

STATE OF ILLINOIS
PROFESSIONAL AND ARTISTIC REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

ILLINOIS FINANCE AUTHORITY
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS SERVICES
IPB#22035753
Agency Reference #15-0038

The Illinois Finance Authority (“Agency,” “University,” or “State”) requests proposals from responsible Offerors to meet its needs. A brief description is set forth below for the Offeror’s convenience, with detailed requirements in subsequent sections of this solicitation. If interested and able to meet these requirements, the State appreciates and welcomes an Offer.

Brief Description:

Since our creation in January 2004, the IFA has provided access to low-cost capital to public and private institutions that are aligned with our mission of fostering economic development, creating and retaining jobs, and improving quality of life for Illinois residents. To date, our conduit financing programs have spanned every county and helped capitalize thousands of projects, assisting farmers and agri-businesses, business and industry, school districts and higher education institutions, healthcare facilities, cultural and social entities, and local governments develop, upgrade, expand, and sustain their operations and services. IFA is a body politic and corporate of the State of Illinois created through the consolidation and elimination of seven State authorities and entities. We are authorized by the Illinois Finance Authority Act to issue tax-exempt and taxable bonds and to make and guarantee non-conventional loans. We do not receive appropriated funding from the State and operate at no cost to the taxpayer.

The Illinois Finance Authority is seeking a vendor to provide employee benefits services. Services currently being performed include, but are not limited to Benefits Administration, Unemployment Claims, Human Resources Services, Human Resources Guidance, Leave Administration, Employee Service Center, Employee Assistance Program, EEO-1 Filing, Workers' Compensation Claims Administration and related services.

The Authority retains the right to award one or more contracts. Each resulting contract with the awarded Offeror(s) shall have an initial term of three years. In no event will the total term of the contract, including the initial term, any renewal terms, and any extensions exceed ten (10) years. Subject to the maximum total term limitation, the Authority has the option to renew for the following terms: two, (1) year terms.

Please read the entire solicitation package and submit an Offer in accordance with the instructions. All forms and signature areas contained in the solicitation package must be completed in full and submitted along with the technical response and price proposal which combined will constitute the Offer. Do not submit the instruction pages with Offers.

Forms A, Forms B, BEP Utilization Plan, and VSB Utilization Plan may be downloaded from the Illinois Procurement Bulletin (IPB) or from links provided in this document. These sections are a material part of this solicitation, and must be returned when applicable with an Offeror’s Offer.

Offers that do not adhere to Form and Content of Proposal requirements may not be considered.

In compliance with the State and Federal Constitutions, the Illinois Human Rights Act, the U.S. Civil Rights Act, and Section 504 of the Federal Rehabilitation Act, the State of Illinois does not discriminate in employment, contracts, or any other activity.

The State of Illinois encourages prospective vendors to consider hiring qualified veterans and Illinois residents discharged from any Illinois adult correctional center, in appropriate circumstances.

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Complete this section only if you are using a valid IPG Registration #

To ensure that you are registered in the IPG, search for your business name in the IPG Registered Vendor Directory. If your company does not appear in the search results, then you are not registered in the IPG.

<http://www2.illinois.gov/cpo/general/Documents/Forms%20B%20Section%20V.15.2.docx>

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Download and complete these documents if this RFP contains a BEP goal

Letter of Intent:

<http://www2qa.illinois.gov/cpo/general/Documents/Uniform%20Letter%20Of%20Intent%20BEP%20and%20VSB.pdf>

Utilization Plan:

<http://www2qa.illinois.gov/cpo/general/Documents/BEP%20U%20Plan%20V.13.5.docx>

VSB UTILIZATION PLAN

Download and complete these documents if this RFP contains a Veteran goal

Letter of Intent:

<http://www2qa.illinois.gov/cpo/general/Documents/Uniform%20Letter%20Of%20Intent%20BEP%20and%20VSB.pdf>

Utilization Plan:

<http://www2qa.illinois.gov/cpo/general/Documents/Veteran%20Small%20Business%20Utilization%20Plan.pdf>

STATE OF ILLINOIS
INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING OFFERS

SECTION 1.

A. INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING OFFERS

- A.1. HOW TO ENTER INFORMATION:** Type information in the text fields provided. Text fields are indicated by the instruction “Click here to enter text.” in red font. If the information requested does not apply to the Offeror’s situation, then enter “N/A” into the text field. Please enter the requested information or N/A into every red text field.
- A.2. PUBLISHED PROCUREMENT INFORMATION:** The State publishes procurement information, including updates, on the Illinois Procurement Bulletin (www.purchase.state.il.us), Illinois Public Higher Education Procurement Bulletin (www.procure.stateuniv.state.il.us), Transportation Procurement Bulletin (www.dot.il.gov/desenv/transprocbulletin.html) or the Illinois Capital Development Board Bulletin (<http://www.illinois.gov/cdb/procurement/>) (collectively and individually referred to as “Bulletin”). Procurement information may not be available in any other form or location. Offeror is responsible for monitoring the Bulletin. The State will not be held responsible if Offeror fails to receive the optional e-mail notices.
- A.3. SOLICITATION CONTACT:** The individual listed below shall be the single point of contact for this solicitation. Unless otherwise directed, Offerors should only communicate with the Solicitation Contact. The State/Agency/University shall not be held responsible for information provided by or to any other person.

Solicitation Contact: Melinda Gildart	Phone: 312-651-1312
Agency/University: Illinois Finance Authority	Fax: 312-651-1350
Street Address: 160 N. LaSalle Street, Suite C-800	TDD: Click here to enter text.
City, State Zip: Chicago, Illinois 60601	
Email: procurement@il-fa.com	

Suspected errors should be immediately reported to the Solicitation Contact identified above. Do not discuss, directly or indirectly, the solicitation or any Offer with any State officer or employee other than the Solicitation Contact.

- A.4. OFFEROR QUESTIONS AND AGENCY/UNIVERSITY RESPONSE:** All questions, other than questions raised at the Offeror Conference/Site Visit, pertaining to this solicitation must be submitted in writing to the Solicitation Contact no later than May 21, 2015 at 3:00 pm CST. Questions received and Agency/University responses may be posted as an Addendum to the original solicitation on the Bulletin; only these posted answers to questions shall be binding on the State. Offerors are responsible for monitoring the Bulletin.

A.5. REQUIRED MEETINGS

Offeror Conference/Site Visit: Yes No

Mandatory Attendance: Yes No

If attendance is mandatory, Offeror (current Vendor included) will be disqualified and considered Non-Responsive if Offeror does not attend, is not on time, leaves early or fails to sign the attendance sheet. Offeror must allow adequate time to accommodate security screenings at the site.

Date: [Click here to enter a date.](#)

Time: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Location: [Click here to enter text.](#)

A.6. OFFER DUE DATE, TIME, AND ADDRESS FOR SUBMISSION OF OFFERS: Offers will be opened at the Submit/Deliver Offers To address provided below at the Offer Due Date & Time specified below.

A.6.1. Offer Due Date & Time

Date: May 28, 2015

Time: 3:00 PM CST

A.6.2. Offer Firm Time: The Offer must remain firm for 90 days from opening.

A.6.3. Submit/Deliver Offers To: Label (outside of envelopes/containers):

Agency/University: Illinois Finance Authority	“Sealed Offer – Do Not Open”
Attn: Melinda Gildart	Project Title & Reference #: Employee Benefits Services, IPB#22035753, Agency Ref#15-0038
Address: 160 N. LaSalle Street, Suite C-800	Due Date & Time: May 28, 2015, 3:00 PM CST
City, State Zip: Chicago, IL 60601	<i>Offeror Name</i>
	<i>Offeror City, State Zip</i>

A.7. ORGANIZATION REQUIRED: Offers may be submitted in as few as four and as many as seven packets. Please follow these instructions carefully.

A.7.1. Packet 1 shall contain the Offeror’s response to the Specifications/Qualifications/Statement of Work provided in Section 1, Part D.

A.7.2. Packet 2 shall contain Offeror’s Pricing provided in Section 2, Part E.

A.7.3. Packet 3 shall contain the Offeror’s Offer found in Section 1, Part C, and applicable forms found in Section 3, Parts F through J.

A.7.3.1. Exceptions must be provided on Agency’s/University’s Exceptions to Solicitation and Contract Terms and Conditions form (Section 3, Part G) or must be in a substantially similar format. Agency discourages taking exceptions. State law shall not be circumvented by the exception process. Exceptions may result in rejection of the Offer.

Additional Offeror Provisions may be stated on this form and should not include exceptions to Agency/University specifications, terms and conditions, or any other part of this solicitation. This is supplemental information that supports an Offeror’s position or, for example, an Offeror’s licensing agreement.

