connected to, the government of a covered foreign country are also prohibited.

Does vendor agree? \_\_\_\_\_

(Initials of Authorized Representative)

# 13. 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)

# 14. 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.

Company Name

Signature of Authorized Company Official

Printed Name

Title

Date

### PROPOSAL FORM 16: ADDITIONAL ARIZONA CONTRACTOR REQUIREMENTS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Signature of Respondent

Date

### PROPOSAL FORM 17: OWNERSHIP DISCLOSURE FORM (N.J.S. 52:25-24.2)

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

Company Name:		
Street:		
City, State, Zip Code:		
<u>Complete as appropriate:</u>		
I	, certify that I am the sole ow	vner of
	, that there are no partners and the	
and the provisions of N.J.S. 52	2:25-24.2 do not apply.	
OR:		
I	, a partner in	, do hereby
partners owning 10% or great <b>OR:</b>	tockholders holding 10% or more of that corporation to the corporation of the corporation	
	, an authorized representativ	
and addresses of all stockhold certify that if one (1) or more forth the names and addresse	, a corporation, do hereby certify that the ders in the corporation who own 10% or more of i of such stockholders is itself a corporation or part es of the stockholders holding 10% or more of the 10% or greater interest in that partnership.	ts stock of any class. I further ther the
(Note: If there are no partne	ers or stockholders owning 10% or more interest	, indicate none.)
Name	Address	Interest

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

Authorized Signature and Title

PROPOSAL FORM 18: NON-COLLUSIC	ON AFFIDAVIT	
Company Name: Street:		
City, State, Zip Code:		
State of New Jersey		
County of		
I, of the Name		
Name	City	
in the County of	, State of	of full
age, being duly sworn according to law on	my oath depose and say that:	
I am the	of the firm of Company Name	
Title	Company Name	
the Respondent making the Proposal for th	ne goods, services or public work specified under the	Harrison
Township Board of Education attached pro	posal, and that I executed the said proposal with fu	Ill authority to do
	r indirectly entered into any agreement, participate	•
	of free, competitive bidding in connection with the a	

that all statements contained in said bid proposal and in this affidavit are true and correct, and made with full knowledge that the Harrison Township Board of Education relies upon the truth of the statements contained in said bid proposal and in the statements contained in this affidavit in awarding the contract for the said goods, services or public work.

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

Company Name

Authorized Signature & Title

Subscribed and sworn before me

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

Notary Public of New Jersey	
My commission expires	, 20

SEAL

### PROPOSAL FORM 19: AFFIRMATIVE ACTION AFFIDAVIT (P.L. 1975, C.127)

Company Name:	
Street:	
City, State, Zip Code:	

### **Bid Proposal Certification:**

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

#### **Required Affirmative Action Evidence:**

Procurement, Professional & Service Contracts (Exhibit A)
<u>Vendors must submit with proposal:</u>

A photo copy of their <u>Federal Letter of Affirmative Action Plan Approval</u>
OR

A photo copy of their <u>Certificate of Employee Information Report</u>
OR
A complete Affirmative Action Employee Information Report (AA302)

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

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

B. Approved Federal or New Jersey Plan – certificate enclosed

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

Authorized Signature and Title

Date

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

### PROCUREMENT, PROFESSIONAL AND SERVICE CONTRACTS

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

The contractor or subcontractor, where applicable, will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of age, race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, marital status, sex, affectional or sexual orientation. The contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that such applicants are recruited and employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their age, race, creed, color,

national origin, ancestry, marital status, sex, affectional or sexual orientation. Such action shall include, but not be limited to the following: employment, upgrading, demotion, or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training, including apprenticeship. The contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided by the Public Agency Compliance Officer setting forth provisions of this non-discrimination clause.

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

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

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

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

Signature of Procurement Agent

# PROPOSAL FORM 20: 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 <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 19:44A-20.26 (P.L. 2005, c. 271, s.2). Additional information is available in Local Finance Notice 2006-1 (<u>https://www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/dlgs/resources/lfns\_2006.html</u>).

- 1. The disclosure is required for all contracts in excess of \$17,500 that are **not awarded** pursuant to a "fair and open" process (N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.7).
- 2. Due to the potential length of some contractor submissions, the public agency should consider allowing data to be submitted in electronic form (i.e., spreadsheet, pdf file, etc.). Submissions must be kept with the contract documents or in an appropriate computer file and be available for public access. The form is worded to accept this alternate submission. The text should be amended if electronic submission will not be allowed.
- 3. The submission must be **received from the contractor and** on file at least 10 days prior to award of the contract. Resolutions of award should reflect that the disclosure has been received and is on file.
- 4. The contractor must disclose contributions made to candidate and party committees covering a wide range of public agencies, including all public agencies that have elected officials in the county of the public agency, state legislative positions, and various state entities. The Division of Local Government Services recommends that contractors be provided a list of the affected agencies. This will assist contractors in determining the campaign and political committees of the officials and candidates affected by the disclosure.
  - a) The Division has prepared model disclosure forms for each county. They can be downloaded from the "County PCD Forms" link on the Pay-to-Play web site at <u>https://www.state.nj.us/dca/divisions/dlgs/programs/pay\_2\_play.html</u> 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 <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 19:44A-20.7) are subject to the provisions of P.L. 2005, c. 271, s.2 (<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 19:44A-20.26). This law provides that 10 days prior to the award of such a contract, the contractor shall disclose contributions to:

- 1. any State, county, or municipal committee of a political party
- 2. any legislative leadership committee<sup>\*</sup>
- 3. any continuing political committee (a.k.a., political action committee)
- 4. any candidate committee of a candidate for, or holder of, an elective office:
- 1. of the public entity awarding the contract
- 2. of that county in which that public entity is located
- 3. of another public entity within that county
- 4. 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 <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 19:44A-8 and 19:44A-16 for more details on reportable contributions.

<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 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:

- 5. 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
- 6. all principals, partners, officers, or directors of the business entity or their spouses
- 7. 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 8. entity and filing as continuing political committees, (PACs). When the business entity is a natural person, "a contribution by that person's spouse or child, residing therewith, shall be deemed to be a contribution by the business entity." [N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.26(b)] The contributor must be listed on the disclosure. Any business entity that fails to comply with the disclosure provisions shall be subject to a fine imposed by ELEC in an amount to be determined by the Commission which may be based upon the amount that the business entity failed to report. The enclosed list of agencies is provided to assist the contractor in identifying those public agencies whose elected official and/or candidate campaign committees are affected by the disclosure requirement. It is the contractor's responsibility to identify the specific committees to which contributions may have been made and need to be disclosed. The disclosed information may exceed the minimum requirement. The enclosed form, a content-consistent facsimile, or an electronic data file containing the required details (along with a signed cover sheet) may be used as the contractor's submission and is disclosable to the public under the Open Public Records Act. The contractor must also complete the attached Stockholder Disclosure Certification. This will assist the agency in meeting its obligations under the law.

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

\* <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 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 award of the contract.

### Part I – Vendor Information

Vendo	or Name:			
Addre	Address:			
City:			State:	Zip:

The undersigned being authorized to certify, hereby certifies that the submission provided herein represents compliance with the provisions of <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 19:44A-20.26 and as represented by the Instructions accompanying this form.

Signature	Printed Name	Title

### Part II – Contribution Disclosure

Disclosure requirement: Pursuant to <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 19:44A-20.26 this disclosure must include all reportable political contributions (more than \$300 per election cycle) over the 12 months prior to submission to the committees of the government entities listed on the form provided by the local unit.

Check here if disclosure is provided in electronic form.

Contributor Name	Recipient Name	Date	Dollar Amount
			\$

Check here if the information is continued on subsequent page(s)

# **Continuation Page**

C. 271 POLITICAL CONTRIBUTION DISCLOSURE FORM Required Pursuant To <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 19:44A-20.26 Page \_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

Vendor Name:

Contributor Name	Recipient Name	Date	Dollar Amount
			\$

Check here if the information is continued on subsequent page(s)

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

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

**County Name:** State: Governor, and Legislative Leadership Committees Legislative District #s: State Senator and two members of the General Assembly per district.

County:

Freeholders {County Executive} County Clerk Surrogate Sheriff

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.

### **PROPOSAL FORM 21: STOCKHOLDER DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATION**

Name of Business:			
I certify that the list below contains	s the names and home addre	esses of all stockholders holding 10% or	
more of the issued and outstanding	g stock of the undersigned.		
OF	R		
I certify that no one stockholder owns 10% or more of the issued and outstanding stock of the undersigned.			
Check the box that represents the type of	business organization:		
Partnership	Sole Proprietorship	Limited Liability	
	Limited Partnership	Partnership	
Corporation	Limited Liability	Subchapter S	
	Corporation	Corporation	

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

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

### PROPOSAL FORM 22: GENERAL TERMS AND 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.)

### PROPOSAL FORM 23: EQUALIS GROUP ADMINISTRATION AGREEMENT

# **Requirements for Master Agreement To be administered by Equalis Group**

Attachment A, Equalis Group Administrative Agreement is used in administering Master Agreements with Region 10 and is preferred by Equalis Group. <u>Redlined copies of this agreement should not be submitted with the response.</u> Should a respondent be recommended for award, this agreement will be negotiated and executed between Equalis Group and the respondent. **Respondents must select one of the following options for submitting their response**.

- $\Box$
- Respondent agrees to all terms and conditions outlined in each of the Administration Agreement.
- Respondent wishes to negotiate directly with Equalis Group on terms and conditions outlined in the Administration Agreement. Negotiations will commence after sealed Proposals are opened and Region 10 has determined the respondent met all requirements in their response and may be eligible for award.

