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INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

FOR

MARYLAND JUDICIARY SHREDDING SERVICES

Project K21-0058-60

ISSUED: May 04, 2021

Sole point of contact for this solicitation is the Procurement Officer. Bidders are specifically directed NOT to contact any other Judiciary personnel or its contracted consultants for meetings, conferences, or discussions that are specifically related to this IFB at any time prior to any award and execution of a contract. Unauthorized contact with any Judiciary personnel or the Judiciary's contracted consultants may be cause for rejection of the Bidders bid.

Minority Business Enterprises and Veteran-owned Businesses are encouraged to respond to this Invitation for Bids.

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Deadline for Questions: May 14, 2021, 2:00 P.M.

Closing Date and Time: May 20, 2021, 4:30 P.M.

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SECTION 1 - GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1 PURPOSE

The Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), on behalf of the District Court of Maryland, issues this Invitation for Bids (IFB) to solicit bids from prospective Bidders to provide secure on-site and off-site document shredding services on an as-needed basis. Services shall be provided throughout the entire State of Maryland, which includes all 23 Counties and the City of Baltimore.

1.2 PROCUREMENT OFFICER – POINT OF CONTACT (POC) INFORMATION

The sole point of contact in the Judiciary for purposes of this IFB prior to the award of any Contract is the Procurement Officer identified below:

Karen Hoang
187 Harry S. Truman Parkway
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410.260.1582
karen.hoang @mdcourts.gov

The Maryland Judiciary may change the Procurement Officer at any time by written notice.

1.3 PROCUREMENT METHOD

The Contract resulting from this IFB will be awarded in accordance with the competitive sealed bids process.

1.4 CLOSING DATE

An unbound original must be received by the Procurement Officer **no later than 4:30 p.m. (local time)** on **May 20, 2021**, in order to be considered. Bids shall be marked **IFB No. K21-0058-60; Maryland Judiciary Shredding Services**, on the outside of the envelope. An electronic version of the must be enclosed with the original bid. Electronic versions are to be labeled with the date, IFB title, IFB number, and bidder's name, and packaged with the original copy of the appropriate bid.

Requests for extensions of this date or time will not be granted. Bidders mailing bids should allow sufficient mail and internal delivery time to ensure timely receipt by the Procurement Officer.

Bids may not be submitted by e-mail or facsimile.

1.5 ABBREVIATIONS AND DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this IFB, the following abbreviations or terms have the meanings indicated below:

- a. AOC- Administrative Office of the Courts.
- b. Contract- The Contract attached to this IFB as Attachment A.
- c. Contractor- The awarded Bidder.
- d. Local Time- Time in the Eastern Time Zone.

- e. MBE – Minority Business Enterprise (African American, Native American, Asian Pacific, Subcontinent Asians, and Women-owned Businesses currently so certified by the Maryland State Department of Transportation), and Veteran-owned Small Businesses.
- f. Bidder- An entity that submits a bid in response to this IFB.
- g. Procurement Officer- The Judiciary representative responsible for this IFB, for the determination of contract scope issues, and the only Judiciary representative who can authorize changes to the contract.
- h. IFB- Invitation for Bids for **K21-0058-60** dated **May 04, 2021** including any and all amendments.
- i. AOC Contract Manager– The Judiciary representative that serves as the technical manager for the resulting contract. The AOC Contract Manager monitors the daily activities of the contract and provides technical guidance to the Contractor.
- j. Judiciary business hours – 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday – Friday (excluding State holidays and any other days closed by order of the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals.)
- k. VSBE- Veteran-owned Small Business Enterprise means any legal entity that meets the requirements set by the United States Small Business Administration, that is organized to engage in commercial transactions, and is at least 51 percent owned and controlled by one or more individuals who are Veterans, and who manage the operations of the business.

1.6 QUESTIONS

- 1.6.1 The Procurement Officer shall accept written questions from prospective Bidders. Please submit all questions to the Procurement Officer by e-mail (See section 1.2).
- 1.6.2 Based on the availability of time to research, the Procurement Officer shall communicate a timely answer during the pre-bid conference. Answers to all substantive questions that are not clearly specific only to the requestor will be posted on the Judiciary’s procurement website and eMaryland Marketplace Advantage.
- 1.6.3 All questions are due to the Procurement Officer no later than **May 14, 2021** by 2:00pm local time.

1.7 AOC CONTRACT MANAGER

Raymond Mack

The Maryland Judiciary may change the AOC Contract Manager at any time by written notice to the Contractor.

1.8 CONTRACT TYPE

The Contract resulting from this solicitation will be a firm fixed price contract.

1.9 TERM OF CONTRACT

The Contract resulting from this IFB shall begin upon its execution and extend for a base period of three (3) years. The Judiciary shall have the sole right to exercise up to two (2) one-year renewal options at its discretion.

1.10 BID OPENING

The Procurement Officer shall hold all bids and modifications in a secure place until the due date, after which time the bids, will be opened in the presence of at least one other Judiciary employee.

1.11 DURATION OF BID OFFER

Bids shall be valid and irrevocable for 180 days following the closing date for this IFB. This period may be extended by written agreement between a Bidder and the Procurement Officer.

1.12 REVISIONS TO THE IFB

If it becomes necessary to revise this IFB before the due date, amendments will be posted on the Judiciary's procurement website and eMaryland Marketplace Advantage.

Acknowledgment of the receipt of all amendments issued to this IFB must be stated in the transmittal letter accompanying the bid submission. Failure to acknowledge receipt of amendments does not relieve the bidder from complying with all terms of any such amendment.

1.13 CANCELLATION OF THE IFB; REJECTION OF ALL BIDS

The Procurement Officer may cancel this IFB, in whole or in part, whenever this action is determined to be in the Maryland Judiciary's best interest.

1.14 BID ACCEPTANCE

The State reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids, in whole or in part, received in response to this IFB, or to waive or permit cure of minor irregularities. Bidders whose bids are not accepted will be notified in writing.

1.15 MULTIPLE OR ALTERNATIVE BIDS

Neither multiple nor alternative bids will be accepted.

1.16 INCURRED EXPENSES

The Judiciary will not be responsible for any costs incurred by a Bidder in preparing and submitting a bid in response to this IFB.

1.17 PROTESTS

Any protest or dispute related respectively to this solicitation or the resulting Contract shall be subject to the provisions of the Judiciary's Procurement Policy.

1.18 PUBLIC ACCESS TO JUDICIAL RECORDS

A Bidder shall give specific attention to the clear identification of those portions of its proposal that it considers confidential, proprietary commercial information or trade secrets, and provide justification why such materials, upon request, should not be disclosed by the Judiciary under should not be disclosed by the Judiciary under Title 16, Chapter 900 of the Maryland Rules.

Bidders are advised that, upon request for this information from a third party, the Procurement Officer is required to make an independent determination whether the information can be disclosed. Information which is claimed to be confidential is to be placed after the Title Page and before the Table of Contents in the Technical proposal and if applicable in the Financial proposal.

1.19 MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISES

Minority Business Enterprises and Veteran-owned Small Business Enterprises are encouraged to respond to this solicitation notice. It is the goal of the Maryland Judiciary that certified MBEs and VSBEs participate.