A.7.3.2. The Agency/University may state additional terms and conditions to contracting in the State Supplemental Provisions (Section 3, Part H).

A.7.4. Packet 4 shall contain either Forms A or Forms B. Forms A contains eight forms and shall be returned by Offerors that are not registered in the Illinois Procurement Gateway (IPG).

Forms B contains three forms and is only returned by Offerors that have a valid IPG registration number with expiration date and elect to not use the forms found in Forms A.

A.7.5. Packet 5 shall contain a redacted copy of the Offer.

A.7.5.1. Offeror should provide a redacted copy of the Offer, if applicable, that removes material considered to be a trade secret or competitively sensitive, confidential, or proprietary. See F.9. in Standard Terms and Conditions, Section 3, Part F.

A.7.6. Packet 6 shall contain a response to the Minorities, Females, and Persons with Disabilities participation requirements. Packet 6 is only returned if a Business Enterprise Program goal is stated in instruction A.22.

A.7.7. Packet 7 shall contain a response to the Veteran Small Business (VSB) participation requirements. Packet 7 is only returned if a VSB goal is stated in instruction A.23.

Separately seal and label each packet.

A.8. SUBMISSION OF OFFERS: The Offer must be submitted in separately sealed packets as indicated below and clearly labeled with the Request for Proposal title, the IPB reference number, the packet number, the Offeror’s name and the wording: **“Sealed Offer – Do Not Open.”** The separately sealed packets may be submitted together in one mailing/shipping box or may be submitted separately in individual/shipping boxes. Do not put the entire Offer on a single CD or USB flash drive. Pricing must always be on a separate CD or USB flash drive unless otherwise instructed.

Subject Matter	# of Originals	# of Hard Copies	# of CDs or USB flash drives
SPECIFICATIONS/QUALIFICATIONS/STATEMENT OF WORK – PACKET 1	1	5	5

PRICING – PACKET 2	1	5	5
SECTION 1 Part C (OFFER) and applicable forms in SECTION 3 – PACKET 3	1	5	5
FORMS A or FORMS B – PACKET 4	1	1	1
REDACTED OFFER – PACKET 5	N/A	N/A	N/A
MINORITIES, FEMALES, AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES PARTICIPATION AND UTILIZATION PLAN – PACKET 6	1	5	5
VETERAN SMALL BUSINESS PARTICIPATION AND UTILIZATION PLAN – PACKET 7	N/A	N/A	N/A

- A.9. SECURITY:** Performance Bond: \$N/A If a performance bond is required; Offeror must submit the Performance Bond to the Solicitation Contact within ten (10) days after award. The bond must be from a surety licensed to do business in Illinois. An irrevocable letter of credit is an acceptable substitute. The form of security must be acceptable to the State.
- A.10. SMALL BUSINESS SET-ASIDE:** Yes No. If “Yes” is marked, Offeror must be qualified by the Small Business Set-Aside Program at the time Offers are due in order for the Offer to be evaluated. For complete requirements and to qualify Offeror’s business in the Small Business Set-Aside Program, visit (<https://ipg.vendorreg.com/FrontEnd/VendorSearchRegistry.asp?TN=ipg&XID=7599>).
- A.11. MINORITY CONTRACTOR INITIATIVE:** The State requires a fee of \$15 to cover expenses related to the administration of the Minority Contractor Opportunity Initiative. Any Offeror awarded a contract of \$1,000 or more under Section 20-10, 20-15, 20-25 or 20-30 of the Illinois Procurement Code (30 ILCS 500) is required to pay a fee of \$15. The Comptroller shall deduct the fee from the first check issued to the Vendor under the contract and deposit the fee in the Comptroller’s Administrative Fund. 15 ILCS 405/23.9.
- A.12. FEDERAL FUNDS:** The resulting contract may be partially or totally funded with Federal funds. Upon notice of intent to award, the percentage of goods and/or services involved that are Federally funded and the dollar amount of such Federal funds will be disclosed.
- A.13. EMPLOYMENT TAX CREDIT:** Offerors who hire qualified veterans and certain ex-offenders may be eligible for tax credits. 30 ILCS 500/45-67 and 45-70. Please contact the Illinois Department of Revenue (217-524-4772) for information about tax credits.
- A.14. GOVERNING LAW AND FORUM:** Illinois law and rules govern this solicitation and any resulting contract. Offeror must bring any action relating to this solicitation or any resulting contract in the appropriate court in Illinois. This document contains statutory references designated with “ILCS”. Offeror may view the full text at (www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs.asp). The Illinois Procurement Code (30 ILCS 500) and the Standard Procurement Rules (44 ILL. ADM. CODE PARTS 1, 4, 6 and 8) are applicable to this solicitation

and may be respectively viewed at (<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs5.asp?ActID=532&ChapterID=7>) and (<http://www.ilga.gov/commission/jcar/admincode/044/044parts.html>).

- A.15. PUBLIC RECORDS AND REQUESTS FOR CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT:** Offers become the property of the State and late submissions will not be returned. All Offers will be open to the public under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (5 ILCS 140) and other applicable laws and rules, unless Offeror requests in its Offer that the State treat certain information as confidential. A request for confidential treatment will not supersede the State's legal obligations under FOIA. The State will not honor requests to keep entire Offers confidential. Offerors must show the specific grounds in FOIA or other law or rule that support confidential treatment. Regardless, the State will disclose the successful Offeror's name, the substance of the Offer, and the price.

If Offeror requests confidential treatment, Offeror must submit additional copy/copies (see Instructions for Submitting Offers in Section A.7.) of the Offer with proposed confidential information redacted. This redacted copy must tell the general nature of the material removed, and shall retain as much of the Offer as possible. In a separate attachment, Offeror shall supply a listing of the provisions identified by section number for which it seeks confidential treatment and identify the statutory basis or bases under Illinois law, including a detailed justification for exempting the information from public disclosure.

Offeror will hold harmless and indemnify the State for all costs or damages associated with the State defending Offeror's request for confidential treatment. Offeror agrees that the State may copy the Offer to facilitate evaluation, or to respond to requests for public records. Offeror warrants that such copying will not violate the rights of any third party.

- A.16. RESERVATIONS:** Offeror must read and understand the solicitation and tailor the Offer and all activities to ensure compliance. The State reserves the right to amend the solicitation, reject any or all Offers, award by item/services, group of items/services, or grand total, and waive minor defects. The State may request a clarification, inspect Offeror's premises, interview staff, request a presentation, or otherwise verify the contents of the Offer, including information about subcontractors and suppliers. The State may request Best & Final Offers when appropriate. The State will make all decisions on compliance, evaluation, and terms and conditions, and shall make decisions in the best interests of the State and in accordance with the Illinois Procurement Code, rules and other applicable State and Federal statutes and regulations. This competitive process may require that Offeror provide additional information and otherwise cooperate with the State. If an Offeror does not comply with requests for information and cooperate, the State may reject the Offer as Non-Responsive to the solicitation. Submitting an Offer does not entitle Offeror to an award or a contract. Posting Offeror's name in a Bulletin notice does not entitle Offeror to a contract. The State is not responsible for and will not pay any costs associated with the preparation and submission of any Offer. Awarded Offeror(s) shall not commence, and will not be paid for any billable work undertaken prior to the date all parties execute the contract, unless approved in writing in advance by the State Purchasing Officer or the Chief Procurement Officer (or designee).

- A.17. AWARD:** The State is not obligated to award a contract pursuant to this solicitation. If the State issues an award, the award will be made to the Responsive and Responsible Offeror whose Offer best meets the specified criteria unless otherwise permitted by the Illinois Procurement Code and Illinois Administrative Code. However, if the State does not consider the Price to be fair and reasonable and negotiations fail to meet an acceptable price, then the State reserves the right to cancel the award and take appropriate action to meet the needs of the State. The State will determine whether the price is fair and reasonable by considering the Offer, including the Offeror's qualifications, the Offeror's reputation, all prices submitted, other known prices, the project budget and other relevant factors. The State will post a notice to the applicable Bulletin identifying the apparent most Responsive and Responsible Offeror.

A.18. REFERENCES: Yes No. If “Yes” is marked, Offeror must provide references from established private firms or government agencies other than the procuring Agency/University, who can attest to Offeror’s experience and ability to perform the contract that is the subject of this solicitation. Offeror must provide the name, contact information and a description of the supplies or services provided using the References form found in Section 3, Part J.

