

### **Request For Qualifications**

Description: Annual Professional Services List

State of Arizona
State Procurement Office
100 N 15th Ave., Suite 201
Phoenix, AZ 85007

**SOLICITATION NUMBER: ADSPO14-00003465** 

**DESCRIPTION:** The Arizona Department of Administration is requesting from qualified person or firms, engaged in lawful practice of professional services, to submit proposals for the compilation of an annual list of professional services.

**DUE DATE AND TIME:** Offers shall be received until 3:00 p.m. MST, November 26, 2013.

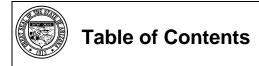
<u>PRE-BID MEETING:</u> There will be a Pre-Proposal meeting on Thursday, November 14, 2013, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. at the State of Arizona Department of Administration, 100 N. 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 300, Phoenix, Arizona 85007.

**SUBMITTALS:** Sealed offers in response to this solicitation shall be submitted within the State's eProcurement system, ProcureAZ (https:/procure.az.gov). The due date and time are indicated in ProcureAZ as the Bid Opening Date. Late submittals will not be considered. Offers received by the due date and time will be electronically opened. Offers submitted outside of ProcureAZ, or those that are received after the due date and time, shall be rejected.

Offerors shall copy and save ProcureAZ attachments to their own computer, save the information entered, and submit the completed information as a new, appropriately renamed Attachment in ProcureAZ. ProcureAZ will not save information entered directly on the attachments.

Additional information regarding submittal instructions is located within this document in the following sections: Special Instructions to Offerors and Uniform Instructions to Offerors.

OFFERORS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO CAREFULLY READ THE ENTIRE SOLICITATION.



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### **Statement of Work**

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- 1. BACKGROUND. ARS § 41-2581 (A) requires, for procurement of professional services if the contract is for professional services by an architect or architect firm and the contract amount is two hundred fifty thousand dollars or less or is for professional services by a person or firm other than an architect and the contract amount is five hundred thousand dollars or less, that persons or firms engaged in the lawful practice of the profession be encouraged to submit annually a statement of qualifications and experience.
- 2. SCOPE. Successful persons or firms shall be available to participate in selection processes, including but not limited to interviews, that complete the required competitive process in ARS § 41-2581 as interpreted by the Customer.
- 3. OBJECTIVE. This solicitation is open to firms performing the following types of services and only to provide those types of services. This solicitation is issued to comply with the statutory requirement in ARS § 41-2581 (A) in the compilation of an annual list (List) of persons or firms engaged in the lawful practice of the following professional services:
  - 3.1. Architect services,
  - 3.2. Assayer services,
  - 3.3. Engineer services,
  - 3.4. Geologist services,
  - 3.5. Landscape architect services, and
  - 3.6. Land surveying services

- **4. LICENSING.** Professionals shall maintain all necessary licensing required by the State of Arizona to provide their professional services in the State of Arizona.
- 5. CHANGES IN KEY PERSONNEL. If an employee, presented to the State in the Submitter's Statement of Qualifications and Experience, leaves the employment of the Submitter while the Submitter resides on the resultant list, the Submitter is required to provide a replacement of that employee with qualifications equal to or in excess of the replaced employee. The Customer reserves the right to determine whether the replacement employee's qualifications meet or exceed the replaced employee's qualifications. The Customer's will not unreasonably withhold its approval.



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### 1. **DEFINITIONS**

As used in these Instructions, the terms listed below are defined as follows:

"Attachment" means any item the Solicitation requires an Offeror to submit as part of the Offer.

"Contract" means the combination of the Solicitation, including the Uniform and Special Instructions to Offerors, the Uniform and Special Terms and Conditions, and the Specifications and Statement or Scope of Work; the Offer and any Best and Final Offers; and any Solicitation Amendments or Contract Amendments.

"Contract Amendment" means a written document signed by the Procurement Officer that is issued for the purpose of making changes in the Contract.

"Contractor" means any person who has a Contract with the State.

"Days" means calendar days unless otherwise specified.

"Exhibit" means any item labeled as an Exhibit in the Solicitation or placed in the Exhibits section of the Solicitation.

"Offer" means bid, proposal or quotation.

"Offeror" means a vendor who responds to a Solicitation.

"Procurement Officer" means the person, or his or her designee, duly authorized by the State to enter into and administer Contracts and make written determinations with respect to the Contract.

"Solicitation" means an Invitation for Bids ("IFB"), a Request for Proposals ("RFP"), or a Request for Quotations ("RFQ").

"Solicitation Amendment" means a written document that is signed by the Procurement Officer and issued for the purpose of making changes to the Solicitation.

"Subcontract" means any Contract, express or implied, between the Contractor and another party or between a subcontractor and another party delegating or assigning, in whole or in part, the making or furnishing of any material or any service required for the performance of the Contract.