### PROPOSAL FORM 24: OPEN RECORDS POLICY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND ACCEPTANCE OPEN RECORDS POLICY ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND ACCEPTANCE

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

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

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

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

Signature below certifies complete acceptance of Region 10 ESC's Open Records Policy, except as noted below (additional pages may be attached, if necessary). Check one of the following responses to the Acknowledgment and Acceptance of Region 10 ESC's Open Records Policy below:

We acknowledge Region 10 ESC's Public Information Act policy and declare that no information submitted with this proposal, or any part of our proposal, is exempt from disclosure under the Public Information Act. (Note: All information believed to be a trade secret or proprietary must be listed below. It is further understood that failure to identify such information, in strict accordance with the instructions below, will result in that information being considered public information and released, if requested under the Public Information Act.)

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

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

Date

Authorized Signature & Title

### **PROPOSAL FORM 25: VENDOR CONTRACT AND 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.

### VENDORS MUST SUBMIT THIS FORM COMPLETED AND SIGNED WITH THEIR RESPONSE TO BE CONSIDERED

Address				-
City/State/Zip				-
Telephone No.				-
Fax No.				-
Email address				-
Printed name				
Position with company				-
Authorized signature				-
Term of contract	July 1, 2021	to	June 30, 2024	_

Unless otherwise stated, all contracts are for a period of three (3) years with an option to renew annually for an additional four (4) years if agreed to by Region 10 ESC. Vendor shall honor all administrative fees for any sales made based on the contract whether renewed or not.

Region 10 ESC Authorized Agent

Date

Print Name

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





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May 21, 2021

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# SECTION THREE: PART A – VENDOR CONTRACT AND GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

# VENDOR CONTRACT AND SIGNATURE FORM

This Vendor Contract and Signature Form ("Contract") is made as of <u>September 1, 2021</u>, by and between <u>("Vendor")</u> and Region 10 Education Service Center ("Region 10 ESC") for the purchase of (enter category here) ("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 Public 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.

# 1. 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 Public 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.

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

# 3. ARTICLE 3 – REPRESENTATIONS AND COVENANTS

- 3.1 <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.
- 3.2 <u>Compliance</u>: Cooperative Purchasing Agreements between Equalis Group and its Members have been established under state procurement law.
- 3.3 **Respondent's promise**: Respondent agrees all prices, terms, warranties, and benefits granted by Respondent to Members through this contract are comparable to or better than the equivalent terms offered by Respondent to any present customer meeting the same qualifications or requirements.

# 4. 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 **Form of contract**: The form of contract for this solicitation shall be the Request for Proposal, the awarded proposal(s) to the lowest responsible Respondent(s), and properly issued and reviewed purchase orders referencing the requirements of the Request for Proposal. If a firm submitting a proposal requires Region 10 ESC and/or Member to sign an additional agreement, a copy of the proposed agreement must be included with the proposal.
- 4.3 <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:

- Purchase Order which may include plans, drawings, and supplemental technical specifications
- Standard specifications of the Region 10 ESC and Equalis Group Member, City, State or Federal Government, if any
- Section Three Parts A and B
- Section Four Construction Task Catalog
- Section Five Technical Specifications
- Section One Parts A and B
- Documents referenced or included in the solicitation
- 4.7 **Supplemental Agreements**: The entity participating in the Region 10 ESC contract and awarded vendor may enter into a separate supplemental agreement to further define the level of service requirements over and above the minimum defined in this contract i.e. invoice requirements, ordering requirements, specialized delivery, etc. Any supplemental agreement developed as a result of this contract is exclusively between the participating entity and awarded vendor. Neither Region 10 ESC, Equalis Group, its agents, Members and employees shall be made party to any claim for breach of such agreement.

# 5. 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.

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

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

5.5 <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.

# 6. ARTICLE 6 – LICENSES

- 6.1 Duty to keep current license: Vendor shall maintain in current status all federal, state and local licenses, bonds and permits required for the operation of the business conducted by vendor. Vendor shall remain fully informed of and in compliance with all ordinances and regulations pertaining to the lawful provision of services under the contract. Region 10 ESC reserves the right to stop work and/or cancel the contract of any vendor whose license(s) expire, lapse, are suspended or terminated.
- 6.2 <u>Suspension or Debarment</u>: 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.

# 7. ARTICLE 7 - DELIVERY PROVISIONS

- 7.1 **Delivery**: Vendor shall deliver said materials purchased on this contract to the participating Member issuing a Purchase Order. Conforming product shall be shipped within 7 days of receipt of Purchase Order. If delivery is not or cannot be made within the time specified by the Purchase Order the vendor must receive authorization from the purchasing agency for the delayed delivery. At this point the participating entity may cancel the order if estimated shipping time is not acceptable.
- 7.2 Inspection & Acceptance: If defective or incorrect material is delivered, purchasing agency may make the determination to return the material to the vendor at no cost to the purchasing agency. The vendor agrees to pay all shipping costs for the return shipment. Vendor shall be responsible for arranging the return of the defective or incorrect material.
- 7.3 **<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 Shipping Instructions: Unless otherwise specified, each case, crate, barrel, package, etc, delivered under this contract must be plainly labeled, securely tagged, stating Vendor's name, purchase order number, quantity contained therein, and delivery address as indicated in the order. Deliveries must be made within the hours of 8:00 am 4:00 pm. Deliveries at any other time (including Saturdays, Sundays and holidays) will not be accepted unless arrangements have been made in advance with the receiver at the delivery point. Vendor understands that it is their responsibility to ensure compliance with the delivery instructions outlined in this agreement.
- 7.5 <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 **Buyer's delays:** Region 10 ESC will not be responsible for any late fees due the prime contractor by the participating Member. The prime contractor will negotiate with the participating agency for the recovery of damages related to expenses incurred by the vendor for a delay for which the Member is responsible, which is unreasonable, and which was not within the contemplation of the parties to the contract between the two parties.

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

# 9. 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 **Price increase**: The Adjustment Factors submitted with the Contractor's Proposal (Proposal Form 1 found in Section 2; Proposal Submission and Required Forms) shall be used for the full term of the Contract. On the annual anniversary of the Contract, Region 10 ESC shall issue the Contractor a new Construction Task Catalog. The Contractor will be issued the new Construction Task Catalog for review and acceptance prior to accepting new work. For more information see Section Three; Part A, Article 9 Option to Bilaterally Extend 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 **Price reduction and adjustment:** Price reduction may be offered at any time during contract and shall become effective upon notice of acceptance from Region 10 ESC. Special, time-limited reductions are permissible under the following conditions: 1) reduction is available to all Members equally; 2) reduction is for a specific time period, normally not less than thirty (30) days; 3) original price is not exceeded after the time-limit; and 4) Region 10 ESC has approved the new prices prior to any offer of the prices to a Member. Vendor shall offer Region 10 ESC any published price reduction during the contract period.
- 9.5 **Prevailing Wage**: It shall be the responsibility of the Vendor to comply, when applicable, with the prevailing wage legislation in effect in the jurisdiction of the purchaser (Region 10 ESC or its Participating Members). It shall further be the responsibility of the Vendor to monitor the prevailing wage rates as established by the appropriate Department of Labor for any increase in rates during the term of this contract and adjust wage rates accordingly.
- 9.6 Administrative Fees: The Vendor agrees to pay administrative fees to Gordian based on the terms set in Section One; Part B, Article 14 Fees. All pricing submitted to Gordian shall include the administrative fee to be remitted to Equalis Group by the awarded vendor.
- 9.7 <u>Price Calculation</u>: Each Proposer must submit three (3) Adjustment Factors to be applied to every task in the CTC. The proposal will be an adjustment "decrease from" (e.g., 0.9800) or "increase to" (e.g., 1.1000) the Unit Prices listed in the CTC. The three (3) Adjustment Factors submitted by Proposer will be considered applicable to each opportunity identified in the Solicitation Table within the stated Trade. Proposers that submit separate Adjustment Factors for separate line items will be considered non-responsive and its proposals will be rejected. See Section One; Part B, Article 10 Proposal Pricing: Adjustment Factors for more information.

# 10. ARTICLE 10 - PRICING AUDIT

10.1 <u>Audit rights</u>: 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. 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 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.

# 11. ARTICLE 11 – PROPOSER PRODUCT LINE REQUIREMENTS

- 11.1 <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.
- 11.2 **Buy American requirement:** 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.

# 12. 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.
- 12.2 <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 <u>Registered sex offender restrictions</u>: For work to be performed at schools, Vendor agrees that no employee or employee of a subcontractor who has been adjudicated to be a registered sex offender will perform work at any time when students are or are reasonably expected to be present. Vendor agrees that a violation of this condition shall be considered a material breach and may result in the cancellation of the purchase order at the Participating Member's discretion. Vendor must identify any additional costs associated with compliance of this term. If no costs are specified, compliance with this term will be provided at no additional charge. Vendor is also responsible for ensuring that their employees or contractors who have direct contact with students are properly fingerprinted and background checked in accordance with local state law, if applicable.
- 12.4 **Safety measures**: Vendor shall take all reasonable precautions for the safety of employees on the worksite and shall erect and properly maintain all necessary safeguards for protection of workers and the public. Vendor shall post warning signs against all hazards created by its operation and work in progress. Proper precautions shall be taken pursuant to state law and standard practices to protect workers, general public and existing structures from injury or damage.
- 12.5 <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 **Stored materials**: Upon prior written agreement between the vendor and Member, payment may be made for materials not incorporated in the work but delivered and suitably stored at the site or some other location, for installation at a later date. An inventory of the stored materials must be provided to Participating Member with the application for payment seeking compensation for stored materials. Such materials must be stored and protected in a secure location and be insured for their full value by the vendor against loss and damage. Vendor agrees to provide proof of coverage and/or addition of Participating Member as an additional insured upon Participating Member's request. Additionally, if stored offsite, the materials must also be clearly identified as property of buying Participating Member and be separated from other materials. Participating Member must be

allowed reasonable opportunity to inspect and take inventory of stored materials, on or offsite, as necessary.