Type of References: **Governmental or Other Entities**

Number of Each Reference Type: **3**

A.19. INVOICING ADDRESS: The awarded Vendor shall invoice at the completion of the contract unless invoicing is tied in the contract to milestones, deliverables, or other invoicing requirements agreed to in the contract.

Send invoices to:

Agency Name: Illinois Finance Authority
Agency Department: Department of Finance
Street Address: 160 N. LaSalle Street, Suite C-800
City, State, Zip Code: Chicago, Illinois 60601

Vendor shall not bill for any taxes unless accompanied by proof that the State is subject to the tax. If necessary, Vendor may request the applicable Agency’s/University’s Illinois tax exemption number and Federal tax exemption information.

A.20. PROTEST REVIEW OFFICE: Offeror may submit a written protest to the Protest Review Office as referenced below. The Authority must physically receive the protest by 5:00 PM CST on the seventh calendar day after the notice of award is published on the Illinois Procurement Bulletin. Offeror may submit a written protest to the Authority following the requirements of the Standard Procurement Rules. 44 ILL. ADM. CODE 1.5550, 4.5550, 6.420, and 8.150, **with the exception of the time period allotted for protest. Per this and other Authority procurements exempt from the Illinois Procurement Code, the protest period is (7) calendar days.** The Protest Review Office’s information is as follows:

Protest Review Office	Phone: (312)651-1300
Attn: Pamela Lenane	Facsimile: (312) 651-1350
160 N. LaSalle Street	
Suite C-800	Illinois Relay: (800) 526-0844
Chicago, IL 60601	

A.21. EVALUATION PROCESS: The State determines how well Offers meet the Responsiveness requirements. The State will rank Offers, without consideration of Price, from best to least qualified using a point ranking system (unless otherwise specified) as an aid in conducting the evaluation. Offerors who fail to meet minimum requirements or who receive fewer than the minimum required points, if any, will not be considered for Price evaluation and award.

The State evaluates three categories of information: Responsibility, Responsiveness, and Price. The State considers the information provided and the quality of that information when evaluating Offers. If the State finds a failure or deficiency, the State may reject the Offer or reflect the failure or deficiency in the evaluation.

A.21.1. RESPONSIVENESS: A Responsive Offeror is one who submits an Offer that conforms in all material respects to the Request for Proposal, and includes **all required** forms.

- A.21.1.1. Subcontractor Disclosure: If the Offer includes any subcontractors, then Offeror shall complete the Subcontractor Disclosure form found in Section 3, Part I.
- A.21.1.2. References: If references are required, then Offeror shall complete and return the References form in Section 3, Part J.
- A.21.1.3. If completing Forms B, then responsiveness may include and may not be limited to:
- Valid Illinois Procurement Gateway registration # with expiration date
 - Disclosure of lobbyists for Offeror and parent entity(ies)
 - Disclosure of pending and current contracts
 - Certifications timely to this solicitation
- A.21.1.4. If completing Forms A, required forms may include and may not be limited to:
- Authorized to Transact Business or Conduct Affairs in Illinois: A person (other than an individual acting as a sole proprietor) must be duly constituted legal entity and authorized to transact business or conduct affairs in Illinois prior to submitting an Offer. For more information, see Authorized to Transact Business or Conduct Affairs in Illinois in Forms A, Part 3.
 - State Board of Elections Registration: Vendor or Offeror may be prohibited from making political contributions and be required to register with the State Board of Elections. For more information, see State Board of Elections in Forms A, Part 5.
 - Illinois Department of Human Rights Public Contracts Number: Offeror shall complete and return the IDHR Public Contract Number form in Forms A, Part 2, or in the Illinois Procurement Gateway.
 - Standard Certifications: Offeror shall complete and return the Standard Certifications form in Forms A, Part 4, or in the Illinois Procurement Gateway.
 - Financial Disclosures and Conflicts of Interest: Offeror shall complete and return the Financial Disclosures and Conflicts of Interest form in Forms A, Part 7, or in the Illinois Procurement Gateway.
 - Disclosure of Business Operations with Iran: Offeror shall complete and return the Disclosure of Business Operations with Iran form in Forms A, Part 6, or in the Illinois Procurement Gateway.
 - Business and Directory Information: Offeror shall complete and return the Business and Directory Information form in Forms A, Part 1, or in the Illinois Procurement Gateway.
 - Taxpayer Identification Number: Offeror shall complete and return the Taxpayer Identification form in Forms A, Part 8, or in the Illinois Procurement Gateway.

- A.21.1.5. The State will determine whether the Offer meets the stated requirements. Minor differences or deviations that have negligible impact on the price or suitability of the supply or service to meet the State's needs may be accepted or corrections allowed. If no Offeror meets a particular requirement, the State may waive that requirement.
- A.21.1.6. When the specification calls for "Brand Name or Equal," the brand name product is acceptable. Other products will be considered with proof that the other product meets stated specifications and is equivalent to the brand product in terms of quality, performance and desired characteristics.
- A.21.1.7. The State will determine whether the Offer complied with the instructions for submitting Offers. Except for late submissions, and other requirements that by law must be part of the submission, the State may require that an Offeror correct deficiencies as a condition of further evaluation.

A.21.2. **RESPONSIBILITY:** A Responsible Offeror is one who has the capability in all respects to perform fully the contract requirements and who has the integrity and reliability that will assure good faith performance. The State determines whether the Offeror is a "Responsible" Offeror; an Offeror with whom the State can or should do business. For example, the State may consider the following:

- A.21.2.1. A "prohibited bidder" includes any person assisting an employee of the State of Illinois by reviewing, drafting, directing, or preparing any invitation for bids, a request for proposal, or request of information, or providing similar assistance unless such assistance was part of a publically issued opportunity to review drafts of all or part of these documents. For purposes of this section, an employee of the State of Illinois means one who, by the nature of his or her duties, has the authority to participate personally and substantially in the decision to award a State contract. No person or business shall submit specifications to a State agency unless requested to do so by an employee of the State. No person or business that contracts with a State agency to write specifications for a particular procurement need shall submit a bid or proposal or receive a contract for that procurement need.

Nothing herein is intended to prohibit a vendor from bidding or offering to supply developing technology, goods or services after providing the State with a demonstration of the developing technology, goods, or services; provided the subject of the demonstration to the State represents industry trends and innovation and is not specifically designed to meet the State's needs. Nothing herein is intended to prohibit a person or business from submitting a bid or offer or entering into a contract if the person or business: (i) initiates a communication with an employee to provide general information about products, services, or industry best practices and, if applicable, that communication is documented in accordance with Section 50-39 of the Illinois Procurement Code or (ii) responds to a communication initiated by an employee of the State for the purposes of providing information to evaluate new products, trends, services, or technologies.

- A.21.2.2. Other factors that the State may evaluate to determine Responsibility include, but are not limited to: political contributions, certifications, conflict of interest, financial disclosures, taxpayer identification number, past performance in business or industry, references (including those found outside the Offer), compliance with applicable laws, financial responsibility, insurability, effective equal opportunity compliance, payment of prevailing wages if required by law, capacity to produce or

sources of supply, and the ability to provide required maintenance service or other matters relating to the Offeror's ability to deliver in the quality and quantity within the time and price as specified in this solicitation.

A.21.2.3. Awarded Offerors must at all times have financial resources sufficient, in the opinion of the State, to ensure performance of the contract and must provide proof upon request. The State may require a performance bond if, in the opinion of the State, it ensures performance of the contract. The State may terminate the contract, consistent with the termination for cause provision of the contract, if the vendor lacks the financial resources to perform under the contract.

A.21.2.4. The State may require that an Offeror correct any deficiencies as a condition of further evaluation.

A.21.3. **PRICE:** The State identifies the lowest priced Offer that meets the Responsibility and Responsiveness requirements.

A.22. MINORITIES, FEMALES, AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES PARTICIPATION AND UTILIZATION PLAN: This solicitation may contain a goal to include businesses owned and controlled by minorities, females, and persons with disabilities in the State's procurement and contracting processes. If the solicitation contains a goal, then failure to submit a Utilization Plan as instructed later in this solicitation may render the Offer non-responsive. All questions regarding the subcontracting goal must be directed to the Agency/University BEP Liaison prior to submission of proposals.

Does this solicitation contain a BEP goal? Yes No

If yes, then the BEP goal is: [Enter text](#)

BEP Liaison: [Enter text](#)

Phone Number: [Enter text](#)

Email Address: [Enter text](#)

Offerors who submit Offers for State contracts shall not be given a period after the Offer closing date to cure deficiencies in the Utilization Plan and the Letter of Intent, unless mandated by Federal law or regulation. 30 ILCS 575(4)(e). Businesses included in Utilization Plans as meeting BEP requirements as prime vendors or subcontractors must be certified by CMS as BEP vendors prior to the Offer closing date. Go to (<http://www2.illinois.gov/cms/business/sell2/bep/Pages/default.aspx>) for complete requirements for BEP certification.