There are no MBE or VSBE goals established for this solicitation.

1.20 COMPLIANCE WITH LAW; ARREARAGES

By submitting a bid in response to this IFB, the Bidder, if selected for award, agrees that it will comply with all Federal, State, and local laws applicable to its activities and obligations under the contract. By submitting a bid in response to this IFB, the Bidder shall be deemed to represent that it is not in arrears in the payment of any obligation due and owing the State of Maryland, including the payment of taxes and employee benefits, and, that it shall not become so in arrears during the term of the contract if selected for contract award.

1.21 BID/PROPOSAL AFFIDAVIT

A completed Bid/Proposal Affidavit must accompany any bid. A copy of this affidavit is included as Attachment B of this IFB.

1.22 MANDATORY CONTRACTUAL TERMS

By submitting a bid in response to this IFB, a Bidder, **if selected for award**, shall be deemed to have agreed to and accepted all contract terms and conditions set forth in the state's Standard Contract Agreement included as Attachment C of this IFB. A bid that takes exception to these terms may be rejected.

1.23 CONTRACT AFFIDAVIT

All Bidders are advised that if a Contract is awarded as a result of this solicitation, the successful Bidder will be required to complete a Contract Affidavit. A copy of this Affidavit is included for informational purposes as Attachment C of this IFB. This Affidavit must be provided within five business days of notification of proposed Contract award.

1.24 VERIFICATION OF REGISTRATION AND TAX PAYMENT

Before a corporation can do business in the State of Maryland it must be registered with the Department of Assessments and Taxation, State Office Building, Room 803, 301 West Preston Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201. It is strongly recommended that any potential Bidder complete registration prior to the due date for receipt of bids. A Bidder's failure to complete registration with the Department of Assessments and Taxation may disqualify an otherwise successful Bidder from final consideration and recommendation for contract award.

1.25 BIDDER RESPONSIBILITIES

The State will enter into contractual agreement only with the selected Bidder. The selected Bidder shall be responsible for all products and services required by this IFB. All subcontractors must be identified and a complete description of their role relative to the bid must be included in the Bidder's response. If a Bidder that seeks to perform or provide the services required by this IFB is subsidiary of another entity, all information submitted by the Bidder, such as but not limited to, references and financial reports, shall pertain exclusively to the Bidder unless the parent organization will guarantee the

performance of the subsidiary. If applicable, the bidder's response must contain an explicit statement that the parent organization will guarantee the performance of the subsidiary.

1.26 PAYMENTS BY ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER

By submitting a response to this solicitation, the Bidder agrees to accept payments by electronic funds transfer unless the State Comptroller's Office grants an exemption. The selected Bidder shall register using the COT/GAD X-10 Vendor Electronic Funds (EFT) Registration Request Form. Any request for exemption must be submitted to the State Comptroller's Office for approval at the address specified on the COT/GAD X-10 form and must include the business identification information as stated on the form and include the reason for the exemption. The COT/GAC X-10 form can be downloaded at: <http://compnet.comp.state.md.us/gad/pdf/GADX-10.pdf>

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SECTION 2 - SCOPE OF SERVICES

2.1 GENERAL

The Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), on behalf of the District Court of Maryland, issues this Invitation for Bids (IFB) to solicit bids from prospective Bidders to provide Secure On-Site and Off-Site document shredding services on an as-needed basis. Services shall be provided throughout the entire State of Maryland which includes all 23 Counties and the City of Baltimore.

Contractor must have the ability and resources to provide confidential shredding services in any District Court Courthouse or facility statewide. There are District Court facilities in every county of the State as well as multiple locations in the City of Baltimore. <https://www.mdcourts.gov/courtsdirectory>

2.2 BIDDER MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

To be considered responsive, the Bidder must document in its Bid that it satisfies the following Minimum Qualification(s):

2.2.1 The Bidder shall have no less than three (3) years' experience in providing similar services, in similarly sized geographical areas, as described in these specifications. As proof of meeting this requirement.

2.2.2 The bidder shall provide with its bid three (3) references from the past five years able to attest to the bidder's experience in providing similar services.

2.2.3 The Bidder shall have a current National Association for Information Destruction (NAID) certification. A copy of the current certificate must be submitted with the bid.

2.3 CONTRACTOR REQUIREMENTS

2.3.1 Contractor shall provide all required labor, equipment and materials to shred and remove sensitive District Court paper records from various locations throughout the State of Maryland. This shall include locked consoles where paper shall remain locked until the shredding process. All materials to be shredded shall originate from District Court offices and employees.

2.3.2 Contractor shall provide commercial trucks and shredding equipment in order to provide service in the least time possible.

2.3.3 Contractor shall provide both on-site and off-site confidential service on an as-needed basis. Certificates/documentation of destruction must be provided for each job.

2.3.4 Contractor shall accept documents (to be shredded) stored in file boxes, any containers or locking storage bins,

2.3.5 Contractor shall provide a certificate of destruction after the documents have been completely shredded and destroyed each time shredding services are performed.

2.3.6 Contractor must accept requests for service by email and telephone.

- The types of paper to be shredded shall include, but not limited to:
 1. Copier paper
 2. Computer paper

3. Fax paper
 4. Ledger paper
 5. Card stock
 6. Regular envelopes
 7. Copier paper (ream) wrappers
 8. Adding machine tape
 9. Post-it Notes
 10. Telephone books
 11. Various manuals
 12. Magazines
 13. Catalogs
 14. Sales literature
- (Paper may include paper clips or staples in them)

2.3.7 There may be other State Agencies in some District Court Multi-Service Centers and it is the responsibility of the Contractor to ensure they are providing services under this Contract only to the District Court. District Court will not be responsible for payment for shredding services performed for outside firms or other State of Maryland Agencies.

2.3.8 On-Site Containers: Contractor shall provide large paper storage containers, approximately 96-gallon size, with locking option upon request. The Contractor must pick up and remove their containers within five (5) business days of notification by the District Court.

2.3.9 Response Time: Contractor shall provide service no later than five (5) business days after notification by the District Court.

2.3.10 Frequency of Service: There are no set regular schedules for services. Contractor shall provide service on an as-needed basis as requested by the District Court of Maryland.

2.3.11 Amount of Shredding: Estimates are not available.

2.3.12 Service Areas: Shredding services are needed in all areas of the State. Respondent shall list, in their response, the geographical areas/counties their firm services.

2.3.13 Certificate of Destruction is required for every shredding job and shall be forwarded to the designated District Court contact person.

2.3.14 Billing: Contractor may bill monthly. The District Court will issue one Blanket Purchase Order (“BPO”) for each fiscal year which runs from July 1 to June 30. Contractor must accept and bill against the BPO. The District Court will not provide individual purchase orders for each job.

2.3.15 Policy on Pandemic Flu and Other Infectious Diseases Protocol: All Contractors shall be required to follow all current Judiciary protocols reference pandemic flu or other infectious diseases. This could include, completing/passing an initial screening questionnaire, noncontact temperature taking, the wearing of personal protective equipment (i.e. face mask) and when appropriate practice social distancing. Failure to comply to any of the Judiciary’s protocol could result in being denied entry into Judiciary workspace.