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.

# 13. ARTICLE 13 - MISCELLANEOUS

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

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

- 13.2 <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.
  - 13.2.1 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 Members in Equalis Group.
  - 13.2.2 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 Members, administrators, employees and agents against all claims, damages, losses and expenses arising out of or resulting from the actions of Vendor, Vendor employees or Vendor subcontractors in the preparation of the solicitation and the later execution of the contract, including any supplemental agreements with Members. Any litigation involving either Region 10 ESC or Equalis Group, its administrators and employees and agents shall be in a court of competent jurisdiction in Dallas County, Texas. Texas law shall apply to any such suit, without giving effect to its choice of laws provisions. Any litigation involving Equalis Group participating Members shall be in the jurisdiction of the participating agency.
- 13.4 **Franchise Tax**: Vendor hereby certifies that he/she is not currently delinquent in the payment of any required franchise taxes, and shall remain current on any such franchise taxes throughout the term of this contract.
- 13.5 <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.

- 13.6.1 Certificates of insurance shall be delivered to the Member 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.
- 13.6.2 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.
  - 13.7.1 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.
  - 13.7.2 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 **Boycott Certification**: Respondents hereby certify that during the term of any Agreement, it does not boycott Israel and will not boycott Israel. "Boycott" means refusing to deal with, terminating business activities with, or otherwise taking any action that is intended to penalize, inflict economic harm on, or limit commercial relations specifically with Israel, or with a person or entity doing business in Israel or in an Israeli-controlled territory, but does not include an action made for ordinary business purposes.
- 13.10 Venue: All parties agree that venue for any litigation arising from this contract shall lie in Richardson, Dallas County, Texas, and that the laws of the State of Texas shall govern the rights of the parties and the validity and interpretation of any purchase order, contract, or service agreement that shall arise from and include this proposal request.

[Signatures follow on Signature Form]

# **14. CONTRACT SIGNATURE FORM**

**Please note**: A copy of the Contract Signature Form has been provided in Section 2; Proposal Submission and Required Forms; Proposal Form 19.

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.

# VENDORS MUST SUBMIT THIS FORM AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 2 COMPLETED AND SIGNED WITH THEIR RESPONSE TO BE CONSIDERED

Company name	
Address	
City/State/Zip	
Telephone No.	
Fax No.	
Email address	
Printed name	
Position with company	
Authorized signature	
Term of contract	to

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

Region 10 ESC Authorized Agent

Date

Print Name

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

# ATTACHMENT A - EQUALIS GROUP ADMINISTRATIVE AGREEMENT

**NOTE:** This agreement is provided as a model agreement which winning supplier will enter into upon award with Equalis Group. Respondents are asked not to respond with redlines for this model contract. Respondent should complete the Equalis Group Administration Agreement Declaration form found in section two of the Proposal Submission and Required Forms document. In this form, the respondent will need to indicate acceptance of these terms, or if they wish to negotiate.

THIS ADMINISTRATION AGREEMENT (this "**Agreement**"), effective as of **Month Day**, **Year** (the "**Effective Date**"), is entered into by and between Winning Supplier, ("**Winning Supplier**") and Equalis Group LLC, a Delaware limited liability company with its principal place of business at 5550 Granite Parkway, Suite 298, Plano, Texas 75024 ("**Equalis**"). Throughout this Agreement, Winning Supplier and Equalis are referred to interchangeably as in the singular "**Party**" or in the plural "**Parties**."

# **SECTION 1. RECITALS**

A. Education Service Center, Region 10 ("**Region 10**") serves as a lead public agency (a "**Lead Public Agency**") for Equalis Group ("**Equalis Group**"), a national cooperative purchasing organization, by publicly procuring master group purchasing agreements for products and services to be made available to Equalis Group members ("**Equalis Group Member**" or "**Member**").

**B.** Region 10 issued request for proposal ("**RFP**") **#Number** on behalf of Region 10 and Equalis Group Members for definition of products and services solicited in the RFP ("**Products & Services**") and awarded a contract to Winning Supplier.

**C.** Region 10 and Winning Supplier entered into that certain master group purchasing agreement (the "**Master Agreement**") #contract number effective as of Month Day, Year to provide Products & Services to Equalis Group Members.

**D.** The Master Agreement and this Agreement, together with all attachments, appendices, and exhibits hereto, constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties.

**E.** Equalis Group serves as the contract administrator of the Master Agreement on behalf of Region 10.

**F.** Equalis actively promotes Master Agreements to current and prospective Equalis Group Members (collectively "**Prospective Participants**") through a range of marketing, prospecting, and sales strategies, including, but not limited to, marketing and sales collateral development, direct mail, web marketing, electronic communications, attendance at events, Winning Supplier sales representative training, and Winning Supplier field sales support (collectively, "**Equalis Services**") as more fully defined in <u>Appendix B</u>.

**G.** Any Prospective Participant who purchases Products & Services from Winning Supplier subject to the Master Agreement shall be considered a "**Program Participant**".

**H.** Winning Supplier desires to promote and expand its operations and increase the sales of its Products & Services to public sector, private sector, and non-profit organizations through Equalis Group.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises contained herein, the Parties agree to the following terms and conditions:

# SECTION 2. BUSINESS TERMS

**Defined Terms**. Any capitalized terms contained herein not defined in this Agreement shall have the same meaning as defined in the Master Agreement.

<u>Appendices</u>. The appendices attached hereto are made a part of this Agreement (if one, an "Appendix" or more, "Appendices").

**Appendix A** defines Winning Supplier's reporting requirements.

Appendix B sets forth the roles and responsibilities of the Parties.

Appendix C defines the financial terms between the Parties.

<u>Terms in Appendices</u>. In all cases where the terms of this Agreement and any Appendices disagree, the terms in the Appendix shall control.

## Publicity & Joint Marketing.

**Publicity**. A Party may only issue press releases or other public announcements with respect to this Agreement with the prior, written consent of the other Party.

Joint Marketing / Logo & Name Use. Winning Supplier authorizes Equalis to use Winning Supplier's trademarks, names, and logos as provided by Winning Supplier to Equalis. Equalis authorizes Winning Supplier to use Equalis' trademarks, names, and logos as provided by Equalis to Winning Supplier. Each Party's use of the other Party's trademarks, names, and logos will be limited to standard communication, including correspondence, newsletters, and website material, and joint marketing efforts, including, but not limited to, utilizing the same on correspondence, collateral, agreements, websites, newsletters, or other marketing materials promoting the Products & Services pursuant to the Master Agreement and this Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Parties understand and agree that except as provided herein, neither Party shall have any right, title, or interest in the other Party's trademarks, names, and logos. Upon termination of this Agreement, each Party shall immediately cease use of the other Party's trademarks, names, and logos.

# SECTION 3. TERMS & CONDITIONS

<u>Contract Administration</u>. Equalis Group shall perform all of its duties, responsibilities and obligations as contract administrator of the Master Agreement on behalf of Region 10, 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 Master Agreement.

**Express Limitation of Equalis Liability**. With respect to any purchases of Products & Services by Region 10 or any Program Participant pursuant to the Master Agreement, Equalis shall not be: (i) construed as a dealer, remarketer, representative, partner, or agent of any type of the Winning Supplier, Region 10, or any Program Participant; (ii) obligated by, liable for, or in any way responsible for any order of Products & Services made by Region 10 or any Program Participant or any employee thereof under the Master Agreement or for any payment required to be made with respect to such order for Products & Services; and (iii) obligated by, liable for, or in any way responsible for any Program Participant to comply with procedures or requirements of applicable law or the Master Agreement or to obtain the due authorization and approval necessary to purchase Products & Services under the Master Agreement. Equalis makes no representation or guaranty with respect to any minimum purchases by Region 10 or any Program Participant, whether individually or collectively, or any employee thereof under this Agreement or the Master Agreement. The terms of this section shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

<u>Indemnification</u>. 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.

**Term & Termination**. The Term of this Agreement is the same as the Term of the Region 10 Master Agreement. This Agreement shall be terminated, if and when the Master Agreement is terminated. Upon termination of the Master Agreement for any reason, Winning Supplier shall continue making Administrative Fee and other payments, as set forth in **Appendix C**, to Equalis that are generated by individual Program Participant's purchase of Products & Services for a period of either i) one (1) year from the date of termination, or ii) through the then current expiration date of the Master Agreement, whichever is shorter, to the extent that Winning Supplier continues to generate revenue from each Program Participant's purchase of Products & Services following the termination of the Master Agreement.

<u>Audit of Winning Supplier</u>. Equalis, whether directly or through an independent auditor or accounting firm, shall have the right to perform audits, including inspection of books, records, and computer data relevant to Winning Supplier's provision of Products & Services to Program Participants and payment of Administrative Fees to Equalis, pursuant to the Master Agreement and this Administration Agreement, to ensure that pricing, inventory, quality, process, and business controls are maintained; provided, however, that such inspections and audits will be conducted upon reasonable notice to Winning Supplier and so as not to unreasonably interfere with Winning Supplier's business or operations.

**Notices**. All notices, claims, certificates, requests, demands, and other communications required or permitted hereunder ("**Notice**") must be in writing and will be deemed given to the addresses set forth herein (a) when delivered personally to the recipient, (b) upon delivery by reputable overnight courier service (charges prepaid), or (c) upon delivery or refusal of delivery by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, and addressed to the intended recipient. The Parties agree that day-to-day business communications, including notification of a change of address or revisions to any Appendix, may be made via electronic communication, including email.

<u>Addresses for Notices</u>. This section may be modified at any time by either Party providing the other Party with written Notice, including via email, of a change of address or addition or deletion to the individuals who will be copied on all Notices.