"State" means the State of Arizona and Department or Agency of the State that executes the Contract.

### 2. INQUIRIES

- 2.1 <u>Duty to Examine</u>. It is the responsibility of each Offeror to examine the entire Solicitation, seek clarification in writing (inquiries), and examine its' Offer for accuracy before submitting the Offer. Lack of care in preparing an Offer shall not be grounds for modifying or withdrawing the Offer after the Offer due date and time, nor shall it give rise to any Contract claim.
- 2.2 <u>Solicitation Contact Person</u>. Any inquiry related to a Solicitation, including any requests for or inquiries regarding standards referenced in the Solicitation shall be directed solely to the Solicitation contact person. The Offeror shall not contact or direct inquiries concerning this Solicitation to any other State employee unless the Solicitation specifically identifies a person other than the Solicitation contact person as a contact.
- 2.3 <u>Submission of Inquiries.</u> The Procurement Officer or the person identified in the Solicitation as the contact for inquiries except at the Pre-Offer Conference, require that an inquiry be submitted in writing. Any inquiry related to a Solicitation shall refer to the appropriate Solicitation number, page and paragraph. Do not place the Solicitation



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number on the outside of the envelope containing that inquiry, since it may then be identified as an Offer and not be opened until after the Offer due date and time. The State shall consider the relevancy of the inquiry but is not required to respond in writing.

- 2.4 <u>Timeliness</u>. Any inquiry or exception to the solicitation shall be submitted as soon as possible and should be submitted at least seven days before the Offer due date and time for review and determination by the State. Failure to do so may result in the inquiry not being considered for a Solicitation Amendment.
- 2.5 <u>No Right to Rely on Verbal Responses</u>. An offeror shall not rely on verbal responses to inquiries. A verbal reply to an inquiry does not constitute a modification of the solicitation.
- 2.6 Solicitation Amendments. The Solicitation shall only be modified by a Solicitation Amendment.
- 2.7 Pre-Offer Conference. If a pre-Offer conference has been scheduled under this Solicitation, the date, time and location shall appear on the Solicitation cover sheet or elsewhere in the Solicitation. Offerors should raise any questions about the Solicitation or the procurement at that time. An Offeror may not rely on any verbal responses to questions at the conference. Material issues raised at the conference that result in changes to the Solicitation shall be answered solely through a written Solicitation Amendment.
- 2.8 <u>Persons with Disabilities</u>. Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation, such as a sign language interpreter, by contacting the Solicitation contact person. Requests shall be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation.

### 3. OFFER PREPARATION

- 3.1 Forms: No Facsimile, Telegraphic or Electronic Mail Offers. An Offer shall be submitted either on the forms provided in this Solicitation or their substantial equivalent. Any substitute document for the forms provided in this Solicitation must be legible and contain the same information requested on the forms, unless the solicitation indicates otherwise. A facsimile, telegraphic, mailgram or electronic mail Offer shall be rejected if submitted in response to requests for proposals or invitations for bids.
- 3.2 <u>Typed or Ink; Corrections</u>. The Offer shall be typed or in ink. Erasures, interlineations or other modifications in the Offer shall be initialed in ink by the person signing the Offer. Modifications shall not be permitted after Offers have been opened except as otherwise provided under applicable law.
- 3.3 Evidence of Intent to be Bound. The Offer and Acceptance form within the Solicitation shall be submitted with the Offer and shall include a signature (or acknowledgement for electronic submissions, when authorized) by a person authorized to sign the Offer. The signature shall signify the Offeror's intent to be bound by the Offer and the terms of the Solicitation and that the information provided is true, accurate and complete. Failure to submit verifiable evidence of an intent to be bound, such as an original signature, shall result in rejection of the Offer.
- 3.4 Exceptions to Terms and Conditions. All exceptions included with the Offer shall be submitted in a clearly identified separate section of the Offer in which the Offeror clearly identifies the specific paragraphs of the Solicitation where the exceptions occur. Any exceptions not included in such a section shall be without force and effect in any resulting Contract unless such exception is specifically accepted by the Procurement Officer in a written statement. The Offeror's preprinted or standard terms will not be considered by the State as a part of any resulting Contract.
  - 3.4.1 Invitation for Bids. An Offer that takes exception to a material requirement of any part of the Solicitation, including terms and conditions, shall be rejected.