2.4 DAMAGE TO STATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY

2.4.1 The Contractor, their employees, subcontractors and agents shall be held directly responsible to

repair, replace or restore to its original condition, to the satisfaction of the Maryland Judiciary, furniture, office machines, flooring, carpeting, curbs, roadway surfaces, wheel stops, shrubbery, trees, buildings, bollards, gates, light pole, sign poles or any other State-owned property which is damaged by the actions of the above-mentioned representatives.

2.4.2 The Contractor, their employees, subcontractors and agents shall be held directly responsible for any damage caused by their action or inaction to privately-owned property and shall hold the State harmless for such damages.

2.5 CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITIES

2.5.1 The Contractor, and all contractor and subcontractor personnel assigned to the Contract (contractor personnel), shall comply with all applicable Judiciary policies and procedures, as provided by the District Court Contract Manager for the duration of the contract.

2.6 DISTRICT COURT ACCESS AND BACKGROUND CHECKS

A. Site visits to any District Court location by contractor personnel must be coordinated by Judiciary staff with the designated site personnel in advance of any visit.

B. Any contractor personnel working at District Court locations, or on District Court systems or projects, or who have access to Judiciary or State criminal data or systems, must be approved in writing by the Administrative Judge of the District prior to beginning work.

C. All contractor personnel working at District Court locations, or on Judiciary systems or projects, or who have access to Judiciary or State criminal data or systems, must have a District Court approved criminal background check prior to beginning work with the Judiciary, and may be subject to rejection as a result of the background check.

D. All contractor personnel assigned to work at District Court locations shall be required to obtain a Judiciary security identification badge prior to beginning work, and annually thereafter. The contractor is responsible for any fees that may be incurred for initial issuance of the badge and for any replacement.

E. Background Checks - Background checks are required for each person that will enter the courthouse. District Court will perform all background checks.

F. Contractor shall furnish to the District Court a minimum of ten (10) days prior to commencement of work a completed Authorization for Access to Records form for each person entering the Courthouse for this project.

G. The contractor personnel must notify the Director of District Court Engineering and Central Services Department, within one (1) business day, if any personnel have been arrested, indicted, served with a criminal summons, named in a peace or protective order, or named as a defendant in any civil case. The contractor personnel are also required to provide regular updated information regarding the status of any of these actions.

H. The Director of District Court Engineering and Central Services Department in conjunction with the Procurement Officer, may impose restrictive conditions in response to prior criminal convictions, pending criminal charges, or a violation of Judiciary procedures, including removal from the contract, and/or restricted access to Judiciary locations or systems.

I. In the event of a security incident or suspected security incident, the contractor personnel shall immediately notify the Judiciary personnel as follows: Director of District Court Engineering and Central Services Department.

J. The contractor personnel shall cooperate fully in all security incident investigations.

K. During the course of the contract, if necessary, for the delivery of goods and services, the Contractor may be provided a Judiciary asset in the form of a cell phone, laptop, or other electronic device. Any and all Judiciary devices are the property of the Judiciary and must be returned in working, acceptable condition at the contract's conclusion. If said devices are not in working acceptable conditions, Contractor may be responsible for the cost of said device(s). Any and all devices must be regularly updated as specified by the manufacturer and JIS and must adhere to all confidentiality guidelines as provided by JIS, the AOC, and the JIS Project Manager.

L. If the District Court determines that there is cause for the Contractor's work to be suspended, the Contractor shall take the following steps: a. Immediately cease to represent itself as providing services to the District Court; and b. Deliver to the District Court: (a) a report describing the current state of the Deliverables provided by the Contractor under this Agreement and any applicable Statements of Work outstanding as of the date of termination; (b) all District Court Confidential information in its possession, or at District Court's option, destroy all such District Court Confidential information; and (c) all work product to the District Court within

2.7 INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

2.7.1 The Contractor shall at all times during the term of the Contract maintain in full force and effect, the policies of insurance required by this Section. The Contractor, if requested by AOC, shall provide certified copies of any and all of the policies of insurance to AOC. By submitting a bid in response to this solicitation, the Bidder warrants that it is able to provide evidence of insurance required by this section.

2.7.2 Evidence that the required insurance coverage has been obtained may be provided by Certificates of Insurance duly issued and certified by the insurance company or companies furnishing such insurance. Such evidence of insurance must be delivered to the AOC Office of Procurement before the actual implementation of the Contract.

2.7.3 All insurance policies shall be endorsed to provide that the insurance carrier will be responsible for providing immediate and positive notice to the AOC in the event of cancellation or restriction of the insurance policy by either the insurance carrier or the Contractor, at least 60 days prior to any such cancellation or restriction. All insurance policies shall name as an additional insured the Administrative Office of the Courts and the Maryland Judiciary.

2.7.4 The limits required below may be satisfied by either individual policies or a combination of individual policies and an umbrella policy. The requiring of any and all insurance as set forth in this IFB, or elsewhere, shall be in addition to and not in any way in substitution for all the other protection provided under the Contract.

No acceptance and/or approval of any insurance by AOC, or the Manager of Procurement, shall be construed as relieving or excusing the Contractor from any liability or obligation imposed upon it by the provisions of the Contract.

- A. The Contractor shall maintain Worker's Compensation insurance as required by the laws of the State of Maryland and including Employer's Liability coverage with a minimum limit of \$500,000-each accident; \$500,000 disease-each employee; and \$500,000 disease-policy limit.
- B. Occurrence forms of comprehensive general liability insurance covering the full scope of this agreement with limits not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 aggregate for personal or bodily injuries and \$1,000,000 per occurrence and aggregate for property damage. A combined single limit per occurrence of \$2,000,000 is acceptable. All policies issued shall include permission for partial or total occupancy of the premises by or for the Administrative Office of the Courts within the scope of this Contract. Such insurance shall include but shall not be limited to, the following:
- C. Comprehensive general liability insurance including a comprehensive broad form endorsement and covering: a) all premises-operations, b) completed operations, c) independent Contractors, d) liability assumed by oral or written contract or agreement, including this contract, e) additional interests of employees, f) notice of occurrence, g) knowledge of occurrence by specified official, h) unintentional errors and omissions, i) incidental (contingent) medical malpractice, j) extended definition of bodily injury, k) personal injury coverage (hazards A and B) with no exclusions for liability assumed contractually or injury sustained by employees of Contractor, l) broad form coverage for damage to property of the Administrative Office of the Courts, as well as other third parties resulting from completion of the Contractor's services.
- D. Comprehensive business automobile liability insurance covering use of any motor vehicle to be used in conjunction with this contract, including hired automobiles and non-owned automobiles.
- E. Comprehensive Automobile Liability:

Limit of Liability - \$1,000,000 Bodily Injury
 \$1,000,000 Property Damage

In addition to owned automobiles, the coverage shall include hired automobiles and non-owned automobiles with the same limits of liability.