A.23. VETERAN SMALL BUSINESS PARTICIPATION AND UTILIZATION PLAN: This solicitation may contain a goal to include businesses owned and controlled by military veterans in the State's procurement and contracting processes. If the solicitation contains a goal, then failure to submit a Utilization Plan as instructed later in this solicitation may render the Offer non-responsive. All questions regarding the subcontracting goal must be directed to the Agency/University Veteran Small Business Liaison prior to submission of proposals.

Does this solicitation contain a Veteran Small Business goal? Yes No

If yes, then the Veteran Small Business goal is: [Enter text](#)

Veteran Small Business Liaison: [Enter text](#)

Phone Number: [Enter text](#)

Email Address: [Enter text](#)

Offerors who submit Offers for State contracts shall not be given a period after the Offer closing date to cure deficiencies in the Utilization Plan and the Letter of Intent, unless mandated by Federal law or regulation. 30 ILCS 575(4)(e). Businesses included in Utilization Plans as meeting Veteran Owned Small Business (VOSB) and Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business (SDVOSB) requirements as prime vendors or subcontractors must be certified by CMS as VOSB or SDVOSB vendors prior to the Offer closing date. Go to (<http://www2.illinois.gov/cms/business/sell2/Pages/VeteranownedBusinesses.aspx>) for complete requirements for VOSB or SDVOSB certification.

-END OF INSTRUCTIONS-

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
SELECTION OF VENDOR**

B. SELECTION OF VENDOR

- B.1.** This solicitation is for “professional and artistic services.” Professional and artistic services means those services provided under contract to the State by a person or a business, acting as an independent contractor, qualified by education, experience, and technical ability. 30 ILCS 500/1-15.60.
- B.2.** The State may award to the most Responsive/Responsible Offeror(s) whose Offer best meets the below criteria.
- B.3.** The State determines how well Offers meet the Responsiveness requirements. The State ranks Offers, without consideration of Price, from best to least qualified using a point ranking system (unless otherwise specified) as an aid in conducting the evaluation. Offerors who receive fewer than the minimum required points will not be considered for Price evaluation and award.
- B.4.** If the State does not consider the Price to be fair and reasonable and negotiations fail to meet an acceptable Price, the State reserves the right to cancel the award and take appropriate action to meet the needs of the State. The State determines whether the Price is fair and reasonable by considering the Offer, including the Offeror's qualifications, the Offeror's reputation, all prices submitted, other known prices, the project budget, and other relevant factors.
- B.5.** The chart below shows the elements of Responsiveness that the State evaluates, their relative weights in point format and any minimum point requirements.

B.5.1. The total number of points for Responsiveness is 800.

B.5.2. RESPONSIVENESS ELEMENTS

RESPONSIVENESS ELEMENTS	MAXIMUM POSSIBLE POINTS
Functional Requirements Please refer to Appendix III for the complete list	300
Organizational/Financial Stability Please see Appendix I	150
Products and Services Please see Appendix II	150
Experience and References Please see Appendix IV	75

B.6. The total number of points for Price is 125. The State will determine Price points using the following formula:

$$\text{Maximum Price Points} \times (\text{Lowest Price} / \text{Offeror's Price}) = \text{Total Price Points}$$

B.7. Maximum Price Points = Total costs for all services provided in the initial term and all renewal terms.

The maximum number of points is 800 (Responsiveness 675+ Price 125)

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OFFER TO THE STATE OF ILLINOIS

C. Project Title / Reference # Employee Benefits Services/IPB#22035753/Agency Ref# 15-0038

The undersigned authorized representative of the identified Offeror hereby submits this Offer to perform in full compliance with the subject solicitation. By completing and signing this Form, the Offeror makes an Offer to the State of Illinois that the State may accept.

Offeror should use this Form as a final check to ensure that all required documents are completed and included with the Offer. Offeror must mark each blank below as appropriate; mark N/A when a section is not applicable to this solicitation. Offeror understands that failure to meet all requirements is cause for disqualification.

C.1. SOLICITATION AND CONTRACT REVIEW: Offeror reviewed the Request for Proposal, including all referenced documents and instructions, completed all blanks, provided all required information, and demonstrated how it will meet the requirements of the State of Illinois.

Yes No

C.2. ADDENDA: Offeror acknowledges receipt of any and all addenda to the solicitation and has taken those into account in making this Offer.

Yes No N/A

C.3. OFFEROR CONFERENCE: If attendance was mandatory, Offeror attended the Offeror's Conference.

Yes No N/A

C.4. OFFER SUBMISSION: Offeror is submitting the correct number of copies, in a properly labeled container(s), to the correct location, and by the due date and time.

Yes No

C.5. FORMS A or FORMS B: Offeror is properly submitting either Forms A or Forms B, but not both.

Yes No

C.6. BOND: If applicable, Offeror is submitting its Bid Bond or Performance Bond.

Yes No N/A

C.7. SMALL BUSINESS SET-ASIDE: Offeror is a qualified small business in the Small Business Set-Aside Program at the time Offers are due.

Yes No N/A

C.8. PACKET 1 – SPECIFICATIONS/QUALIFICATIONS/STATEMENT OF WORK

Yes No

- C.8.1 Offeror’s Proposed Solution to Meet the State’s Requirements Yes No
- C.8.2 Milestones and Deliverables Yes No
- C.8.3 Offeror/Staff Specifications Yes No
- C.8.4 Transportation and Delivery Terms Yes No N/A
- C.8.5 Where Services Are to Be Performed Yes No N/A

C.9. PACKET 2 – PRICING

Yes No

C.10. PACKET 3 – OFFER

Yes No

- C.10.1 Offer Yes No
- C.10.2 Exceptions to Solicitation Contract Terms and Conditions Yes No N/A
- C.10.3 Supplemental Provisions Yes No N/A
- C.10.4 Subcontractor Disclosures Yes No N/A
- C.10.5 References Yes No N/A

C.11. PACKET 4 – FORMS A

Yes No

- C.11.1 Business and Directory Information Yes No
- C.11.2 Illinois Department of Human Rights Public Contracts Number Yes No
- C.11.3 Standard Certifications Yes No
- C.11.4 Disclosure of Business Operations in Iran Yes No
- C.11.5 Financial Disclosures and Conflicts of Interest Yes No
- C.11.6 Taxpayer Identification Number Yes No

C.12. PACKET 4 – FORMS B

Yes No

- C.12.1 Illinois Procurement Gateway Registration # with expiration date Yes No
- C.12.2 Certifications Timely to this Solicitation Yes No
- C.12.3 Disclosures of Lobbyists and Pending Contracts Yes No

C.13. PACKET 5 – REDACTED OFFER

Yes No

C.14. PACKET 6 – BEP UTILIZATION PLAN

C.14.1 Does this solicitation contain a BEP goal? Yes No

C.14.2 Minorities, Females, Persons with Disabilities Participation and Utilization Plan Yes No N/A

C.15. PACKET 7 – VSB UTILIZATION PLAN

C.15.1 Does this solicitation contain a VSB goal? Yes No

C.15.2 Veteran Small Business Participation and Utilization Plan Yes No N/A

C.16. PREFERENCES

The Illinois Procurement Code provides various preferences to promote business opportunities in Illinois.

Does Offeror make any claims for preferences? If so, please mark the applicable preference(s) and include a listing of the items that qualify for the preference at the end of this Section and a description of why the preference applies. Agency/University reserves the right to determine whether the preference indicated applies to Offeror.

- Resident Bidder (30 ILCS 500/45-10).
- Soybean Oil-Based Ink (30 ILCS 500/45-15).
- Recycled Materials (30 ILCS 500/45-20).
- Recycled Paper (30 ILCS 500/45-25).
- Environmentally Preferable Supplies (30 ILCS 500/45-26).
- Correctional Industries (30 ILCS 500/45-30).
- Sheltered Workshops for the Severely Handicapped (30 ILCS 500/45-35).
- Gas Mileage (30 ILCS 500/45-40).
- Small Businesses (30 ILCS 500/45-45).
- Illinois Agricultural Products (30 ILCS 500/45-50).
- Corn-Based Plastics (30 ILCS 500/45-55).
- Disabled Veterans (30 ILCS 500/45-57).
- Vehicles Powered by Agricultural Commodity-Based Fuel (30 ILCS 500/45-6)
- Biobased Products (30 ILCS 500/45-75).
- Historic Preference Area (30 ILCS 500/45-80).
- Procurement of Domestic Products (30 ILCS 517).
- Public Purchases in Other States (30 ILCS 520).
- Illinois Mined Coal (30 ILCS 555).
- Steel Products Procurement (30 ILCS 565).