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- 3.4.2 Request for Proposals. All exceptions that are contained in the Offer may negatively affect the State's proposal evaluation based on the evaluation criteria stated in the Solicitation or result in rejection of the Offer. An offer that takes exception to any material requirement of the solicitation may be rejected.
- 3.5 <u>Subcontracts</u>. Offeror shall clearly list any proposed subcontractors and the subcontractor's proposed responsibilities in the Offer.
- 3.6 Cost of Offer Preparation. The State will not reimburse any Offeror the cost of responding to a Solicitation.
- 3.7 <u>Solicitation Amendments</u>. Each Solicitation Amendment shall be signed with an original signature by the person signing the Offer, and shall be submitted no later than the Offer due date and time. Failure to return a signed copy of a Solicitation Amendment may result in rejection of the Offer.
- 3.8 <u>Federal Excise Tax</u>. The State of Arizona is exempt from certain Federal Excise Tax on manufactured goods. Exemption Certificates will be provided by the State.
- 3.9 <u>Provision of Tax Identification Numbers</u>. Offerors are required to provide their Arizona Transaction Privilege Tax Number and/or Federal Tax Identification number in the space provided on the Offer and Acceptance Form.
  - 3.9.1 <u>Employee Identification</u>. Offeror agrees to provide an employee identification number or social security number to the Department for the purposes of reporting to appropriate taxing authorities, monies paid by the Department under this contract. If the federal identifier of the offeror is a social security number, this number is being requested solely for tax reporting purposes and will be shared only with appropriate state and federal officials. This submission is mandatory under 26 U.S.C. § 6041A.
- 3.10 <u>Identification of Taxes in Offer</u>. The State of Arizona is subject to all applicable state and local transaction privilege taxes. All applicable taxes shall be included in the pricing offered in the solicitation. At all times, payment of taxes and the determination of applicable taxes are the sole responsibility of the contractor.
- 3.11 <u>Disclosure</u>. If the firm, business or person submitting this Offer has been debarred, suspended or otherwise lawfully precluded from participating in any public procurement activity, including being disapproved as a subcontractor with any Federal, state or local government, or if any such preclusion from participation from any public procurement activity is currently pending, the Offeror shall fully explain the circumstances relating to the preclusion or proposed preclusion in the Offer. The Offeror shall include a letter with its Offer setting forth the name and address of the governmental unit, the effective date of this suspension or debarment, the duration of the suspension or debarment, and the relevant circumstances relating to the suspension or debarment. If suspension or debarment is currently pending, a detailed description of all relevant circumstances including the details enumerated above shall be provided.
- 3.12 <u>Solicitation Order of Precedence</u>. In the event of a conflict in the provisions of this Solicitation, the following shall prevail in the order set forth below:

Special Terms and Conditions;

Uniform Terms and Conditions:

Statement Work;

Specifications;

Attachments:

Exhibits:

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Special Instructions to Offerors:

Uniform Instructions to Offerors; and

Other documents referenced or included in the Solicitation.



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- 3.13 <u>Delivery</u>. Unless stated otherwise in the Solicitation, all prices shall be F.O.B. Destination and shall include all freight, delivery and unloading at the destination(s).
- 3.14 Federal Immigration and Nationality Act. By signing of the Offer, the Offeror warrants that both it and all proposed subcontractors are in compliance with federal immigration laws and regulations (FINA) relating to the immigration status of their employees. The State may, at its sole discretion require evidence of compliance during the evaluation process. Should the State request evidence of compliance, the Offeror shall have 5 days from receipt of the request to supply adequate information. Failure to comply with this instruction or failure to supply requested information within the timeframe specified shall result in the offer not being considered for contract award.
- 3.15 Offshore Performance of Work Prohibited. Any services that are described in the specifications or scope of work that directly serve the State of Arizona or its clients and involve access to secure or sensitive data or personal client data shall be performed within the defined territories of the United States. Unless specifically stated otherwise in the specifications, this paragraph does not apply to indirect or 'overhead' services, redundant back-up services or services that are incidental to the performance of the contract. This provision applies to work performed by subcontractors at all tiers. Offerors shall declare all anticipated offshore services in the proposal.

### 4 SUBMISSION OF OFFER

- 4.1 <u>ProcureAZ Offer Submission, Due Date and Time.</u> Offerors responding to a solicitation in ProcureAZ must submit their offers electronically through ProcureAZ. Offers shall be received before the due date and time stated in the solicitation. Offers submitted outside of ProcureAZ or those that are received after the due date and time shall be rejected.
- 4.2 Offer Amendment or Withdrawal. An Offer may not be amended or withdrawn after the Offer due date and time except as otherwise provided under applicable law.
- 4.3 <u>Public Record</u>. All Offers submitted and opened are public records and must be retained by the State. Offers shall be open to public inspection after Contract award, except for such Offers deemed to be confidential by the State. If an Offeror believes that information in its Offer should remain confidential, it shall indicate as confidential the specific information and submit a statement with its Offer detailing the reasons that the information should not be disclosed. Such reasons shall include the specific harm or prejudice which may arise. The State shall determine whether the identified information is confidential pursuant to the Arizona Procurement Code.
- 4.4 <u>Non-collusion, Employment, and Services (Certification)</u>. By signing the Offer and Acceptance Form or other official contract form, the Offeror certifies that:
  - 4.4.1 The Offeror did not engage in collusion or other anti-competitive practices in connection with the preparation or submission of its Offer; and
  - 4.4.2 The Offeror does not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment or person to whom it provides services because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, or disability, and that it complies with all applicable Federal, state and local laws and executive orders regarding employment.