If to Winning Supplier:

Name / Title: \_\_\_\_\_\_

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

City/St/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_\_

If to Equalis:

Equalis Group LLC Attn: Eric Merkle, SVP 5550 Granite Parkway, Suite 298 Plano, Texas 75024

<u>Waiver and Modification</u>. 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.

**Governing Law; Invalidity**. This Agreement shall be construed and enforced in accordance with, and governed by, the laws of the State of Texas without regard to rules of conflict of laws. If any provision of this Agreement is declared unlawful or unenforceable by judicial determination or performance, then the remainder of this Agreement shall continue in force as if the invalidated provision did not exist. Any suits filed by either Party pursuant to this Agreement shall be brought in a court of competent jurisdiction located in Richardson, Dallas County, Texas. In the event either Party initiates a suit and that suit is adjudicated by a court of competent jurisdiction, the prevailing Party shall be entitled to reasonable attorney's fees and costs from the non-prevailing Party in addition to any other relief to which the court determines the prevailing Party is entitled or awarded.

Assignment. This Agreement and the rights and obligations hereunder may not be assignable by either Party hereto without the prior written consent of the other Party, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned, or delayed, provided, however, that either Party may assign its respective rights and obligations under this Agreement without the consent of the other Party in the event either Party shall hereafter effect a corporate reorganization, consolidation, merger, merge into, sale to, or a transfer of all or substantially all of its properties or assets to another entity. Subject to the preceding sentence, this Agreement will be binding upon, inure to the benefit of, and be enforceable by the Parties and their respective successors and assigns. Any instrument purporting to make an assignment in violation of this section shall be null and void. This Agreement may be extended to additional entities affiliated with either Party upon the agreement of the other Party. No such extension will relieve the extending Party of its rights and obligations under this Agreement.

<u>No Third-Party Beneficiaries; Survival of Representations</u>. This Agreement is made solely for the benefit of the Parties to it, and no other persons will acquire or have any right under or by virtue of this Agreement. Except as otherwise provided herein, all representations, warranties, covenants, and agreements of the Parties shall remain in full force and effect regardless of any termination of this Agreement, in whole or in part.

**Entire Agreement**. The Region 10 Master Agreement and this Agreement, together with all attachments, appendices, and exhibits hereto, constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior oral or written representations and agreements with regard to the same subject matter. The Parties acknowledge that this Agreement has been negotiated and incorporates their collective agreement as to the provisions to be contained herein. Therefore, no presumption will arise giving benefit of interpretation by virtue of authorship of any provision of this Agreement, and any ambiguity may not be construed for or against any Party.

**Execution in Counterparts**. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which will be deemed an original. For purposes of this Agreement, a facsimile, scanned, or electronic signature will be deemed an original signature.

<u>Titles, Headings & Recitals</u>. The Preamble to this Agreement is hereby incorporated herein and made part of this Agreement. The Recitals stated within this Agreement are deemed to be a part of this Agreement. The titles and headings of the sections and paragraphs of this Agreement are inserted for convenience only and shall not constitute a part hereof or affect in any way the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement.

(Signature page to follow)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by their duly authorized representatives as of the Effective Date.

WINNING SUPPLIER	EQUALIS GROUP, LLC
Ву:	Ву:
Name:	Name:
Title:	Title:
Date:	Date:

# **APPENDIX A: WINNING SUPPLIER REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

This Appendix may be modified at any time with the mutual written consent of the Parties, including via email. Winning Supplier shall electronically provide Equalis with a detailed line-item monthly report showing the dollar volume of all member Products & Services sales under the contract for the previous month. Reports shall be sent via e-mail to Equalis offices at <u>Reporting@EqualisGroup.org</u>. Reports are due on the **fifteenth** (15<sup>th</sup>) day after the end of the previous month. It is the responsibility of Winning Supplier to collect and compile all sales under the Master Agreement from Program Participants and submit one (1) monthly report. 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
	Customer Street Address *required
	Customer City <mark>*required</mark>
	Customer Zip Code *required
	Customer State *required
Distributor	Distributor Name
	Distributor ID
	Distributor Street Address
	Distributor City
]	Distributor Zip Code

	Distributor State
Product Data	Product Category level 1
	Product Category level 2 (Where available or applicable)
	Product Category level 3 (Where available or applicable)
	Distributor Product Number
	Manufacturer Product Number
Pro	Product Description
	Product Brand Name
	Product packaging Unit of Measure, multiple levels if necessary
	Purchase Unit of Measure
æ	Purchase Quantity
Spend Data	Distributor Landed Cost Total \$ (without deviations)
	Distributor Landed Cost Total \$ (with mfr deviations)
	Customer Purchase Total \$ *required
	Admin Fee % *required
	Admin Fee \$ <mark>*required</mark>

# **APPENDIX B: ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES**

This Appendix defines the roles and responsibilities of Equalis and Winning Supplier under this Agreement. This Appendix may be modified at any time with the mutual written consent of the Parties, including via email.

#### 1. Equalis Services.

- 1.1. Winning Supplier Sales Representative Training. Equalis will develop, as appropriate and subject to Winning Supplier approval, various sales training materials, sales tools, and marketing collateral to promote the Master Agreement and Winning Supplier's Products & Services. Equalis, as appropriate, will i) conduct periodic sales trainings with Winning Supplier sales representatives assigned to sell Products & Services, ii) provide sales representatives with marketing collateral and sales tools to utilize with sales prospects, with particular focus on the procurement process that led to the establishment of the Master Agreement, the legal ability for sales prospects in any state to purchase Products & Services through the Master Agreement without having to conduct their own bid or RFP process, and the key differentiators in the design of this program with Winning Supplier, and iii) attend at least one Winning Supplier company-wide sales and/or leadership meeting per year.
- 1.2. <u>Sales Support</u>. Equalis will engage in Winning Supplier sales efforts as agreed by the Parties through participating in i) individual sales calls, ii) joint sales calls, iii) communications and customer service, iv) discussions and communication with sales prospects during the sales process to address questions relating to the procurement process, legal authority to purchase through the Master Agreement, and program design, v) trainings for Equalis Members' teams, vi) regular busines reviews to monitor Program success, and vii) general contract administration.
- **1.3.** <u>Marketing</u>. Equalis will incorporate information about the Products & Services into Equalis Group's website and general collateral materials. Equalis and Winning Supplier will jointly develop and approve marketing materials to promote Products & Services, such as website content, brochures and collateral, talking points, press releases, and correspondence. Equalis will market the Products & Services to Prospective Participants as part of Equalis' ongoing marketing activities through Equalis Group; these marketing efforts may consist of a combination of i) general marketing of all of Equalis Group's master group purchasing agreements, including the Master Agreement and Winning Supplier's Products & Services, ii) marketing of Winning Supplier's Products & Services specifically and/or as part of a package of selected master group purchasing agreements to targeted Prospective Participants, and iii) attending trade shows, conferences, and meetings.

#### 2. Winning Supplier Roles & Responsibilities.

As a condition to Winning Supplier entering into the Master Agreement, which is available to all Public Sector Entities, Winning Supplier must make certain representations, warranties, and covenants to Equalis designed to ensure the success of the Master Agreement for all Prospective Participants, sales prospects, and Winning Supplier.

**2.1.** Equalis Group Membership Agreement. Winning Supplier will make available the Equalis Group Master Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement (whether in hard copy, electronically, or via www.EqualisGroup.org) and request any Prospective Participants subject to the Master Agreement who have not already joined Equalis Group to join Equalis Group in conjunction with executing Winning Supplier's Customer Agreements and/or beginning to purchase Products & Services from Winning Supplier to ensure that Winning Supplier and each Program Participant are in full compliance with applicable state procurement statutes.

- **2.2.** <u>Corporate Commitment</u>. Winning Supplier commits that i) the Master Agreement has received all necessary corporate authorizations and support of Winning Supplier's executive management, ii) the Master Agreement will be promoted to Public Sector Entities, and iii) Winning Supplier will identify an executive corporate sponsor and a separate national account manager that will be responsible for the overall management of the Master Agreement and this Agreement.
- 2.3. <u>Sales Commitment</u>. Winning Supplier commits to market the Master Agreement as a market strategy in the public sector and that its sales force will be trained, engaged, and committed to offering the Master Agreement to Public Sector Entities through Equalis Group in the geographies defined in the Master Agreement. Winning Supplier commits that all sales under the Master Agreement will be accurately and timely reported to Equalis. Winning Supplier also commits that its sales force will be compensated, including sales incentives, for sales to Program Participants under the Master Agreement in a consistent or better manner compared to sales to Public Sector Entities if Winning Supplier were not awarded the Master Agreement. Supplier will make available to interested Prospective Participants such price lists or quotes as may be necessary for such Prospective Participants to evaluate potential purchases of Products & Services under the Master Agreement.
- **2.4.** <u>Marketing Commitment</u>. Winning Supplier commits to work with Equalis to develop a sales and marketing plan ("Plan") within the first ninety (90) days of the Master Agreement Effective Date. The Plan may include, but is not limited to, the following:
  - 2.4.1. Issuing co-branded press release
  - **2.4.2.** Publishing Master Agreement details and contact information on both Equalis Group and Winning Supplier's websites
  - **2.4.3.** Scheduling and holding training on the Master Agreement for the sales teams of both Equalis Group and Winning Supplier
  - 2.4.4. Jointly participating in national and regional conferences
  - 2.4.5. Jointly attending national and regional Equalis Group Member networking events
  - **2.4.6.** Designing, publishing, and distributing co-branded marketing materials
  - **2.4.7.** Engaging in ongoing marketing and promotion of the Master Agreement for the entire Term of the Master Agreement (e.g., developing and presenting case studies, collateral pieces, and presentations)

# **APPENDIX C: FINANCIAL TERMS**

This Appendix may be modified at any time with the mutual written consent of the Parties.