- 2.7.5 The insurance required under sub-paragraphs (A), (B), (C) and (D) above shall provide adequate protection for the Contractor against claims which may arise from the Contract, whether such claims arise from operations performed by the Contractor or by anyone directly or indirectly employed by him, and also against any special hazards which may be encountered in the performance of the Contract. In addition, all policies required must not exclude coverage for equipment while rented to other.
- 2.7.6 Any of the work under the Contract is subcontracted, the Contractor shall require subcontractors, or anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them to procure and maintain the same coverage's in the same amounts specified above.

SECTION 3 – BID FORMAT/BASIS FOR AWARD

3.1 BID FORMAT

3.1.1 The Bidder must submit a transmittal letter on the bidder's stationery. The sole purpose of the transmittal letter is to transmit the bid. It should be brief and signed by an individual who is authorized to commit the bidder to the services stated in this IFB. Submit the transmittal letter with the following documents to the Issuing Office prior to the submission deadline:

- Completed Bid/Proposal Affidavit (Attachment B)
- Bid Proposal Price Sheet (Attachment D) signed by authorized personnel.

3.1.2 The Bidder shall outline how the Bidder can fulfill the Judiciary requirements in a manner that best meets the Judiciary's needs.

Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope that clearly indicates it contains a bid.

3.1.3 References. At least three (3) references are requested from customers who are capable of documenting the Bidder's ability to provide the goods and services specified in this IFB. Each reference shall be from a client for whom the Bidder has provided goods and services within the past five (5) years and shall include the following information:

- 1) Name of client organization;
- 2) Name, title, telephone number, and e-mail address, if available, of point of contact for client organization; and
- 3) Value, type, duration, and description of goods and services provided.

The AOC reserves the right to request additional references or utilize references not provided by the Bidder.

3.2 BASIS FOR AWARD

Upon determination of the most favorable bid, review of the bid for responsiveness, and satisfaction that the bidder is responsible, the Procurement Officer shall, after obtaining all required approvals, award the Contract to that bidder.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A Standard Contract
Attachment B Bid/Proposal Affidavit
Attachment C Contract Affidavit
Attachment D Bid Proposal Price Sheet

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ATTACHMENT A – STANDARD CONTRACT AGREEMENT

**MARYLAND ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS
STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

(Enter Project Name)

Contract number: KXX-XXXX-XX

This Contract is made this _____ day of _____ YEAR, by and between the Administrative Office of the Courts (the “AOC”) in the State of Maryland and **(Company Name)**, **(Company Address)** (the “Contractor”) with Federal Taxpayer Identification Number **XX-XXXXXXX**.

In consideration of the mutual covenants and promises herein contained and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the AOC and the Contractor agree as follows:

1. Scope of Contract

1.1 The Contractor shall provide **(Add language to fit the procurement)** (hereinafter “Goods” or “Services”), and other deliverables in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Contract and the following Exhibits, which are attached to this Contract and incorporated as part of this Contract:

Exhibit A: Contract Affidavit

Exhibit B: Invitation for Bids dated **(Enter IFB Date)** and all amendments and exhibits thereto (collectively referred to as the “IFB”)

Exhibit C: Contractor’s Bid dated **(Enter Contractors Bid Date)** (collectively referred to as “the Bid”)

Exhibit D: Non-Disclosure Agreement

1.2 If there are any inconsistencies between the Contract and any of the Exhibits, the terms of this Contract shall prevail. If there are any inconsistencies between Exhibit B and Exhibit C, Exhibit B shall prevail.

1.3 No other order, statement, or conduct of the Procurement Officer or of any other person shall be treated as a change or entitle the Contractor to an equitable adjustment under this section. Any modification to this Contract must first be approved in writing by the Procurement Officer, subject to any additional approvals required by State law and the Maryland Judiciary’s Procurement Policy and procedures.

1.4 Except as otherwise provided in this Contract, if any order causes an increase or decrease in the Contractor’s cost of, or the time required for, the performance of any part of the work, an equitable adjustment in the Contract price shall be made and the Contract modified in writing accordingly. The Contractor must assert in writing its right to an adjustment under this section

within thirty (30) days of receipt of a written change order and include a written statement setting forth the nature and cost of such claim. No claim by the Contractor shall be allowed if asserted after final payment under this Contract.

- 1.5 Failure to agree to an adjustment under this section shall be a dispute under the Disputes clause. Nothing in this section shall excuse the Contractor from proceeding with the Contract as changed.

2. Term of the Contract

The Contract resulting from this IFB shall begin upon execution and continue until delivery and acceptance of all items. All prices for rates and terms as offered on the Bid Sheet are binding on the Contractor for the term of the Contract.

Audit, confidentiality, document retention, and indemnification obligations under this Contract shall survive the expiration or termination of the Contract.

3. Consideration and Payment

- 3.1 In consideration of the satisfactory performance of the Services, the AOC shall pay the Contractor in accordance with the terms of this Contract and at the rate specified on the Bid Sheet. Except with the express written consent of the Procurement Officer, total payments to the Contractor pursuant to the original form of this Contract may not exceed \$..... (the "NTE Amount").
- 3.2 All invoices shall be submitted within thirty (30) calendar days after the completion and acceptance by the AOC for each deliverable and include the following information: name and address of the AOC; vendor name; remittance address; federal taxpayer identification or (if owned by an individual) his/her social security number; invoice period; invoice date; invoice number; amount due; and the deliverable ID number for the deliverable being invoiced. Additional information may be required in the future. Invoices submitted without the required information will not be processed for payment until the Contractor provides the requested information.
- 3.3 Payments to the Contractor for each deliverable should be made no later than thirty (30) days after the acceptance of the deliverable and receipt of a proper invoice from the Contractor. Charges for late payment of invoices are prohibited.
- 3.4 In addition to any other available remedies, if, in the opinion of the Procurement Officer, the Contractor fails to perform in a satisfactory and timely manner, the Procurement Officer may refuse or limit approval of any invoice for payment and may cause payments to the Contractor to be reduced or withheld until such time as the Contractor meets performance standards as established by the Procurement Officer in accordance with this Contract. Final payment shall not be construed as a waiver or termination of any rights and remedies available to AOC for any failure of Contractor to perform the Contract in a satisfactory and timely manner.

4. Warranties

The Contractor hereby represents and warrants that:

- 4.1 It is qualified to do business in the State of Maryland and that it will take such action as may be necessary to remain so qualified;
- 4.2 It shall comply with all federal, State and local laws applicable to its activities and obligations under this Contract;
- 4.3 It shall obtain, at its expense, all licenses, permits, insurance, and governmental approvals, if any, necessary to the performance of its obligations under this Contract; and
- 4.4 It is responsible for all acts and omissions of its agents, employees, and subcontractors, including, but not limited to violations of the Non-Disclosure Agreement.