Business Enterprise for Minorities, Females, and Persons with Disabilities Act (30 ILCS 575).

Veterans Preference (330 ILCS 55).

Items that Qualify and Explanation: [Enter text](#)

Signature of Authorized Representative: _____

Printed Name of Signatory: [Enter text](#)

Offeror's Name: [Enter text](#)

Date: [Click here to enter a date.](#)

STATE OF ILLINOIS
SPECIFICATIONS/QUALIFICATIONS/STATEMENT OF WORK

D. SPECIFICATIONS/QUALIFICATIONS/STATEMENT OF WORK

D.1. GOAL: The Illinois Finance Authority is seeking a vendor to provide employee benefits services. Services currently being performed include, but are not limited to Benefits Administration, Unemployment Claims, Human Resources Services, Human Resources Guidance, Leave Administration, Employee Service Center, Employee Assistance Program, EEO-1 Filing, Workers' Compensation Claims Administration and related services.

D.2. SUPPLIES AND/OR SERVICES REQUIRED:

D.2.1. Benefits Administration

- D.2.1.1. College Savings Plan Benefits. Vendor will offer pre-tax deductions/contributions to qualified 529 savings plans such as Bright Start and College Illinois.
- D.2.1.2. Commuter Benefits. Vendor will offer parking and transit benefits (via pre-tax deductions) with the issuance of related debit cards for employees.
- D.2.1.3. Employment Practices Liability Insurance. Vendor will provide a claims-made Employment Practices Liability Insurance policy ("EPLI"), with an endorsement that extends coverage to the Authority for covered claims filed by employees and applicants against the Authority alleging wrongful employment practices as defined in the policy.
- D.2.1.4. Group Health and Welfare Benefits. Vendor will offer a variety of cost effective health, dental, vision, short and long term disability and life insurance plans and benefits-including the onboarding/processing of new employees and life events for current employees. Vendor shall also provide toll-free telephone and TDD access for customer service that shall be available to all Enrollees, at a minimum, during regular business hours (8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. CST/CDT).
- D.2.1.5. Legal Defense Benefit. Vendor will provide the Authority a Legal Defense Benefit for claims that are covered by the EPLI policy whereby Vendor will pay for a specified amount of the Authority's attorney's fees exclusive of costs and disbursements (e.g., travel costs, mediation expenses, deposition transcripts, filing fees, copying fees, etc.), subject to conditions described in this Section.
- D.2.1.6. Modified Light Duty, Health Management and Disease Management. The vendor will assist the Authority in developing a modified light duty program for affected employees; provide comprehensive disease management programs to help properly manage chronic diseases such as asthma, diabetes, heart conditions, weight complications, Hepatitis C, fibromyalgia, irritable bowel syndrome, etc.; and health management programs including tobacco cessation, weight loss, cholesterol and blood pressure management, nutrition, physical activity and stress.
- D.2.1.7. Vendor will provide benefits administration for the Authority's Health and Welfare Plan, which includes Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act, as amended ("COBRA"), administration, plan administration, enrollment and renewal. Provide all census and claims data upon request (in accordance with HIPAA).
- D.2.1.8. Workers' Compensation Claims Administration. Vendor will provide workers' compensation claims administration and provide a toll-free number for reporting claims.
- D.2.1.9. Serve as the liaison between the Authority and the various benefits providers.
- D.2.1.10. Negotiate rates/premiums for various benefits services with the medical, dental and other providers on behalf of the Authority.

D.2.2. Human Resources Guidance

- D.2.2.1. Background Screenings. Vendor will provide the Authority with access to drug testing and a drug free workplace program, background screenings, and credit screenings.
- D.2.2.2. EEO-1 Filing. Vendor will file an EEO-1 report on behalf of the Authority, as required by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.
- D.2.2.3. Employee Assistance Program. Vendor will make available to employees, a confidential employee assistance program ("EAP").
- D.2.2.4. Employee Service Center. Vendor will provide the Authority with toll-free access to an Employee Service Center to assist employees.
- D.2.2.5. Ensure compliance with all applicable Federal, State, and Local employment laws.
- D.2.2.6. Management Training and Materials. Vendor will provide the Authority with access to training on management and employee development, regulatory compliance and employment laws.
- D.2.2.7. The Fair Credit Reporting Act, Family and Medical Leave Act and Leave Administration. Vendor will administer employee leaves required under state or federal leave laws or Authority policy.
- D.2.2.8. Title VII of the Civil Rights Act; the Americans with Disabilities Act; the Pregnancy Discrimination Act, the Equal Pay Act; Affordable Care Act, Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act etc.
- D.2.2.9. Worksite Safety Guidance. Vendor will provide the Authority with guidance regarding loss prevention and workplace safety practices; access to safety training; assistance with safety program development; a customizable safety manual and Occupational Safety and Health Act compliance assistance regarding employees.

D.2.3. Human Resources Services/Products

- D.2.3.1. Administer the Authority's Unemployment account, if required by state law.
- D.2.3.2. Provide Unemployment claims administration.
- D.2.3.3. Provides a knowledgebase with access to various electronic employer forms, including all common employee actions, i.e. hiring, termination, etc.
- D.2.3.4. Vendor will administer employee garnishments, liens and withholding orders.
- D.2.3.5. Vendor will provide the Authority with a secure, online human resources website which is easy to navigate, extract employee information and is available 24 hours, 7 days per week.
- D.2.3.6. Vendor will provide the Authority with a secure, online human resources portal for employee benefits enrollments and updates which is easy to navigate, extract information and is available 24 hours, 7 days per week.
- D.2.3.7. Will provide the Authority with assistance in preparation of a written response to a charge of discrimination and/or retaliation filed by an employee or applicant under any state or federal discrimination law, as needed/requested.
- D.2.3.8. Assist the Authority with the development of policies and procedures/best human resource practices and direct access to designated human resources, payroll and benefits subject matter experts.

D.2.4. Other

- D.2.4.1. Produce annual report on internal controls in compliance with SSAE 16, a Service Organization Controls 1 or 2 reports must be submitted to the Authority at least annually for all services provided by the vendor-if required.
- D.2.4.2. Work with the Authority's Payroll Services vendor as required.
- D.2.4.3. Provide other employee benefit related duties and work with the Authority's Payroll Services vendor as required.

D.3. MILESTONES AND DELIVERABLES: Continuous employee benefits and related services coverage, with no interruption during the contract term. At a minimum, semi-annual meetings with the Authority to provide program updates and recommendations. Conduct timely Open Enrollment periods with dates to be set by the Authority.

D.4. OFFEROR / STAFF SPECIFICATIONS: Please complete Appendix I for this requirement. In addition, the successful Offeror must be able to quickly implement a new benefits program and conduct Open Enrollment in the next 60 days.

D.5. TRANSPORTATION AND DELIVERY TERMS: To be agreed to in writing by Offeror and Authority.

D.6. OFFEROR'S PROPOSED SOLUTION TO MEET THE STATE'S REQUIREMENTS: Please either respond in the space below or in the following prescribed format: **Please see the attached Microsoft Excel file for Appendices I thru V. Responses must be received in Excel format, with pdf copies also submitted.**

[Click here to enter text.](#)

D.7. SUBCONTRACTING

D.7.1. Subcontractors are not allowed. A subcontractor is a person or entity that enters into a contractual agreement with a total value of \$50,000 or more with a person or entity who has a contract subject to the Illinois Procurement Code pursuant to which the person or entity provides some or all of the goods, services, real property, remuneration, or other monetary forms of consideration that are the subject of the primary State contract, including subleases from a lessee of a State contract. If subcontractors are to be utilized, Offeror must identify subcontractors expected to receive \$50,000 or more annually under the contract and disclose the expected amount of money each will receive in the Subcontractor Disclosure form found in Section 3 Part I.

D.7.2. The Offeror shall notify the State of any additional or substitute subcontractors hired during the term of the contract. If required, Offeror shall provide the State a copy of all such subcontracts within fifteen (15) days after execution of the contract or the subcontract, whichever occurs later.

D.7.3. Any subcontracts entered into prior to award of the contract are done at the sole risk of the Offeror and subcontractor(s).

D.8. WHERE SERVICES ARE TO BE PERFORMED

D.8.1. Unless otherwise disclosed in this section, all services shall be performed in the United States. This information and the economic impact on Illinois and its residents may be considered in the evaluation. If the Offeror performs the services purchased hereunder in another country in violation of this provision, such action may be deemed by the State as a breach of the contract by Offeror.