#### 1. Administrative Fee.

On or before the fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) of each month, Winning Supplier shall remit to Equalis an administrative fee payment (the "Administrative Fee") of written number percent (number%) of the total Winning Supplier revenue (the "Equalis Group Spend" or "Spend") invoiced to Program Participants during the prior calendar month. "Spend" shall mean the cumulative purchases of Products & Services by Program Participants under the Master Agreement net of taxes, shipping costs, returns, and credits. All Administrative Fees not paid when due shall bear interest at a rate equal to the lesser of one- and one-half percent (1.5%) per month or the maximum rate permitted by law until paid in full.

#### 2. Case-by-Case Administrative Fee Adjustments.

The Parties understand and acknowledge that Wining Supplier may have to provide aggressive deviated pricing on a case-by-case basis to win certain opportunities with Prospective Participants when those opportunities represent a sufficiently large Spend and/or are highly competitive. In such situations, Winning Supplier may request Equalis accept a reduced Administrative Fee. The Parties agree to evaluate each such situation as it arises and utilize best efforts to establish an adjusted Administrative Fee rate upon mutual written agreement (including via email) of the Parties.

#### 3. <u>Rebates or Other Payments</u>.

Insert rebate or other payment language as agreed.

# ATTACHMENT C: 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 <a href="http://www.usa.gov/Agencies/State\_and\_Territories.shtml">http://www.usa.gov/Agencies/State\_and\_Territories.shtml</a> and <a href="https://www.usa.gov/local-governments">https://www.usa.gov/Agencies/State\_and\_Territories.shtml</a> and <a href="https://www.usa.gov/local-governments">https://www.usa.gov/Agencies/State\_and\_Territories.shtml</a> and <a href="https://www.usa.gov/local-governments">https://www.usa.gov/local-governments</a>.

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 BONANAZA, 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 COBURG, OR CITY OF CONDON, OR CITY OF COQUILLE, 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

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

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

PANGUITCH, UT PARADISE, UT PARAGONAH, UT PARK CITY, UT PAROWAN, UT PAYSON, UT PERRY, UT PLAIN CITY, UT PLEASANT GROVE CITY, UT PLEASANT VIEW, UT PLYMOUTH, UT PORTAGE, UT PRICE, UT **PROVIDENCE, UT** PROVO, UT RANDOLPH, UT **REDMOND, UT** RICHFIELD, UT RICHMOND, UT RIVERDALE, UT **RIVER HEIGHTS, UT RIVERTON CITY, UT** ROCKVILLE, UT ROCKY RIDGE, UT ROOSEVELT CITY CORPORATION, UT ROY, UT RUSH VALLEY, UT CITY OF ST. GEORGE, UT SALEM, UT SALINA, UT SALT LAKE CITY CORPORATION, UT SANDY, UT SANTA CLARA, UT SANTAQUIN, UT SARATOGA SPRINGS, UT SCIPIO, UT SCOFIELD, UT SIGURD, UT SMITHFIELD, UT SNOWVILLE, UT CITY OF SOUTH JORDAN, UT

SOUTH OGDEN, UT CITY OF SOUTH SALT LAKE, UT SOUTH WEBER, UT SPANISH FORK, UT SPRING CITY, UT SPRINGDALE, UT SPRINGVILLE, UT STERLING, UT STOCKTON, UT SUNNYSIDE, UT SUNSET CITY CORP, UT SYRACUSE, UT TABIONA, UT CITY OF TAYLORSVILLE, UT TOOELE CITY CORPORATION, UT TOQUERVILLE, UT TORREY, UT TREMONTON CITY, UT TRENTON, UT TROPIC, UT UINTAH, UT VERNAL CITY, UT VERNON, UT VINEYARD, UT VIRGIN, UT WALES, UT WALLSBURG, UT WASHINGTON CITY, UT WASHINGTON TERRACE, UT WELLINGTON, UT WELLSVILLE, UT WENDOVER, UT WEST BOUNTIFUL, UT WEST HAVEN, UT WEST JORDAN, UT WEST POINT, UT WEST VALLEY CITY, UT WILLARD, UT WOODLAND HILLS, UT WOODRUFF, UT WOODS CROSS, UT

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

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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

#### <u>TO:</u>

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ACADIA PARISH SCHOOL BOARD BEAVERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT **BEND-LA PINE SCHOOL DISTRICT** BOGALUSA HIGH SCHOOL, LA BOSSIER PARISH SCHOOL BOARD **BROOKING HARBOR SCHOOL DISTRICT** CADDO PARISH SCHOOL DISTRICT CALCASIEU PARISH SCHOOL DISTRICT CANBY SCHOOL DISTRICT CANYONVILLE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY CASCADE SCHOOL DISTRICT CASCADES ACADEMY OF CENTRAL OREGON CENTENNIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL CENTRAL POINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.6 **CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 13J** COOS BAY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.9 **CORVALLIS SCHOOL DISTRICT 509J** COUNTY OF YAMHILL SCHOOL DISTRICT 29 CULVER SCHOOL DISTRICT DALLAS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.2 DAVID DOUGLAS SCHOOL DISTRICT DAYTON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.8 DE LA SALLE N CATHOLIC HS DESCHUTES COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.6 DOUGLAS EDUCATIONAL DISTRICT SERVICE **DUFUR SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.29** EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH SCHOOL DISTRICT ESTACADA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.10B FOREST GROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT GEORGE MIDDLE SCHOOL GLADSTONE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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SOUTH SUMMIT SCHOOL DISTRICT, UT SPECTRUM ACADEMY, UT SUCCESS ACADEMY, UT SUCCESS SCHOOL, UT SUMMIT ACADEMY, UT SUMMIT ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL, UT SYRACUSE ARTS ACADEMY, UT THOMAS EDISON - NORTH, UT TIMPANOGOS ACADEMY, UT TINTIC SCHOOL DISTRICT, UT TOOELE SCHOOL DISTRICT, UT TUACAHN HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS, UT **UINTAH RIVER HIGH, UT** UINTAH SCHOOL DISTRICT, UT UTAH CONNECTIONS ACADEMY, UT UTAH COUNTY ACADEMY OF SCIENCE, UT UTAH ELECTRONIC HIGH SCHOOL, UT UTAH SCHOOLS FOR DEAF & BLIND, UT UTAH STATE OFFICE OF EDUCATION, UT UTAH VIRTUAL ACADEMY, UT VENTURE ACADEMY, UT VISTA AT ENTRADA SCHOOL OF PERFORMING ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY, UT WALDEN SCHOOL OF LIBERAL ARTS, UT WASATCH PEAK ACADEMY, UT WASATCH SCHOOL DISTRICT, UT WASHINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT, UT WAYNE SCHOOL DISTRICT, UT WEBER SCHOOL DISTRICT, UT WEILENMANN SCHOOL OF DISCOVERY, UT

#### **HIGHER EDUCATION**

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#### **STATE AGENCIES**

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

WESTERN STATES CHIROPRACTIC COLLEGE WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY XAVIER UNIVERSITY UTAH SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION, UT UNIVERSITY OF UTAH, UT UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY, UT WEBER STATE UNIVERSITY, UT SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY, UT SNOW COLLEGE, UT DIXIE STATE COLLEGE, UT COLLEGE OF EASTERN UTAH, UT UTAH VALLEY UNIVERSITY, UT SALT LAKE COMMUNITY COLLEGE, UT UTAH COLLEGE OF APPLIED TECHNOLOGY, UT

#### **REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR AUDIO-VISUAL PRODUCTS AND SERVICES**

EDUCATION SERVICE CENTER, REGION 10 400 E Spring Valley Rd Richardson, TX 75081 Telephone: (972) 348-1110



#### **AMENDMENT 1**

Publication date Product or service RFP # Proposal due date Proposal submittal location

Principle contract officer

05/21/2021 Audio-Visual Products and Services R10-1123 07/01/2021 https://region10.bonfirehub.com/portal/?tab=login

Mr. Clint Pechecek Purchasing Consultant

Public opening location

Region 10 ESC 400 E. Spring Valley Rd. Richardson, TX 75081

Education Service Center, Region 10 ("Region 10 ESC") is seeking proposals for the procurement of Audio-Visual Products and Services. Responses will be accepted until 07/01/2021 at 2:00 PM. All times are Central Standard Time.

This amendment is being issued to replace Section 3 of the RFP in its entirety. Terms and conditions which have changed have been highlighted. Additionally this amendment will extend the due date of the RFP by one week. The new due date will be July 1, 2021, 2 pm Central Time.

The public bid opening will be held via Zoom meeting. Interested parties who wish to attend the bid opening should email Clint Pechacek at clint.pechacek@region10.org before 2:00 pm Central Time on June 30th, 2021, to receive an invitation. Requests for an invitation after that time will not be accepted. The bid opening will begin at 2:00 pm Central Time on July 1st, 2021 after all submissions have been received.





# REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL #R10-1123 FOR: Audio-Visual Products and Services

May 21, 2021

# **Section Three:**

# Part A – Vendor Contract and Signature Form

Attachment A – Equalis Group Administrative Agreement

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# SECTION THREE: PART A – VENDOR CONTRACT AND GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

# VENDOR CONTRACT AND SIGNATURE FORM

This Vendor Contract and Signature Form ("Contract") is made as of <u>September 1, 2021</u>, by and between <u>("Vendor")</u> and Region 10 Education Service Center ("Region 10 ESC") for the purchase of (enter category here) ("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 Public 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.

# 1. 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 Public 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.

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

# 3. ARTICLE 3 – REPRESENTATIONS AND COVENANTS

- 3.1 <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.
- 3.2 <u>Compliance</u>: Cooperative Purchasing Agreements between Equalis Group and its Members have been established under state procurement law.
- 3.3 **<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.