5. Patents and Copyrights, if applicable

- 5.1 If the Contractor furnishes any design, device, material, process, code, or other item that is covered by a patent or copyright or which is proprietary to or a trade secret of another, the Contractor shall obtain the necessary permission or license for the AOC's use of such item or items.
- 5.2 The Contractor shall defend or settle, at its own expense, any claim or suit against the State, AOC, or their employees acting within the scope of employment, alleging that any such item furnished by the Contractor infringes any patent, trademark, copyright, or trade secret. The Contractor also shall pay all damages and costs that by final judgment might be assessed against the State, AOC, or their employees acting within the scope of employment, due to such infringement and all attorney fees and costs incurred by the State to defend against such a claim or suit.
- 5.3 If any products furnished by the Contractor become, or in the Contractor's opinion are likely to become the subject of a claim of infringement, the Contractor shall, at its option and expense: (a) procure for the AOC the right to continue using the applicable item; (b) replace the product with a non-infringing product substantially complying with the item's specifications, or; (c) modify the item so that it becomes non-infringing and performs in a substantially similar manner to the original item.
- 5.4 If the Contractor obtains or uses for purposes of this Contract any design, device, material, process, code, supplies, equipment, text, instructional material, services or other work, the Contractor shall indemnify the AOC, its officers, agents, and employees with respect to any claim, action, cost, or judgment for patent, trademark, or copyright infringement, arising out of the possession or use of any design, device, material, process, supplies, equipment, text, instructional material, services or other work covered by any Contract awarded.

6. Non-hiring of Employees

No employee of the Maryland Judiciary or any unit hereof whose duties as such employee include matters relating to or affecting the subject matter of this Contract shall become or be an employee of the Contractor, as provided under MD Code, General Provisions § 5-501, *et seq.*

7. Non-employment of Contractor's Employees

Nothing in this contract shall be construed to create an employment relationship between the AOC and any employee of either the Contractor or the Contractor's subcontractors.

8. Disputes

Any claim regarding the proper interpretation of this Contract shall be submitted, in writing, to the Procurement Officer, together with a statement of grounds supporting the Contractor's interpretation. Pending resolution of a claim by the Procurement Officer, the Contractor shall proceed diligently with the performance of the Contract in accordance with the Procurement Officer's decision. An adverse decision to the Contractor may be appealed by the Contractor to the AOC within fifteen (15) days of the Procurement Officer's decision for adjudication pursuant to the Maryland Judiciary's Procurement Policy.

9. Maryland Law

The place of performance of this Contract shall be the State of Maryland. This Contract shall be performed, construed, interpreted, and enforced according to the laws of the State of Maryland, including MD Code, State Government § 12-204. No action relating to this contract shall be brought in any forum other than Maryland, whether or not the AOC is a party to such an action.

10. Non-discrimination in Employment

Contractor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, sex, age, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, genetic information, or an individual's refusal to submit to a genetic test or make available the results of a genetic test or on the basis of disability, or other unlawful forms of discrimination in the solicitation, selection, hiring, or commercial treatment of employees, subcontractors, vendors, suppliers, or commercial customers, nor shall the Contractor retaliate against any person for reporting instances of such discrimination.

The Contractor shall provide equal opportunity for subcontractors, vendors, and suppliers to participate in all of its public sector and private sector subcontracting and supply opportunities, provided that nothing contained in this clause shall prohibit or limit otherwise lawful efforts to remedy the effects of marketplace discrimination that have occurred or are occurring in the marketplace.

The Contractor understands and agrees that a material violation of this clause shall be considered a material breach of this Contract and may result in termination of this Contract, disqualification of the Contractor from participating in AOC contracts, or other sanctions. This clause is not enforceable by or for the benefit of, and creates no obligation to, any third party. As a condition of entering into this Contract, the Contractor represents and warrants that every subcontract it has entered into or will enter into for the performance of any of the work under this Contract shall include a clause identical to the non-discrimination language above.

11. Contingent Fee Prohibition

The Contractor warrants that it has not employed or retained any person, partnership, corporation, or other entity, other than a bona fide employee, bona fide agent, bona fide salesperson, or commercial selling agency working for the Contractor to solicit or secure this Contract, and that it has not paid or agreed to pay any person, partnership, corporation, or other entity, other than a bona fide employee, bona fide salesperson, or commercial selling agency, any fee or other consideration contingent on the making of this Contract.

12. Non-availability of Funding

If the Maryland General Assembly fails to appropriate funds or if funds are not otherwise made available for continued performance for any fiscal year of this Contract succeeding the first fiscal year, this Contract shall be canceled automatically as of the beginning of the fiscal year for which funds were not appropriated or otherwise made available; provided, however, that this will not affect either the AOC's rights or the Contractor's rights under any termination clause in this Contract. The effect of termination of the Contract hereunder will be to discharge both the Contractor and the AOC from future performance of the Contract, but not from their rights and obligations existing at the time of termination. The Contractor shall be reimbursed for the reasonable value of any non-recurring costs incurred but not amortized in the price of the Contract. The AOC shall notify the Contractor as soon as it has knowledge that funds may not be available for the continuation of this Contract for each succeeding fiscal period beyond the first.

13. Termination for Cause

If Contractor fails to fulfill its obligations under this Contract properly and on time, or otherwise violates any provision of the Contract, the AOC may terminate the Contract by written notice to the Contractor. The notice shall specify the acts or omissions relied upon as cause for termination. All finished or unfinished work provided by the Contractor shall, at the AOC's option, become the AOC's property. The AOC shall pay the Contractor fair and equitable compensation for satisfactory performance prior to receipt of notice of termination, less the amount of damages caused by the Contractor's breach. If the damages are more than the compensation payable to the Contractor, the Contractor will remain liable after termination, and the AOC can affirmatively collect damages.

14. Termination for Convenience

The performance of work under this Contract may be terminated by the AOC in accordance with this clause in whole or, from time to time, in part whenever the AOC determines that such termination is in the AOC's best interest. The AOC will pay all reasonable costs associated with this Contract that the Contractor has incurred up to the date of termination, and all reasonable costs associated with termination of the Contract; however, the Contractor shall not be reimbursed for any anticipatory profits that have not been earned up to the date of termination.

15. Delays and Extensions of Time

The Contractor agrees to perform this Contract continuously and diligently. No charges or claims for damages shall be made by the Contractor for any delays or hindrances, regardless of cause, in the performance of services under this Contract. Time extensions may be granted only for excusable delays that arise from unforeseeable causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Contractor, including but not restricted to acts of God, acts of the public enemy, acts of the State in either its sovereign or contractual capacity, acts of another Contractor in the performance of an AOC contract, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, strikes, freight embargoes, or the delay of a subcontractor or supplier arising from unforeseeable causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of either the Contractor or the subcontractor or supplier.

16. Suspension of Work

The AOC may direct the Contractor in writing to suspend, delay, or interrupt all or any part of its performance for such period of time as the Procurement Officer may determine to be appropriate for the AOC's convenience.

17. Pre-existing Law

The applicable statutes and regulations of the State of Maryland are hereby incorporated in this Contract.

18. Financial Disclosure

The Contractor shall comply with the provisions of MD Code, State Finance and Procurement § 13-221.

19. Political Contribution Disclosure

The Contractor shall comply with Title 14 of the Election Law of Maryland.