D.8.2. Offeror shall disclose the locations where the services required shall be performed and the known or anticipated value of the services to be performed at each location. If the Offeror received additional consideration in the evaluation based on work being performed in the United States, it shall be a breach of contract if the Offeror shifts any such work outside the United States.

D.8.3. Location where services will be performed: [Click here to enter text.](#)

D.8.4. Percentage of contract of services performed at this location: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Include Part D and related attachments in Packet 1

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
PRICING**

SECTION 2.

E. PRICING

E.1. FORMAT OF PRICING:

E.1.1. Offeror shall submit pricing in the format shown below, based on the terms and conditions set forth in Section 1 of this Request for Proposal. Offeror's price Offer shall serve as the basis for the compensation terms of the resulting contract. Failure to submit pricing as shown in this section may render Offeror's entire Offer Non-Responsive and ineligible for award.

E.1.2. Pricing shall be submitted in the following format: Pricing must be submitted using Appendix V in the attached Microsoft Excel file.

E.2. TYPE OF PRICING: The Illinois Office of the Comptroller requires the State to indicate whether the contract pricing is firm or estimated at the time it is submitted for obligation. Pricing pursuant to this contract is firm.

E.3. EXPENSES ALLOWED: Expenses are not allowed are allowed as follows: N/A

E.4. DISCOUNT: The State may receive a 2 % discount for payment within 30 days of receipt of correct invoice. This discount will not be a factor in making the award.

E.5. TAXES: Pricing shall not include any taxes unless accompanied by proof the State is subject to the tax. If necessary, Offeror may request the applicable agency's Illinois tax exemption number and federal tax exemption information.

E.6. OFFEROR'S PRICING OFFER: Attach additional pages if necessary or if the format of pricing specified above in Section E.1 requires additional pages.

E.6.1. Offeror's Price for the Initial Term: [Click here to enter text.](#)

E.6.2. Renewal Compensation: If the contract is renewed, the price shall be at the same rate as for the initial term unless a different compensation or formula for determining the renewal compensation is stated in this section.

E.6.2.1. Agency/University Formula for Determining Renewal Compensation: **Renewal pricing is to be included in Appendix V.**

E.6.2.2. Offeror's Price for Renewal(s): [Click here to enter text.](#)

Include Section 2 Part E and related attachments in Packet 2

STATE OF ILLINOIS
STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS

SECTION 3.

F.1. TERM AND TERMINATION:

1.1. TERM OF THIS CONTRACT: This contract has an initial term of three years. If a start date is not identified, then the term shall commence upon the last dated signature of the Parties.

1.1.1. In no event will the total term of this contract, including the initial term, any renewal terms and any extensions, exceed ten (10) years.

1.1.2. Vendor shall not commence billable work in furtherance of this contract prior to final execution of this contract except when permitted pursuant to 30 ILCS 500/20-80.

1.2. RENEWAL: Subject to the maximum total term identified above, the State has the option to renew for the following term(s): Two, (1) year renewals.

1.2.1. Pricing for the renewal term(s), or the formula for determining price, is shown in the pricing section of this contract.

1.2.2. Any renewal of this contract is subject to the same terms and conditions as apply to the initial term of this contract unless otherwise provided in the pricing section. The State may renew this contract for any or all of the option periods specified, may exercise any of the renewal options early, and may exercise more than one option at a time based on continuing need and favorable market conditions, when in the best interest of the State. This contract may neither renew automatically nor renew solely at the Vendor's option.

1.3. TERMINATION FOR CAUSE: The State may terminate this contract, in whole or in part, immediately upon notice to the Vendor if: (a) the State determines that the actions or inactions of the Vendor, its agents, employees or subcontractors have caused, or reasonably could cause, jeopardy to health, safety, or property, or (b) the Vendor has notified the State that it is unable or unwilling to perform this contract.

If Vendor fails to perform any material requirement of this contract to the State's satisfaction, is in violation of a material provision of this contract, or the State determines that the Vendor lacks the financial resources to perform the contract, then the State shall provide written notice to the Vendor to cure the problem identified within the period of time specified in the State's written notice. If not cured by that date the State may either: (a) immediately terminate this contract without additional written notice or (b) enforce the terms and conditions of this contract.

For termination due to any of the causes contained in this Section, the State retains its rights to seek any available legal or equitable remedies and damages.

1.4. TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE: The State may, for its convenience and with thirty (30) days' prior written notice to Vendor, terminate this contract in whole or in part and without payment of any penalty or incurring any further obligation to the Vendor.

1.4.1. Upon submission of invoices and proof of claim, the Vendor shall be entitled to compensation for supplies and services provided in compliance with this contract up to and including the date of termination.

1.5. AVAILABILITY OF APPROPRIATION: This contract is contingent upon and subject to the availability of funds. The State, at its sole option, may terminate or suspend this contract, in whole or in part, without penalty or further payment being required, if (1) the Illinois General Assembly or the Federal funding source fails to make an appropriation sufficient to pay such obligation, or if funds needed are insufficient for any reason (30 ILCS 500/20-60), (2) the Governor decreases the Agency's funding by reserving some or all of the Agency's appropriation(s) pursuant to power delegated to the Governor by the Illinois General Assembly, or (3) the Agency determines, in its sole discretion or as directed by the Office of the Governor, that a reduction is necessary or advisable based upon actual or projected budgetary considerations. Contractor will be notified in writing of the failure of appropriation or of a reduction or decrease.

F.2. PAYMENT TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

2.1. LATE PAYMENT: Payments, including late payment charges, will be paid in accordance with the State Prompt Payment Act and rules when applicable. 30 ILCS 540; 74 ILL. ADM. CODE 900. This shall be Vendor's sole remedy for late payments by the State. Payment terms contained in Vendor's invoices shall have no force or effect.

2.2. MINORITY CONTRACTOR INITIATIVE: Any Vendor awarded a contract of \$1,000 or more under Section 20-10, 20-15, 20-25 or 20-30 of the Illinois Procurement Code (30 ILCS 500) is required to pay a fee of \$15. The Comptroller shall deduct the fee from the first check issued to the Vendor under this contract and deposit the fee in the Comptroller's Administrative Fund. 15 ILCS 405/23.9.

2.3. EXPENSES: The State will not pay for supplies provided or services rendered, including related expenses, incurred prior to the execution of this contract by the Parties even if the effective date of this contract is prior to execution.

2.4. PREVAILING WAGE: As a condition of receiving payment Vendor must (i) be in compliance with this contract, (ii) pay its employees prevailing wages when required by law, (iii) pay its suppliers and subcontractors according to the terms of their respective contracts, and (iv) provide lien waivers to the State upon request. Examples of prevailing wage categories include public works, printing, janitorial, window washing, building and grounds services, site technician services, natural resource services, security guard and food services. The prevailing wages are revised by the Illinois Department of Labor (DOL) and are available on DOL's official website, which shall be deemed proper notification of any rate changes under this subsection. Vendor is responsible for contacting DOL at 217-782-6206 or (<http://www.state.il.us/agency/idol/index.htm>) to ensure understanding of prevailing wage requirements.

2.5. FEDERAL FUNDING: This contract may be partially or totally funded with Federal funds. If Federal funds are expected to be used, then the percentage of the goods/services paid using Federal funds and the total Federal funds expected to be used will be provided to the awarded Vendor in the notice of intent to award.

2.6. INVOICING: By submitting an invoice, Vendor certifies that the supplies or services provided meet all requirements of this contract, and the amount billed and expenses incurred are as allowed in this contract. Invoices for supplies purchased, services performed and expenses incurred through June 30 of any year must be submitted to the State no later than July 31 of that year; otherwise Vendor may be required to seek payment through the Illinois Court of Claims. 30 ILCS 105/25. All invoices are subject to statutory offset. 30 ILCS 210.

- 2.6.1. Vendor shall not bill for any taxes unless accompanied by proof that the State is subject to the tax. If necessary, Vendor may request the applicable Agency's/University's Illinois tax exemption number and Federal tax exemption information.
- 2.6.2. Vendor shall invoice at the completion of this contract unless invoicing is tied in this contract to milestones, deliverables, or other invoicing requirements agreed to therein.