# 4. 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 **Form of contract**: The form of contract for this solicitation shall be the Request for Proposal, the awarded proposal(s) to the lowest responsible Respondent(s), and properly issued and reviewed purchase orders referencing the requirements of the Request for Proposal. If a firm submitting a proposal requires Region 10 ESC and/or Member to sign an additional agreement, a copy of the proposed agreement must be included with the proposal.
- 4.3 <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:

- General terms and conditions
- Specifications and scope of work
- Attachments and exhibits
- Documents referenced or included in the solicitation
- 4.7 **Supplemental Agreements**: The entity participating in the Region 10 ESC contract and awarded vendor may enter into a separate supplemental agreement to further define the level of service requirements over and above the minimum defined in this contract i.e. invoice requirements, ordering requirements, specialized delivery, etc. Any supplemental agreement developed as a result of this contract is exclusively between the participating entity and awarded vendor. Neither Region 10 ESC, Equalis Group, its agents, Members and employees shall be made party to any claim for breach of such agreement.

# 5. 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.

- 5.2 <u>Termination for cause</u>: If, for any reason, the Vendor fails to fulfill its obligation in a timely manner, or if the vendor violates any of the covenants, agreements, or stipulations of this contract, Region 10 ESC reserves the right to terminate the contract immediately and pursue all other applicable remedies afforded by law. Such termination shall be effective by delivery of notice, to the vendor, specifying the effective date of termination. In such event, all documents, data, studies, surveys, drawings, maps, models and reports prepared by vendor for this solicitation may become the property of the participating agency or entity. If such event does occur then vendor will be entitled to receive just and equitable compensation for the satisfactory work completed on such documents.
- 5.3 **Delivery/Service failures**: Failure to deliver goods or services within the time specified or within a reasonable time period as interpreted by the purchasing agent, or failure to make replacements or corrections of rejected articles/services when so requested shall constitute grounds for the contract

to be terminated. In the event that the participating agency or entity must purchase in an open market, contractor agrees to reimburse the participating agency or entity, within a reasonable time period, for all expenses incurred.

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

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

5.5 <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.

# 6. ARTICLE 6 - LICENSES

- 6.1 Duty to keep current license: Vendor shall maintain in current status all federal, state and local licenses, bonds and permits required for the operation of the business conducted by vendor. Vendor shall remain fully informed of and in compliance with all ordinances and regulations pertaining to the lawful provision of services under the contract. Region 10 ESC reserves the right to stop work and/or cancel the contract of any vendor whose license(s) expire, lapse, are suspended or terminated.
- 6.2 <u>Suspension or Debarment</u>: 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.

# 7. ARTICLE 7 – DELIVERY PROVISIONS

- 7.1 **Delivery**: Vendor shall deliver said materials purchased on this contract to the participating Member issuing a Purchase Order. Conforming product shall be shipped within 7 days of receipt of Purchase Order. If delivery is not or cannot be made within the time specified by the Purchase Order the vendor must receive authorization from the purchasing agency for the delayed delivery. At this point the participating entity may cancel the order if estimated shipping time is not acceptable.
- 7.2 Inspection & Acceptance: If defective or incorrect material is delivered, purchasing agency may make the determination to return the material to the vendor at no cost to the purchasing agency. The vendor agrees to pay all shipping costs for the return shipment. Vendor shall be responsible for arranging the return of the defective or incorrect material.
- 7.3 **<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 Shipping Instructions: Unless otherwise specified, each case, crate, barrel, package, etc, delivered under this contract must be plainly labeled, securely tagged, stating Vendor's name, purchase order number, quantity contained therein, and delivery address as indicated in the order. Deliveries must be made within the hours of 8:00 am 4:00 pm. Deliveries at any other time (including Saturdays, Sundays and holidays) will not be accepted unless arrangements have been made in advance with the receiver at the delivery point. Vendor understands that it is their responsibility to ensure compliance with the delivery instructions outlined in this agreement.
- 7.5 <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 Member is responsible, which is unreasonable, and which was not within the contemplation of the parties to the contract between the two parties.

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

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

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

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

- 9.3 <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 **Price reduction and adjustment:** Price reduction may be offered at any time during contract and shall become effective upon notice of acceptance from Region 10 ESC. Special, time-limited reductions are permissible under the following conditions: 1) reduction is available to all Members equally; 2) reduction is for a specific time period, normally not less than thirty (30) days; 3) original price is not exceeded after the time-limit; and 4) Region 10 ESC has approved the new prices prior to any offer of the prices to a Member. Vendor shall offer Region 10 ESC any published price reduction during the contract period.
- 9.5 **Prevailing Wage**: It shall be the responsibility of the Vendor to comply, when applicable, with the prevailing wage legislation in effect in the jurisdiction of the purchaser (Region 10 ESC or its Participating Members). It shall further be the responsibility of the Vendor to monitor the prevailing wage rates as established by the appropriate Department of Labor for any increase in rates during the term of this contract and adjust wage rates accordingly.
- 9.6 Administrative Fees: The Vendor agrees to pay administrative fees to Equalis Group based on the terms set in the Equalis Group Administration Agreement. All pricing submitted to Region 10 shall include the administrative fee to be remitted to Equalis Group by the awarded vendor.
- 9.7 Price Calculation: 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.

### **10. ARTICLE 10 - PRICING AUDIT**

10.1 <u>Audit rights</u>: 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 one (1) year from the effective date of 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 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 audit of Vendor's pricing at Vendor's sole cost and expense. Region 10 ESC may conduct the 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.

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

## 12. 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.
- 12.2 <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 <u>Registered sex offender restrictions</u>: 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 **Stored materials**: Upon prior written agreement between the vendor and Member, payment may be made for materials not incorporated in the work but delivered and suitably stored at the site or some other location, for installation at a later date. An inventory of the stored materials must be provided to Participating Member with the application for payment seeking compensation for stored materials. Such materials must be stored and protected in a secure location and be insured for their full value by the vendor against loss and damage. Vendor agrees to provide proof of coverage and/or addition of Participating Member as an additional insured upon Participating Member's request. Additionally, if stored offsite, the materials must also be clearly identified as property of buying Participating Member and be separated from other materials. Participating Member must be allowed reasonable opportunity to inspect and take inventory of stored materials, on or offsite, as necessary.

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

12.7 <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.

## 13. ARTICLE 13 - MISCELLANEOUS

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

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

- 13.2 <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.
  - 13.2.1 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 Members in Equalis Group.
  - 13.2.2 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 Page 10 of 25

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 Members, administrators, employees and agents against all claims, damages, losses and expenses arising out of or resulting from the actions of Vendor, Vendor employees or Vendor subcontractors in the preparation of the solicitation and the later execution of the contract, including any supplemental agreements with Members. Any litigation involving either Region 10 ESC or Equalis Group, its administrators and employees and agents shall be in a court of competent jurisdiction in Dallas County, Texas. Texas law shall apply to any such suit, without giving effect to its choice of laws provisions. Any litigation involving Equalis Group participating Members shall be in the jurisdiction of the participating agency.
- 13.4 **Franchise Tax**: Vendor hereby certifies that he/she is not currently delinquent in the payment of any required franchise taxes, and shall remain current on any such franchise taxes throughout the term of this contract.
- 13.5 <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 Insurance: Unless otherwise modified elsewhere in this document, prior to commencing services under this contract for a participating Member, contractor shall procure, provide and maintain during the life of this agreement comprehensive public liability insurance to include course of construction insurance and automobile liability, providing limits of not less than \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence. The insurance form will be an "all risk" type of policy with standard exclusions. Coverage will include temporary structures, scaffolding, temporary office trailers, materials, and equipment. Contractor shall pay for the deductibles required by the insurance provided under this agreement.
  - 13.6.1 Certificates of insurance shall be delivered to the Member 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.
  - 13.6.2 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.
  - 13.7.1 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.

- 13.7.2 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 **Boycott Certification**: Respondents hereby certify that during the term of any Agreement, it does not boycott Israel and will not boycott Israel. "Boycott" means refusing to deal with, terminating business activities with, or otherwise taking any action that is intended to penalize, inflict economic harm on, or limit commercial relations specifically with Israel, or with a person or entity doing business in Israel or in an Israeli-controlled territory, but does not include an action made for ordinary business purposes.
- 13.10 Venue: All parties agree that venue for any litigation arising from this contract shall lie in Richardson, Dallas County, Texas, and that the laws of the State of Texas shall govern the rights of the parties and the validity and interpretation of any purchase order, contract, or service agreement that shall arise from and include this proposal request.

[Signatures follow on Signature Form]

## **14. CONTRACT SIGNATURE FORM**

Please note: This signature page will replace the signature page provided in Section 2. Please sign this version and submit it with your response.

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.

# VENDORS MUST SUBMIT THIS FORM AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 2 COMPLETED AND SIGNED WITH THEIR RESPONSE TO BE CONSIDERED

Term of contract <u>Septemb</u>	4 999 5	to	August 31, 2024		
Prices are guaranteed: 120 days					
Authorized signature					
Position with company					
Printed name					
Email address					
Fax No.					
Telephone No.					
City/State/Zip					
Address					
Company name					

Unless otherwise stated, all contracts are for a period of three (3) years with an option to renew annually for an additional four (4) years if agreed to by Region 10 ESC. Vendor shall honor all administrative fees for any sales made based on the contract whether renewed or not.

Region 10 ESC Authorized Agent

Date

Print Name

Equalis Group Contract Number

## ATTACHMENT A - EQUALIS GROUP ADMINISTRATIVE AGREEMENT

**NOTE:** This agreement is provided as a model agreement which winning supplier will enter into upon award with Equalis Group. Respondents are asked not to respond with redlines for this model contract. Respondent should complete the Equalis Group Administration Agreement Declaration form found in section two of the Proposal Submission and Required Forms document. In this form, the respondent will need to indicate acceptance of these terms, or if they wish to negotiate.