20. Right to Audit

- 20.1 The Contractor shall establish a reasonable accounting system, shall retain and maintain all records and supporting documents and materials relating to this Contract for five (5) years after final payment by the AOC hereunder and shall make them available for inspection and audit by authorized representatives of the State of Maryland and/or the AOC, including the Procurement Officer or the Procurement Officer's designee, at all reasonable times. The Contractor shall cooperate fully with any audits or investigations conducted by the State of Maryland and/or the AOC.
- 20.2 The AOC reserves the right, at its sole discretion at any time, to perform an audit of the Contractor's performance under this Contract. Auditing is defined as an independent objective assurance and consulting activity performed by qualified personnel including, but not limited to, the AOC's Internal Audit Department, to determine by investigation, examination, or evaluation of objective evidence from data, statements, records, operations, and performance practices (financial or otherwise), the Contractor's compliance with the Contract, including but not limited to adequacy and compliance with established procedures and internal controls over the Contract services being performed for the AOC.
- 20.3 Upon three (3) business days' notice, the Contractor shall provide the AOC reasonable access to their respective records to verify compliance with the terms of the Contract. The AOC may conduct these audits with any or all of its own internal resources or by securing the services of a third party accounting or audit firm, solely at the AOC's election. The AOC may copy, at its own expense, any record related to the services performed and provided under this Contract.
- 20.4 The right to audit shall include the Contractor's subcontractors including, but not limited to, any lower tier subcontractor(s) that provide essential support to the Contract services. The Contractor and/or subcontractor(s) shall ensure the AOC has the right to audit such subcontractor(s).

21. Liability for Loss of Data

In the event of loss of any data or records, which such loss is due to the error, negligence, or intentional act or omission of the Contractor, whether or not related to the performance of this contract, the Contractor shall be responsible, irrespective of cost to the Contractor, for recreating all such lost data or records in a manner, format, and time-frame acceptable to the AOC.

22. Subcontracting and Assignment

The Contractor may subcontract any portion of the services provided under this Contract by obtaining the Procurement Officer's prior written approval. The Contractor may assign this Contract, or any of its rights or obligations hereunder, only with the Procurement Officer's prior written approval. Any such subcontract or assignment shall be subject to any terms and conditions that the Procurement Officer deems necessary to protect the interest of the State of Maryland. The AOC shall not be responsible for the fulfillment of the Contractor's obligations to subcontractors.

23. Novation and Assignment

If the Contractor sells its interests in the Contract to another business entity (hereinafter "assignee"), the original Contractor must notify the AOC of the assignment within five (5) business days. The Contractor's assignee and the AOC must sign a novation agreeing to continue with the original terms of the Contract. The assignee must accept all liability on behalf of the Contractor and submit the necessary documentation (i.e. Certificate of Insurance) with identical insurance coverage to the Contractor to the Procurement Officer within five (5) business days of notifying the AOC of the assignment.

24. Overtime

Contractors shall be paid according to the IFB. If overtime pay is not provided for in the IFB, then the Contractor shall not be provided compensation for overtime unless otherwise agreed to in advance, in writing, by the Procurement Officer.

25. Indemnification

- 25.1. The Contractor shall hold harmless and indemnify the AOC from and against any and all losses, damages, claims, suits, actions, liabilities, and/or expenses, including, without limitation, attorneys' fees and costs and disbursements of any character that arise from, are in connection with or are attributable to the performance or nonperformance of the Contractor or its subcontractors under this contract.
- 25.2 The AOC has no obligation to provide legal counsel or defense to the Contractor or its subcontractors in the event that a suit, claim or action of any character is brought by any person not party to this Contract against the Contractor or its subcontractors as a result of or relating to the Contractor's obligations under this Contract.
- 25.3 The AOC has no obligation for the payment of any judgments or the settlement of any claims against the Contractor or its subcontractors as a result of or relating to the Contractor's obligations under this Contract.
- 25.4 The Contractor shall immediately notify the Procurement Officer of any claim, suit or action made or filed against the Contractor or its subcontractors regarding any matter resulting from or relating to the Contractor's obligations under the Contract, and shall cooperate, assist and consult with the AOC in the defense or investigation of any such claim, suit, or action.

26. Limitation of Liability

Without prejudice to the AOC's right to pursue non-monetary remedies, Contractor shall be liable as follows:

- 26.1 For infringement of patents, trademarks, trade secrets, and copyrights, as provided in § 5 of this Contract;
- 26.2 For damages arising out of death or bodily injury or property damage, no limitation; and;
- 26.3 For all other claims, damages, loss, costs, expenses, suits or actions in any way related to this Contract, regardless of the form of such actions, the Contractor's liability shall not exceed five (5) times the NTE amount. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Contractor's liability for third-party claims shall be unlimited.
- 26.4 For damages arising out of a cyber breach, defined as a breach resulting in actual or potential harm to the AOC's network, hardware, software, or other information systems.

27. Public Access to Judicial Records

The AOC provides public access to records in accordance with Title 16, Chapter 900 of the Maryland Rules. If a request is made to review any records pertaining to this contract, the Contractor may be contacted by the AOC, as circumstances allow, to express its views on the availability of requested information. The final decision on release of any information rests with the AOC.

28. Conflict of Interest

- 28.1 "Conflict of interest" means that because of other activities or relationships with other persons, a person is unable or potentially unable to render impartial assistance or advice to the State or the AOC, or the person's objectivity in performing the contract work is or might be otherwise impaired, or a person has an unfair competitive advantage. "Conflict of interest" includes pending litigation in the Maryland courts.
- 28.2 "Person" includes a contractor, consultant, or subcontractor or sub consultant at any tier, and also includes an employee or agent of any of them if the employee or agent has or will have the authority to control or supervise all or a portion of the work for which a bid or offer is made.
- 28.3 The Contractor warrants that, except as disclosed in Section 28.4 below, there are no relevant facts or circumstances now giving rise or which could, in the future, give rise to a conflict of interest.
- 28.4 The following facts or circumstances give rise or could in the future give rise to a conflict of interest (Contractor: explain details-attach additional sheets if necessary);
if none, so state:

- 28.5 The Contractor agrees that if an actual or potential conflict of interest arises after the Contract commences, the Contractor shall immediately make a full disclosure in writing to the Procurement Officer of all relevant facts and circumstances. This disclosure shall include a description of actions which the Contractor has taken and proposes to take to avoid, mitigate, or neutralize the actual or potential conflict of interest. If the Contract has been awarded and performance of the Contract has begun, the Contractor shall continue performance until notified

by the Procurement Officer of any contrary action to be taken. The existence of a conflict of interest is cause for termination of the Contract as well as disciplinary action against an employee for whom a conflict exists.

29. Ownership and Rights in Data

- 29.1 In addition to the requirements stated in the IFB, the Contractor agrees to furnish the AOC with copies of the following: computations, computer files, data, model(s), transmittal letters, response letters, training materials, and all other documents or correspondence pertinent to the operation of **[insert type of Goods or Services]**.
- 29.2 The AOC shall be the owner of all materials developed under this Contract and shall be entitled to use, transfer, disclose, and copy them in any manner, without restriction and without compensation to the Contractor. Without the AOC's prior written consent, Contractor may neither use, execute, reproduce, display, perform, distribute (internally or externally), retain copies of, or prepare derivative works based on, these Materials nor authorize others to perform those acts.
- 29.3 The Contractor agrees that, at all times during the terms of this Contract and thereafter, all materials developed under this Contract, shall be "works for hire" as that term is interpreted under U.S. copyright law. To the extent that any of these materials are not works for hire for the AOC, the Contractor hereby relinquishes, transfers, and assigns to the AOC all of its rights, title, and interest (including all intellectual property rights) in such materials, and shall cooperate with the AOC in effectuating and registering any necessary assignments.
- 29.4 The AOC shall retain full ownership over any materials that the AOC provides to the Contractor under this Contract.