Send invoices to:

Agency/University:	Illinois Finance Authority
Attn:	Accounts Payable Division
Address:	160 N. LaSalle Street, Suite C-800
City, State Zip	Chicago, Illinois 60601

- F.3. ASSIGNMENT:** This contract may not be assigned or transferred in whole or in part by Vendor without the prior written consent of the State.
- F.4. SUBCONTRACTING:** For purposes of this section, subcontractors are those specifically hired to perform all or part of the work covered by this contract. Vendor must receive prior written approval before use of any subcontractors in the performance of this contract. Vendor shall describe, in an attachment if not already provided, the names and addresses of all authorized subcontractors to be utilized by Vendor in the performance of this contract, together with a description of the work to be performed by the subcontractor and the anticipated amount of money that each subcontractor is expected to receive pursuant to this contract. If required, Vendor shall provide a copy of any subcontracts within fifteen (15) days after execution of this contract. All subcontracts must include the same certifications that Vendor must make as a condition of this contract. Vendor shall include in each subcontract the subcontractor certifications as shown on the Standard Certification form available from the State. If at any time during the term of the Contract, Vendor adds or changes any subcontractors, then Vendor must promptly notify, by written amendment to the Contract, the State Purchasing Officer or the Chief Procurement Officer of the names and addresses and the expected amount of money that each new or replaced subcontractor will receive pursuant to the Contract.
- F.5. AUDIT/RETENTION OF RECORDS:** Vendor and its subcontractors shall maintain books and records relating to the performance of this contract and any subcontract necessary to support amounts charged to the State pursuant this contract or subcontract. Books and records, including information stored in databases or other computer systems, shall be maintained by the Vendor for a period of three (3) years from the later of the date of final payment under this contract or completion of the contract, and by the subcontractor(s) for a period of three (3) years from the later of final payment under the term or completion of the subcontract. If Federal funds are used to pay contract costs, the Vendor and its subcontractors must retain their respective records for five (5) years. Books and records required to be maintained under this section shall be available for review or audit by representatives of: the procuring Agency/University, the Auditor General, the Executive Inspector General, the Chief Procurement Officer, State of Illinois internal auditors or other governmental entities with monitoring authority, upon reasonable notice and during normal business hours. Vendor and its subcontractors shall cooperate fully with any such audit and with any investigation conducted by any of these entities. Failure to maintain books and records required by this section shall establish a presumption in favor of the State for the recovery of any funds paid by the State under this contract or any subcontract for which adequate books and records are not available to support the purported disbursement. The Vendor or subcontractors shall not

impose a charge for audit or examination of the Vendor's or subcontractor's books and records. 30 ILCS 500/20-65.

- F.6. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE:** Time is of the essence with respect to Vendor's performance of this contract. Vendor shall continue to perform its obligations while any dispute concerning this contract is being resolved unless otherwise directed by the State.
- F.7. NO WAIVER OF RIGHTS:** Except as specifically waived in writing, failure by a Party to exercise or enforce a right does not waive that Party's right to exercise or enforce that or other rights in the future.
- F.8. FORCE MAJEURE:** Failure by either Party to perform its duties and obligations will be excused by unforeseeable circumstances beyond its reasonable control and not due to its negligence including acts of nature, acts of terrorism, riots, labor disputes, fire, flood, explosion, and governmental prohibition. The non-declaring Party may cancel this contract without penalty if performance does not resume within thirty (30) days after the declaration.
- F.9. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION:** Each Party to this contract, including its agents and subcontractors, may have or gain access to confidential data or information owned or maintained by the other Party in the course of carrying out its responsibilities under this contract. Vendor shall presume all information received from the State or to which it gains access pursuant to this contract is confidential. Vendor information, unless clearly marked as confidential and exempt from disclosure under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, shall be considered public. No confidential data collected, maintained, or used in the course of performance of this contract shall be disseminated except as authorized by law and with the written consent of the disclosing Party, either during the period of this contract or thereafter. The receiving Party must return any and all data collected, maintained, created or used in the course of the performance of this contract, in whatever form it is maintained, promptly at the end of this contract, or earlier at the request of the disclosing Party, or notify the disclosing Party in writing of its destruction. The foregoing obligations shall not apply to confidential data or information lawfully in the receiving Party's possession prior to its acquisition from the disclosing Party that were received in good faith from a third-party not subject to any confidentiality obligation to the disclosing Party; that is now or later becomes publicly known through no breach of confidentiality obligation by the receiving Party; or that is independently developed by the receiving Party without the use or benefit of the disclosing Party's confidential information.
- F.10. USE AND OWNERSHIP:** All work performed or supplies created by Vendor under this contract, whether written documents or data, goods or deliverables of any kind, shall be deemed work-for-hire under copyright law and all intellectual property and other laws, and the State of Illinois is granted sole and exclusive ownership to all such work, unless otherwise agreed in writing. Vendor hereby assigns to the State all right, title, and interest in and to such work including any related intellectual property rights, and waives any and all claims that Vendor may have to such work including any so-called "moral rights" in connection with the work. Vendor acknowledges the State may use the work product for any purpose. Confidential data or information contained in such work shall be subject to the confidentiality provisions of this contract.
- F.11. INDEMNIFICATION AND LIABILITY:** The Vendor shall indemnify and hold harmless the State of Illinois, its agencies, officers, employees, agents and volunteers from any and all costs, demands, expenses, losses, claims, damages, liabilities, settlements, and judgments, including in-house and contracted attorneys' fees and expenses, arising out of: (a) any breach or violation by Vendor of any of its certifications, representations, warranties, covenants or agreements; (b) any actual or alleged death or injury to any person, damage to any real or personal property, or any other damage or loss claimed to result in whole or in part from Vendor's negligent performance; (c) any act, activity or omission of Vendor or any of its employees, representatives, subcontractors or agents; or (d) any actual or alleged claim that the services or goods provided under this contract infringe, misappropriate, or otherwise violate any intellectual property (patent, copyright, trade secret, or trademark) rights of a third party. Neither Party shall be liable for incidental, special, consequential, or punitive damages.

- F.12. INSURANCE:** Vendor shall, at all times during the term of this contract and any renewals or extensions, maintain and provide a Certificate of Insurance naming the State as an additional insured for all required bonds and insurance. Certificates may not be modified or canceled until at least thirty (30) days' notice has been provided to the State. Vendor shall provide: (a) General Commercial Liability insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000 per occurrence (Combined Single Limit Bodily Injury and Property Damage) and \$2,000,000 Annual Aggregate; (b) Auto Liability, including Hired Auto and Non-owned Auto (Combined Single Limit Bodily Injury and Property Damage), in the amount of \$1,000,000 per occurrence; and (c) Worker's Compensation insurance in the amount required by law. Insurance shall not limit Vendor's obligation to indemnify, defend, or settle any claims.
- F.13. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR:** Vendor shall act as an independent contractor and not an agent or employee of, or joint venturer with the State. All payments by the State shall be made on that basis.
- F.14. SOLICITATION AND EMPLOYMENT:** Vendor shall not employ any person employed by the State during the term of this contract to perform any work under this contract. Vendor shall give notice immediately to the Agency's director or University's president if Vendor solicits or intends to solicit State employees to perform any work under this contract.
- F.15. COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAW:** The Vendor, its employees, agents, and subcontractors shall comply with all applicable Federal, State, and local laws, rules, ordinances, regulations, orders, Federal circulars and all license and permit requirements in the performance of this contract. Vendor shall be in compliance with applicable tax requirements and shall be current in payment of such taxes. Vendor shall obtain at its own expense, all licenses and permissions necessary for the performance of this contract.
- F.16. BACKGROUND CHECK:** Whenever the State deems it reasonably necessary for security reasons, the State may conduct, at its expense, criminal and driver history background checks of Vendor's and subcontractor's officers, employees or agents. Vendor or subcontractor shall immediately reassign any individual who, in the opinion of the State, does not pass the background checks.
- F.17. APPLICABLE LAW:**
- 17.1. PREVAILING LAW:** This contract shall be construed in accordance with and is subject to the laws and rules of the State of Illinois.
- 17.2. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY:** The Department of Human Rights' Equal Opportunity requirements are incorporated by reference. 44 ILL. ADM. CODE 750.
- 17.3. COURT OF CLAIMS; ARBITRATION; SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY:** Any claim against the State arising out of this contract must be filed exclusively with the Illinois Court of Claims. 705 ILCS 505/1. The State shall not enter into binding arbitration to resolve any dispute arising out of this contract. The State of Illinois does not waive sovereign immunity by entering into this contract.
- 17.4. OFFICIAL TEXT:** The official text of the statutes cited herein is incorporated by reference. An unofficial version can be viewed at (www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/ilcs.asp).
- F.18. ANTI-TRUST ASSIGNMENT:** If Vendor does not pursue any claim or cause of action it has arising under Federal or State antitrust laws relating to the subject matter of this contract, then upon request of the Illinois Attorney General, Vendor shall assign to the State all of Vendor's rights, title and interest in and to the claim or cause of action.
- F.19. CONTRACTUAL AUTHORITY:** The Agency/University that signs this contract on behalf of the State of Illinois shall be the only State entity responsible for performance and payment under this contract. When the Chief Procurement Officer or authorized designee or State Purchasing Officer signs in addition to an Agency/University, he/she does so as approving officer and shall have no liability to Vendor. When the Chief Procurement Officer or authorized designee or State Purchasing Officer signs a master contract on behalf of

State agencies, only the Agency/University that places an order or orders with the Vendor shall have any liability to the Vendor for that order or orders.