THIS ADMINISTRATION AGREEMENT (this "**Agreement**"), effective as of **Month Day**, **Year** (the "**Effective Date**"), is entered into by and between Winning Supplier, ("**Winning Supplier**") and Equalis Group LLC, a Delaware limited liability company with its principal place of business at 5550 Granite Parkway, Suite 298, Plano, Texas 75024 ("**Equalis**"). Throughout this Agreement, Winning Supplier and Equalis are referred to interchangeably as in the singular "**Party**" or in the plural "**Parties**."

## **SECTION 1. RECITALS**

A. Education Service Center, Region 10 ("**Region 10**") serves as a lead public agency (a "**Lead Public Agency**") for Equalis Group ("**Equalis Group**"), a national cooperative purchasing organization, by publicly procuring master group purchasing agreements for products and services to be made available to Equalis Group members ("**Equalis Group Member**" or "**Member**").

**B.** Region 10 issued request for proposal ("**RFP**") **#Number** on behalf of Region 10 and Equalis Group Members for definition of products and services solicited in the RFP ("**Products & Services**") and awarded a contract to Winning Supplier.

**C.** Region 10 and Winning Supplier entered into that certain master group purchasing agreement (the "**Master Agreement**") #contract number effective as of Month Day, Year to provide Products & Services to Equalis Group Members.

**D.** The Master Agreement and this Agreement, together with all attachments, appendices, and exhibits hereto, constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties.

**E.** Equalis Group serves as the contract administrator of the Master Agreement on behalf of Region 10.

**F.** Equalis actively promotes Master Agreements to current and prospective Equalis Group Members (collectively "**Prospective Participants**") through a range of marketing, prospecting, and sales strategies, including, but not limited to, marketing and sales collateral development, direct mail, web marketing, electronic communications, attendance at events, Winning Supplier sales representative training, and Winning Supplier field sales support (collectively, "**Equalis Services**") as more fully defined in **Appendix B**.

**G.** Any Prospective Participant who purchases Products & Services from Winning Supplier subject to the Master Agreement shall be considered a "**Program Participant**".

**H.** Winning Supplier desires to promote and expand its operations and increase the sales of its Products & Services to public sector, private sector, and non-profit organizations through Equalis Group.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises contained herein, the Parties agree to the following terms and conditions:

## SECTION 2. BUSINESS TERMS

**Defined Terms**. Any capitalized terms contained herein not defined in this Agreement shall have the same meaning as defined in the Master Agreement.

<u>Appendices</u>. The appendices attached hereto are made a part of this Agreement (if one, an "Appendix" or more, "Appendices").

**Appendix A** defines Winning Supplier's reporting requirements.

Appendix B sets forth the roles and responsibilities of the Parties.

Appendix C defines the financial terms between the Parties.

<u>Terms in Appendices</u>. In all cases where the terms of this Agreement and any Appendices disagree, the terms in the Appendix shall control.

## Publicity & Joint Marketing.

**Publicity**. A Party may only issue press releases or other public announcements with respect to this Agreement with the prior, written consent of the other Party.

Joint Marketing / Logo & Name Use. Winning Supplier authorizes Equalis to use Winning Supplier's trademarks, names, and logos as provided by Winning Supplier to Equalis. Equalis authorizes Winning Supplier to use Equalis' trademarks, names, and logos as provided by Equalis to Winning Supplier. Each Party's use of the other Party's trademarks, names, and logos will be limited to standard communication, including correspondence, newsletters, and website material, and joint marketing efforts, including, but not limited to, utilizing the same on correspondence, collateral, agreements, websites, newsletters, or other marketing materials promoting the Products & Services pursuant to the Master Agreement and this Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Parties understand and agree that except as provided herein, neither Party shall have any right, title, or interest in the other Party's trademarks, names, and logos. Upon termination of this Agreement, each Party shall immediately cease use of the other Party's trademarks, names, and logos.

## SECTION 3. TERMS & CONDITIONS

<u>Contract Administration</u>. Equalis Group shall perform all of its duties, responsibilities and obligations as contract administrator of the Master Agreement on behalf of Region 10, 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 Master Agreement.

**Express Limitation of Equalis Liability**. With respect to any purchases of Products & Services by Region 10 or any Program Participant pursuant to the Master Agreement, Equalis shall not be: (i) construed as a dealer, remarketer, representative, partner, or agent of any type of the Winning Supplier, Region 10, or any Program Participant; (ii) obligated by, liable for, or in any way responsible for any order of Products & Services made by Region 10 or any Program Participant or any employee thereof under the Master Agreement or for any payment required to be made with respect to such order for Products & Services; and (iii) obligated by, liable for, or in any way responsible for any Program Participant to comply with procedures or requirements of applicable law or the Master Agreement or to obtain the due authorization and approval necessary to purchase Products & Services under the Master Agreement. Equalis makes no representation or guaranty with respect to any minimum purchases by Region 10 or any Program Participant, whether individually or collectively, or any employee thereof under this Agreement or the Master Agreement. The terms of this section shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

<u>Indemnification</u>. 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.

**Term & Termination**. The Term of this Agreement is the same as the Term of the Region 10 Master Agreement. This Agreement shall be terminated, if and when the Master Agreement is terminated. Upon termination of the Master Agreement for any reason, Winning Supplier shall continue making Administrative Fee and other payments, as set forth in **Appendix C**, to Equalis that are generated by individual Program Participant's purchase of Products & Services for a period of either i) one (1) year from the date of termination, or ii) through the then current expiration date of the Master Agreement, whichever is shorter, to the extent that Winning Supplier continues to generate revenue from each Program Participant's purchase of Products & Services following the termination of the Master Agreement.

<u>Audit of Winning Supplier</u>. Equalis, whether directly or through an independent auditor or accounting firm, shall have the right to perform audits, including inspection of books, records, and computer data relevant to Winning Supplier's provision of Products & Services to Program Participants and payment of Administrative Fees to Equalis, pursuant to the Master Agreement and this Administration Agreement, to ensure that pricing, inventory, quality, process, and business controls are maintained; provided, however, that such inspections and audits will be conducted upon reasonable notice to Winning Supplier and so as not to unreasonably interfere with Winning Supplier's business or operations.

**Notices**. All notices, claims, certificates, requests, demands, and other communications required or permitted hereunder ("**Notice**") must be in writing and will be deemed given to the addresses set forth herein (a) when delivered personally to the recipient, (b) upon delivery by reputable overnight courier service (charges prepaid), or (c) upon delivery or refusal of delivery by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, and addressed to the intended recipient. The Parties agree that day-to-day business communications, including notification of a change of address or revisions to any Appendix, may be made via electronic communication, including email.

<u>Addresses for Notices</u>. This section may be modified at any time by either Party providing the other Party with written Notice, including via email, of a change of address or addition or deletion to the individuals who will be copied on all Notices.

If to Winning Supplier:

Name / Title: \_\_\_\_\_\_

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

City/St/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_\_

If to Equalis:

Equalis Group LLC Attn: Eric Merkle, SVP 5550 Granite Parkway, Suite 298 Plano, Texas 75024

<u>Waiver and Modification</u>. 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.

**Governing Law; Invalidity**. This Agreement shall be construed and enforced in accordance with, and governed by, the laws of the State of Texas without regard to rules of conflict of laws. If any provision of this Agreement is declared unlawful or unenforceable by judicial determination or performance, then the remainder of this Agreement shall continue in force as if the invalidated provision did not exist. Any suits filed by either Party pursuant to this Agreement shall be brought in a court of competent jurisdiction located in Richardson, Dallas County, Texas. In the event either Party initiates a suit and that suit is adjudicated by a court of competent jurisdiction, the prevailing Party shall be entitled to reasonable attorney's fees and costs from the non-prevailing Party in addition to any other relief to which the court determines the prevailing Party is entitled or awarded.

Assignment. This Agreement and the rights and obligations hereunder may not be assignable by either Party hereto without the prior written consent of the other Party, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned, or delayed, provided, however, that either Party may assign its respective rights and obligations under this Agreement without the consent of the other Party in the event either Party shall hereafter effect a corporate reorganization, consolidation, merger, merge into, sale to, or a transfer of all or substantially all of its properties or assets to another entity. Subject to the preceding sentence, this Agreement will be binding upon, inure to the benefit of, and be enforceable by the Parties and their respective successors and assigns. Any instrument purporting to make an assignment in violation of this section shall be null and void. This Agreement may be extended to additional entities affiliated with either Party upon the agreement of the other Party. No such extension will relieve the extending Party of its rights and obligations under this Agreement.

<u>No Third-Party Beneficiaries; Survival of Representations</u>. This Agreement is made solely for the benefit of the Parties to it, and no other persons will acquire or have any right under or by virtue of this Agreement. Except as otherwise provided herein, all representations, warranties, covenants, and agreements of the Parties shall remain in full force and effect regardless of any termination of this Agreement, in whole or in part.

**Entire Agreement**. The Region 10 Master Agreement and this Agreement, together with all attachments, appendices, and exhibits hereto, constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior oral or written representations and agreements with regard to the same subject matter. The Parties acknowledge that this Agreement has been negotiated and incorporates their collective agreement as to the provisions to be contained herein. Therefore, no presumption will arise giving benefit of interpretation by virtue of authorship of any provision of this Agreement, and any ambiguity may not be construed for or against any Party.

**Execution in Counterparts**. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which will be deemed an original. For purposes of this Agreement, a facsimile, scanned, or electronic signature will be deemed an original signature.