30. Notices

All notices required to be given by one party to the other hereunder shall be in writing and shall be addressed as follows:

AOC: (Name of Procurement Officer)
Administrative Office of the Courts
187 Harry S. Truman Parkway
Annapolis, MD 21401

Contractor: (Name of Authorized Official or Point of Contact)
(Title)
(Company Name and Address)

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SIGNATURES:

Contractor:
(Company Name)

Signature
Title
Authorized Representative

Date: _____

Printed Name
Authorized Representative

For the Administrative Office of the Courts:

Daniel J. Mays, Director
Procurement, Contract and Grant Administration

Date: _____

Approved for form and legal sufficiency this ____ day of _____, 2021

Stephane J. Latour
Managing Legal Counsel

ATTACHMENT B -BID PROPOSAL AFFIDAVIT (Authorized Representative and Affiant)

A. AUTHORITY

I HEREBY AFFIRM THAT:

I, _____ (print name), possess the legal authority to make this Affidavit.

B. CERTIFICATION REGARDING COMMERCIAL NONDISCRIMINATION

The undersigned bidder hereby certifies and agrees that the following information is correct: In preparing its bid on this project, the bidder has considered all proposals submitted from qualified, potential subcontractors and suppliers, and has not engaged in "discrimination" as defined in §19-103 of the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland. "Discrimination" means any disadvantage, difference, distinction, or preference in the solicitation, selection, hiring, or commercial treatment of a vendor, subcontractor, or commercial customer on the basis of race, color, religion, ancestry, or national origin, sex, age, marital status, sexual orientation, or on the basis of disability or any otherwise unlawful use of characteristics regarding the vendor's, supplier's, or commercial customer's employees or owners. "Discrimination" also includes retaliating against any person or other entity for reporting any incident of "discrimination". Without limiting any other provision of the solicitation on this project, it is understood that, if the certification is false, such false certification constitutes grounds for the State to reject the bid submitted by the bidder on this project, and terminate any contract awarded based on the bid. As part of its bid or proposal, the bidder herewith submits a list of all instances within the past 4 years where there has been a final adjudicated determination in a legal or administrative proceeding in the State of Maryland that the bidder discriminated against subcontractors, vendors, suppliers, or commercial customers, and a description of the status or resolution of that determination, including any remedial action taken. Bidder agrees to comply in all respects with the State's Commercial Nondiscrimination Policy as described under Title 19 of the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

B-1. CERTIFICATION REGARDING MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISES

The undersigned bidder hereby certifies and agrees that it has fully complied with the State Minority Business Enterprise Law, State Finance and Procurement Article, §14-308(a)(2), Annotated Code of Maryland, which provides that, except as otherwise provided by law, a contractor may not identify a certified minority business enterprise in a bid or proposal and:

- (1) Fail to request, receive, or otherwise obtain authorization from the certified minority business enterprise to identify the certified minority proposal;
- (2) Fail to notify the certified minority business enterprise before execution of the contract of its inclusion in the bid or proposal;
- (3) Fail to use the certified minority business enterprise in the performance of the contract; or
- (4) Pay the certified minority business enterprise solely for the use of its name in the bid or proposal.

Without limiting any other provision of the solicitation on this project, it is understood that if the certification is false, such false certification constitutes grounds for the State to reject the bid submitted by the bidder on this project, and terminate any contract awarded based on the bid.

C. AFFIRMATION REGARDING BRIBERY CONVICTIONS

I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

Neither I, nor to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, the above business (as is defined in Section 16-101(b) of the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland), or any of its officers, directors, partners, controlling stockholders, or any of its employees directly involved in the business's contracting activities including obtaining or performing contracts with public bodies has been convicted of, or has had probation before judgment imposed pursuant to Criminal Procedure Article, §6-220, Annotated Code of Maryland, or has pleaded nolo contendere to a charge of, bribery, attempted bribery, or conspiracy to bribe in violation of Maryland law, or of the law of any other state or federal law, except as follows (indicate the reasons why the affirmation cannot be given and list any conviction, plea, or imposition of probation before judgment with the date, court, official or administrative body, the sentence or disposition, the name(s) of person(s) involved, and their current positions and responsibilities with the business): **if none, so state:**

D. AFFIRMATION REGARDING OTHER CONVICTIONS

I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

Neither I, nor to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, the above business, or any of its officers, directors, partners, controlling stockholders, or any of its employees directly involved in the business's contracting activities including obtaining or performing contracts with public bodies, has:

(1) Been convicted under state or federal statute of:

(a) A criminal offense incident to obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public or private contract; or

(b) Fraud, embezzlement, theft, forgery, falsification or destruction of records or receiving stolen property;

(2) Been convicted of any criminal violation of a state or federal antitrust statute;

(3) Been convicted under the provisions of Title 18 of the United States Code for violation of the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization Act, 18 U.S.C. §1961 et seq., or the Mail Fraud Act, 18 U.S.C. §1341 et seq., for acts in connection with the submission of bids or proposals for a public or private contract;

(4) Been convicted of a violation of the State Minority Business Enterprise Law, §14-308 of the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland;

(5) Been convicted of a violation of §11-205.1 of the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland;

(6) Been convicted of conspiracy to commit any act or omission that would constitute grounds for conviction or liability under any law or statute described in subsections (1)—(5) above;

(7) Been found civilly liable under a state or federal antitrust statute for acts or omissions in connection with the submission of bids or proposals for a public or private contract;

(8) Been found in a final adjudicated decision to have violated the Commercial Nondiscrimination Policy under Title 19 of the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland with regard to a public or private contract; or

(9) Admitted in writing or under oath, during the course of an official investigation or other proceedings, acts or omissions that would constitute grounds for conviction or liability under any law or statute described in §§B and C and subsections D(1)—(8) above, except as follows (indicate reasons why the affirmations cannot be given, and list any conviction, plea, or imposition of probation before judgment with the date, court, official or administrative body, the sentence or disposition, the name(s) of the person(s) involved and their current positions and responsibilities with the business, and the status of any debarment): **if none, so state:**

E. AFFIRMATION REGARDING DEBARMENT

I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

Neither I, nor to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, the above business, or any of its officers, directors, partners, controlling stockholders, or any of its employees directly involved in the business's contracting activities, including obtaining or performing contracts with public bodies, has ever been suspended or debarred (including being issued a limited denial of participation) by any public entity, except as follows (list each debarment or suspension providing the dates of the suspension or debarment, the name of the public entity and the status of the proceedings, the name(s) of the person(s) involved and their current positions and responsibilities with the business, the grounds of the debarment or suspension, and the details of each person's involvement in any activity that formed the grounds of the debarment or suspension):**if none, so state:**

F. AFFIRMATION REGARDING DEBARMENT OF RELATED ENTITIES

I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

(1) The business was not established and it does not operate in a manner designed to evade the application of or defeat the purpose of debarment pursuant to Sections 16-101, et seq., of the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland; and

(2) The business is not a successor, assignee, subsidiary, or affiliate of a suspended or debarred business, except as follows (you must indicate the reasons why the affirmations cannot be given without qualification): **if none, so state:**

G. SUB-CONTRACT AFFIRMATION

I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

Neither I, nor to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, the above business, has knowingly entered into a contract with a public body under which a person debarred or suspended under Title 16 of the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland will provide, directly or indirectly, supplies, services, architectural services, construction related services, leases of real property, or construction.