- F.20. NOTICES:** Notices and other communications provided for herein shall be given in writing via electronic mail whenever possible. If transmission via electronic mail is not possible, then notices and other communications shall be given in writing via registered or certified mail with return receipt requested, via receipted hand delivery, via courier (UPS, Federal Express or other similar and reliable carrier), or via facsimile showing the date and time of successful receipt. Notices shall be sent to the individuals who signed this contract using the contact information following the signatures. Each such notice shall be deemed to have been provided at the time it is actually received. By giving notice, either Party may change its contact information.
- F.21. MODIFICATIONS AND SURVIVAL:** Amendments, modifications, and waivers must be in writing and signed by authorized representatives of the Parties. Any provision of this contract officially declared void, unenforceable, or against public policy, shall be ignored and the remaining provisions shall be interpreted, to the extent possible, to give effect to the Parties' intent. All provisions that by their nature would be expected to survive, shall survive termination. In the event of a conflict between the State's and the Vendor's terms, conditions and attachments, the State's terms, conditions, and attachments shall prevail.
- F.22. PERFORMANCE RECORD/SUSPENSION:** Upon request of the State, Vendor shall meet to discuss performance or provide contract performance updates to help ensure proper performance of this contract. The State may consider Vendor's performance under this contract and compliance with law and rule to determine whether to continue this contract, whether to suspend Vendor from doing future business with the State for a specified period of time, or whether Vendor can be considered responsible on specific future contract opportunities.
- F.23. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT:** This contract and all related public records maintained by, provided to, or required to be provided to the State are subject to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act notwithstanding any provision to the contrary that may be found in this contract. 5 ILCS 140.
- F.24. SCHEDULE OF WORK:** Any work performed on State premises shall be performed during the hours designated by the State and performed in a manner that does not interfere with the State and its personnel.
- F.25. WARRANTIES FOR SUPPLIES AND SERVICES**
- 25.1.** Vendor warrants that the supplies furnished under this contract will: (a) conform to the standards, specifications, drawings, samples or descriptions furnished by the State or furnished by the Vendor and agreed to by the State, including but not limited to all specifications attached as exhibits hereto; (b) be merchantable, of good quality and workmanship, and free from defects for a period of twelve months or longer if so specified in writing, and fit and sufficient for the intended use; (c) comply with all Federal and State laws, regulations, and ordinances pertaining to the manufacturing, packing, labeling, sale, and delivery of the supplies; (d) be of good title and be free and clear of all liens and encumbrances and; (e) not infringe any patent, copyright or other intellectual property rights of any third party. Vendor agrees to reimburse the State for any losses, costs, damages or expenses, including without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses arising from failure of the supplies to meet such warranties.
- 25.2.** Vendor shall ensure that all manufacturers' warranties are transferred to the State and shall provide to the State copies of such warranties. These warranties shall be in addition to all other warranties, express, implied, or statutory, and shall survive the State's payment, acceptance, inspection, or failure to inspect the supplies.
- 25.3.** Vendor warrants that all services will be performed to meet the requirements of this contract in an efficient and effective manner by trained and competent personnel. Vendor shall monitor the performance of each individual and shall immediately reassign any individual who does not perform in

accordance with this contract, who is disruptive or not respectful of others in the workplace, or who in any way violates the contract or State policies.

F.26. REPORTING, STATUS AND MONITORING SPECIFICATIONS:

26.1. Vendor shall immediately notify the State of any event that may have a material impact on Vendor's ability to perform this contract.

26.2. By August 31 of each year, Vendor shall report to the Agency or University the number of qualified veterans and certain ex-offenders hired during Vendor's last completed fiscal year. For the purposes of this section, qualified veteran is defined in 30 ILCS 500/45-67 and ex-offender is defined in 30 ILCS 500/45-70.

F.27. EMPLOYMENT TAX CREDIT: Vendors who hire qualified veterans and certain ex-offenders may be eligible for tax credits. 35 ILCS 5/216, 5/217. Please contact the Illinois Department of Revenue (telephone #: 217-524-4772) for information about tax credits.

STATE OF ILLINOIS
EXCEPTIONS TO SOLICITATION AND CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS

G. [Click here to enter text.](#) agrees with the terms and conditions set forth in the State of Illinois Request for Proposal (Reference Number: IPB#22035753), including the standard terms and conditions, Agency/University supplemental provisions, certifications, and disclosures, with the following exceptions:

	Excluding certifications required by statute to be made by the Offeror, both Parties agree that all of the duties and obligations that the Offeror owes to Agency/University for the work performed shall be pursuant to the solicitation, resulting contract, and Offeror’s exceptions accepted by the State thereto as set forth below.
	STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS
Section/ Subsection #	State the exception such as “add,” “replace,” and/or “delete.”
	ADDITIONAL OFFEROR PROVISIONS
New Provision(s), # et. seq.	Section/Subsection New Number, Title of New Subsection: State the new additional term or condition.

By: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Signed: _____

Position: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Date: [Click here to enter text.](#)

STATE OF ILLINOIS
STATE SUPPLEMENTAL PROVISIONS

H.1. State Supplemental Provisions:

Agency/University Definitions

[Click here to enter text.](#)

Required Federal Clauses, Certifications and Assurances

[Click here to enter text.](#)

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) Requirements

[Click here to enter text.](#)

Public Works Requirements (construction and maintenance of a public work) 820 ILCS 130/4.

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Prevailing Wage (janitorial cleaning, window cleaning, building and grounds, site technician, natural resources, food services, security services, and printing, if valued at more than \$200 per month or \$2,000 per year) 30 ILCS 500/25-60.

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Agency/University Specific Terms and Conditions

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Other (describe)

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STATE OF ILLINOIS

SUBCONTRACTOR DISCLOSURE

I.1. Will subcontractors be utilized? Yes No

A subcontractor is a person or entity that enters into a contractual agreement with a total value of \$50,000 or more with a person or entity who has a contract subject to the Illinois Procurement Code pursuant to which the person or entity provides some or all of the goods, services, real property, remuneration, or other monetary forms of consideration that are the subject of the primary State contract, including subleases from a lessee of a State contract.

All contracts with subcontractors must include Standard Certifications completed and signed by the subcontractor.

I.2. The maximum percentage of the goods or services that are the subject of this Offer and the resulting contract that may be subcontracted is 0%.

I.3. Please identify below subcontracts with an annual value of \$50,000 or more that will be utilized in the performance of the contract, the names and addresses of the subcontractors, and a description of the work to be performed by each.

- Subcontractor Name: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Anticipated/Estimated Amount to Be Paid: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Address: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Description of Work: [Click here to enter text.](#)

- Subcontractor Name: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Anticipated/Estimated Amount to Be Paid: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Address: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Description of Work: [Click here to enter text.](#)

If additional space is necessary to provide subcontractor information, please attach an additional page.

I.4. For the subcontractors identified above, the Offeror must provide each subcontractor's Financial Disclosures and Conflicts of Interest to the State.

I.5. If the subcontractor is registered in the Illinois Procurement Gateway (IPG) and the Offeror is using the subcontractor's Standard Certifications or Financial Disclosures and Conflicts of Interest from the IPG, then the Offeror must also provide a completed Forms B for the subcontractor.

STATE OF ILLINOIS REFERENCES

Provide references from established firms or government agencies (3) other than the procuring agency/university that can attest to Offeror's experience and ability to perform the contract that is the subject of this solicitation. **PLEASE ALSO COMPLETE APPENDICES IV(a) thru (c) FOR THIS REQUIREMENT.**

J.1. Firm/Government Agency/University (name): [Click here to enter text.](#)

Contact Person (name, email address, address, and phone): [Click here to enter text.](#)

Date of Supplies/Services Provided: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Type of Supplies/Services Provided: [Click here to enter text.](#)

J.2. Firm/Government Agency/University (name): [Click here to enter text.](#)

Contact Person (name, email address, address, and phone): [Click here to enter text.](#)

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Offeror Name: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Return Mailing Address: [Click here to enter text.](#)