<u>Titles, Headings & Recitals</u>. The Preamble to this Agreement is hereby incorporated herein and made part of this Agreement. The Recitals stated within this Agreement are deemed to be a part of this Agreement. The titles and headings of the sections and paragraphs of this Agreement are inserted for convenience only and shall not constitute a part hereof or affect in any way the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement.

(Signature page to follow)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by their duly authorized representatives as of the Effective Date.

### WINNING SUPPLIER

Ву:		-
Name:		-
Title:		_
Date:		_
EQUAL	IS GROUP, LLC	
	S GROUP, LLC	_
Ву:		_
Ву:		-

## **APPENDIX A: WINNING SUPPLIER REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

This Appendix may be modified at any time with the mutual written consent of the Parties, including via email. Winning Supplier shall electronically provide Equalis with a detailed line-item monthly report showing the dollar volume of all member Products & Services sales under the contract for the previous month. Reports shall be sent via e-mail to Equalis offices at <u>Reporting@EqualisGroup.org</u>. Reports are due on the **fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>)** day after the end of the previous month. It is the responsibility of Winning Supplier to collect and compile all sales under the Master Agreement from Program Participants and submit one (1) monthly report. Fields below marked as \*required indicate a required field. All other fields are preferred, but not required:

	Equalis Member ID
, n	Vendor Customer Number *required (or Equalis Member ID)
Member Data	Customer Name *required
oer	Customer Street Address *required
smt	Customer City <mark>*required</mark>
Š	Customer Zip Code *required
	Customer State *required
g	Distributor Name
Dat	Distributor ID
tor	Distributor Street Address
ibut	Distributor City
ii –	Distributor Zip Code
	Distributor State
Product Data	Product Category level 1
	Product Category level 2 (Where available or applicable)
	Product Category level 3 (Where available or applicable)
	Distributor Product Number
np	Manufacturer Product Number
Pro	Product Description
	Product Brand Name
	Product packaging Unit of Measure, multiple levels if necessary
	Purchase Unit of Measure
a	Purchase Quantity
Spend Data	Distributor Landed Cost Total \$ (without deviations)
	Distributor Landed Cost Total \$ (with mfr deviations)
	Customer Purchase Total \$ *required
0	Admin Fee % *required
	Admin Fee \$ <mark>*required</mark>

## **APPENDIX B: ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES**

This Appendix defines the roles and responsibilities of Equalis and Winning Supplier under this Agreement. This Appendix may be modified at any time with the mutual written consent of the Parties, including via email.

## 1. Equalis Services.

- **1.1.** <u>Winning Supplier Sales Representative Training</u>. Equalis will develop, as appropriate and subject to Winning Supplier approval, various sales training materials, sales tools, and marketing collateral to promote the Master Agreement and Winning Supplier's Products & Services. Equalis, as appropriate, will i) conduct periodic sales trainings with Winning Supplier sales representatives assigned to sell Products & Services, ii) provide sales representatives with marketing collateral and sales tools to utilize with sales prospects, with particular focus on the procurement process that led to the establishment of the Master Agreement, the legal ability for sales prospects in any state to purchase Products & Services through the Master Agreement without having to conduct their own bid or RFP process, and the key differentiators in the design of this program with Winning Supplier, and iii) attend at least one Winning Supplier company-wide sales and/or leadership meeting per year.
- **1.2.** <u>Sales Support</u>. Equalis will engage in Winning Supplier sales efforts as agreed by the Parties through participating in i) individual sales calls, ii) joint sales calls, iii) communications and customer service, iv) discussions and communication with sales prospects during the sales process to address questions relating to the procurement process, legal authority to purchase through the Master Agreement, and program design, v) trainings for Equalis Members' teams, vi) regular busines reviews to monitor Program success, and vii) general contract administration.
- **1.3.** <u>Marketing</u>. Equalis will incorporate information about the Products & Services into Equalis Group's website and general collateral materials. Equalis and Winning Supplier will jointly develop and approve marketing materials to promote Products & Services, such as website content, brochures and collateral, talking points, press releases, and correspondence. Equalis will market the Products & Services to Prospective Participants as part of Equalis' ongoing marketing activities through Equalis Group; these marketing efforts may consist of a combination of i) general marketing of all of Equalis Group's master group purchasing agreements, including the Master Agreement and Winning Supplier's Products & Services, ii) marketing of Winning Supplier's Products & Services specifically and/or as part of a package of selected master group purchasing agreements to targeted Prospective Participants, and iii) attending trade shows, conferences, and meetings.

### 2. Winning Supplier Roles & Responsibilities.

As a condition to Winning Supplier entering into the Master Agreement, which is available to all Public Sector Entities, Winning Supplier must make certain representations, warranties, and covenants to Equalis

designed to ensure the success of the Master Agreement for all Prospective Participants, sales prospects, and Winning Supplier.

- **2.1.** <u>Equalis Group Membership Agreement</u>. Winning Supplier will make available the Equalis Group Master Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement (whether in hard copy, electronically, or via www.EqualisGroup.org) and request any Prospective Participants subject to the Master Agreement who have not already joined Equalis Group to join Equalis Group in conjunction with executing Winning Supplier's Customer Agreements and/or beginning to purchase Products & Services from Winning Supplier to ensure that Winning Supplier and each Program Participant are in full compliance with applicable state procurement statutes.</u>
- **2.2.** <u>Corporate Commitment</u>. Winning Supplier commits that i) the Master Agreement has received all necessary corporate authorizations and support of Winning Supplier's executive management, ii) the Master Agreement will be promoted to Public Sector Entities, and iii) Winning Supplier will identify an executive corporate sponsor and a separate national account manager that will be responsible for the overall management of the Master Agreement and this Agreement.
- **2.3.** <u>Sales Commitment</u>. Winning Supplier commits to market the Master Agreement as a market strategy in the public sector and that its sales force will be trained, engaged, and committed to offering the Master Agreement to Public Sector Entities through Equalis Group in the geographies defined in the Master Agreement. Winning Supplier commits that all sales under the Master Agreement will be accurately and timely reported to Equalis. Winning Supplier also commits that its sales force will be compensated, including sales incentives, for sales to Program Participants under the Master Agreement in a consistent or better manner compared to sales to Public Sector Entities if Winning Supplier were not awarded the Master Agreement. Supplier will make available to interested Prospective Participants such price lists or quotes as may be necessary for such Prospective Participants to evaluate potential purchases of Products & Services under the Master Agreement.
- 2.4. <u>Marketing Commitment</u>. Winning Supplier commits to work with Equalis to develop a sales and marketing plan ("Plan") within the first ninety (90) days of the Master Agreement Effective Date. The Plan may include, but is not limited to, the following:
  - **2.4.1.** Issuing co-branded press release
  - **2.4.2.** Publishing Master Agreement details and contact information on both Equalis Group and Winning Supplier's websites
  - **2.4.3.** Scheduling and holding training on the Master Agreement for the sales teams of both Equalis Group and Winning Supplier
  - **2.4.4.** Jointly participating in national and regional conferences
  - **2.4.5.** Jointly attending national and regional Equalis Group Member networking events
  - **2.4.6.** Designing, publishing, and distributing co-branded marketing materials

**2.4.7.** Engaging in ongoing marketing and promotion of the Master Agreement for the entire Term of the Master Agreement (e.g., developing and presenting case studies, collateral pieces, and presentations)

## **APPENDIX C: FINANCIAL TERMS**

This Appendix may be modified at any time with the mutual written consent of the Parties.

#### 1. Administrative Fee.

On or before the fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) of each month, Winning Supplier shall remit to Equalis an administrative fee payment (the "**Administrative Fee**") of written number percent (number%) of the total Winning Supplier revenue (the "**Equalis Group Spend**" or "**Spend**") invoiced to Program Participants during the prior calendar month. "Spend" shall mean the cumulative purchases of Products & Services by Program Participants under the Master Agreement net of taxes, shipping costs, returns, and credits. All Administrative Fees not paid when due shall bear interest at a rate equal to the lesser of one- and one-half percent (1.5%) per month or the maximum rate permitted by law until paid in full.

#### 2. <u>Case-by-Case Administrative Fee Adjustments</u>.

The Parties understand and acknowledge that Wining Supplier may have to provide aggressive deviated pricing on a case-by-case basis to win certain opportunities with Prospective Participants when those opportunities represent a sufficiently large Spend and/or are highly competitive. In such situations, Winning Supplier may request Equalis accept a reduced Administrative Fee. The Parties agree to evaluate each such situation as it arises and utilize best efforts to establish an adjusted Administrative Fee rate upon mutual written agreement (including via email) of the Parties.

#### 3. <u>Rebates or Other Payments</u>.

Insert rebate or other payment language as agreed.



# **RFP R10-1123 Questions and Answers**

## **Current Region 10 ESC Member List**

Question

Can you please provide a current Region 10 ESC Member List in Excel format to review? Unable to locate list on website

Answer

https://headstart.region10.org/ords/f?p=125:1:3123039924185:::::

## Appendix C - Financial Terms - Administration Fee ??

Question

What is the administration fee that would be associated with this RFP? Section 3, Page 23 does not list the administration fee.

Answer

Typically the administrative fee is at or around 2%. Administrative fees are negotiated by the Equalis Group once recommendations have been submitted to the board.

## Is docment camera included in this RFP?

Question

I checked Product Scope on P.7 and hope you can clarify if a document camera is included in this RFP. Thank you! Brian

Answer

Yes.

### administration fee and questionnaire



### Question

Hi Could you let me know the percentage of the administration fee? Also, I saw some questions in PROPOSAL FORM 2: QUESTIONNAIRE required more space to fill in, especially for customer reference, where can I add it? Thank you! Brian

Answer

1. Historically the administrative fee has been around 2%, however the administrative fee is negotiated between Equalis and the vendor directly. 2. Pages may be added at the vendor's discretion as needed.