H. AFFIRMATION REGARDING COLLUSION

I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

Neither I, nor to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, the above business has:

(1) Agreed, conspired, connived, or colluded to produce a deceptive show of competition in the compilation of the accompanying bid or offer that is being submitted;

(2) In any manner, directly or indirectly, entered into any agreement of any kind to fix the bid price or price proposal of the bidder or offeror or of any competitor, or otherwise taken any action in restraint of free competitive bidding in connection with the contract for which the accompanying bid or offer is submitted.

I. CERTIFICATION OF TAX PAYMENT

I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

Except as validly contested, the business has paid, or has arranged for payment of, all taxes due the State of Maryland and has filed all required returns and reports with the Comptroller of the Treasury, the State Department of Assessments and Taxation, and the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, as applicable, and will have paid all withholding taxes due the State of Maryland prior to final settlement.

J. CONTINGENT FEES

I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

The business has not employed or retained any person, partnership, corporation, or other entity, other than a bona fide employee, bona fide agent, bona fide salesperson, or commercial selling agency working for the business, to solicit or secure the Contract, and that the business has not paid or agreed to pay any person, partnership, corporation, or other entity, other than a bona fide employee, bona fide agent, bona fide salesperson, or commercial selling agency, any fee or any other consideration contingent on the making of the Contract.

K. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT this Affidavit is to be furnished to the Procurement Officer and may be distributed to units of: (1) the State of Maryland; (2) counties or other subdivisions of the State of Maryland; (3) other states; and (4) the federal government. I further acknowledge that this Affidavit is subject to applicable laws of the United States and the State of Maryland, both criminal and civil, and that nothing in this Affidavit or any contract resulting from the submission of this bid or proposal shall

be construed to supersede, amend, modify or waive, on behalf of the State of Maryland, or any unit of the State of Maryland having jurisdiction, the exercise of any statutory right or remedy conferred by the Constitution and the laws of Maryland with respect to any misrepresentation made or any violation of the obligations, terms and covenants undertaken by the above business with respect to (1) this Affidavit, (2) the contract, and (3) other Affidavits comprising part of the contract.

I DO SOLEMNLY DECLARE AND AFFIRM UNDER THE PENALTIES OF PERJURY THAT THE CONTENTS OF THIS AFFIDAVIT ARE TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, INFORMATION, AND BELIEF.

Date: _____

By: _____ (print name of Authorized Representative and Affiant)

_____ (signature of Authorized Representative and Affiant)

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****DO NOT SUBMIT WITH BID. FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY****

ATTACHMENT C - CONTRACT AFFIDAVIT



CONTRACT AFFIDAVIT

A. AUTHORITY

I HEREBY AFFIRM THAT:

I, _____ (print name), possess the legal authority to make this Affidavit.

B. CERTIFICATION OF REGISTRATION OR QUALIFICATION WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENTS AND TAXATION

I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT: _____

The business named above is a (check applicable box):

- (1) Corporation — domestic or foreign;
- (2) Limited Liability Company — domestic or foreign;
- (3) Partnership — domestic or foreign;
- (4) Statutory Trust — domestic or foreign;
- (5) Sole Proprietorship.

and is registered or qualified as required under Maryland Law. I further affirm that the above business is in good standing both in Maryland and (IF APPLICABLE) in the jurisdiction where it is presently organized, and has filed all of its annual reports, together with filing fees, with the Maryland State Department of Assessments and Taxation. The name and address of its resident agent (IF APPLICABLE) filed with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation is: **if none, so state**):

Name: _____

Department ID Number: _____

Address: _____

and that if it does business under a trade name, it has filed a certificate with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation that correctly identifies that true name and address of the principal or owner as: **if none, so state**):

Name: _____

Department ID Number: _____

Address: _____

C. POLITICAL CONTRIBUTION DISCLOSURE AFFIRMATION

I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

I am aware of, and the above business will comply with, Election Law Article, §§14-101 — 14-109, Annotated Code of Maryland, which requires that every person that enters into contracts, leases, or other agreements with the State of Maryland, including its agencies or a political subdivision of the State, during a calendar year in which the person receives in the aggregate \$200,000 or more shall file with the State Board of Elections a statement disclosing contributions in excess of \$500 made during the reporting period to a candidate for elective office in any primary or general election.

D. CERTAIN AFFIRMATIONS VALID

I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

To the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, each of the affirmations, certifications, or acknowledgements contained in that certain Bid/Proposal Affidavit dated _____, 20____, and executed by me for the purpose of obtaining the contract to which this Exhibit is attached remains true and correct in all respects as if made as of the date of this Contract Affidavit and as if fully set forth herein.

I DO SOLEMNLY DECLARE AND AFFIRM UNDER THE PENALTIES OF PERJURY THAT THE CONTENTS OF THIS AFFIDAVIT ARE TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, INFORMATION, AND BELIEF.

Date: _____

By: _____

(printed name of Authorized Representative and Affiant)

(signature of Authorized Representative and Affiant)

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MARYLAND JUDICIARY SHREDDING SERVICES

PRICE PROPOSAL FOR IFB # K21-0058-60

Price for Shredding Services shall be complete and include all charges:

Labor Categories	Hourly	Base Year 1	Base Year 2	Base Year 3	Option Year 1	Option Year 2
Cost for ON-SITE Shredding Services	\$					
Labor charges to move boxes/bins from storage area to shredding truck:	\$					
Cost for OFF- SITE Shredding Services	\$					
Labor charges to move boxes/bins from storage area to shredding truck	\$					
Price for rental of large storage lockable container	\$					
Any size of container	\$					
Any other charges (below or on a separate sheet):						

Submitted by Authorized Signature:
Date:
Print Name and Title:
Company Name:
Company Address:
Federal Tax Identification No.
Telephone #

***Contract values are estimates only and do not guarantee any minimum amount. Payment will be based on actual amount of services received.**

*Fully loaded fixed price that includes all direct and indirect costs and profit for the Contractor to perform. Indirect costs shall include all costs that would normally be considered general and administrative costs and/or travel costs, or which in any way are allocated by the Contractor against direct labor hours as a means of calculating profit or recouping costs which cannot be directly attributable to the Contract. There is no provision for additional travel reimbursement.

The following information is required with respondent's bid:

Response shall include the geographical areas/counties which their firm services: (below or on a separate sheet):

Respondent shall explain how prices are calculated. Include any trip charges trip or minimum charges: (below or on a separate sheet):

Do fuel surcharges apply? _____

Does respondent have NAID Certificate? _____

What is the process for placing requests for service?