### **5 EVALUATION**

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5.1 <u>Unit Price Prevails</u>. In the case of discrepancy between the unit price or rate and the extension of that unit price or rate, the unit price or rate shall govern.



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- 5.2 <u>Taxes</u>. If the products and/or services specified require transaction privilege or use taxes, they shall be described and itemized separately on the offer. Arizona transaction privilege and use taxes shall not be considered for evaluation.
- 5.3 <u>Prompt Payment Discount</u>. Prompt payment discounts of thirty (30) days or more set forth in an Offer shall be deducted from the offer for the purposes of evaluating that price.
- 5.4 Late Offers. An Offer submitted after the exact Offer due date and time shall be rejected.
- 5.5 <u>Disqualification</u>. An Offeror (including each of its' principals) who is currently debarred, suspended or otherwise lawfully prohibited from any public procurement activity shall have its offer rejected.
- 5.6 Offer Acceptance Period. An Offeror submitting an Offer under this Solicitation shall hold its Offer open for the number of days from the Offer due date that is stated in the Solicitation. If the Solicitation does not specifically state a number of days for Offer acceptance, the number of days shall be one hundred-twenty (120). If a Best and Final Offer is requested pursuant to a Request for Proposals, an Offeror shall hold its Offer open for one hundred twenty (120) days from the Best and Final Offer due date.
- 5.7 <u>Waiver and Rejection Rights</u>. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Solicitation, the State reserves the right to:
  - 5.7.1 Waive any minor informality;
  - 5.7.2 Reject any and all Offers or portions thereof; or
  - 5.7.3 Cancel the Solicitation.

#### 6 AWARD

- 6.1 <u>Number or Types of Awards</u>. The State reserves the right to make multiple awards or to award a Contract by individual line items or alternatives, by group of line items or alternatives, or to make an aggregate award, or regional awards, whichever is most advantageous to the State. If the Procurement Officer determines that an aggregate award to one Offeror is not in the State's best interest, "all or none" Offers shall be rejected.
- 6.2 <u>Contract Inception</u>. An Offer does not constitute a Contract nor does it confer any rights on the Offeror to the award of a Contract. A Contract is not created until the Offer is accepted in writing by the Procurement Officer's signature on the Offer and Acceptance Form. A notice of award or of the intent to award shall not constitute acceptance of the Offer.
- 6.3 <u>Effective Date</u>. The effective date of this Contract shall be the date that the Procurement Officer signs the Offer and Acceptance form or other official contract form, unless another date is specifically stated in the Contract.

### 7 PROTESTS

- 7.1 A protest shall comply with and be resolved according to Arizona Revised Statutes Title 41, Chapter 23, Article 9 and rules adopted thereunder. Protests shall be in writing and be filed with both the Procurement Officer of the purchasing agency and with the State Procurement Administrator. A protest of a Solicitation shall be received by the Procurement Officer before the Offer due date. A protest of a proposed award or of an award shall be filed within ten (10) days after the protester knows or should have known the basis of the protest. A protest shall include:
  - 7.1 The name, address and telephone number of the protester;



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- 7.2 The signature of the protester or its representative;
- 7.3 Identification of the purchasing agency and the Solicitation or Contract number;
- 7.4 A detailed statement of the legal and factual grounds of the protest including copies of relevant documents; and
- 7.5 The form of relief requested.

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**8 COMMENTS WELCOME:** The State Procurement Office periodically reviews the Uniform Instructions to Offerors and welcomes any comments you may have. Please submit your comments to: State Procurement Administrator, State Procurement Office, 100 North 15th Avenue, Suite 201, Phoenix, Arizona, 85007



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#### 1. DEFINITIONS

<u>ProcureAZ terms.</u> <u>ProcureAZ</u> (https://procure.az.gov) is the State's online eProcurement system. Although the system was configured for the State's needs, the application is based on a commercial product known as BuySpeed Online, made by Periscope Holdings, Inc. As a result, some of the terms used in the BuySpeed Online application may be semantically different to similar terms used by the State. The following terms are as they appear in BuySpeed Online (and ProcureAZ), along with their corresponding meanings as they apply to the solicitation.

- "Allow Electronic Quote" means an indicator, signifying whether or not offers may be submitted in ProcureAZ.
- "Alternate Id" means a data field, in which may contain additional data in order to link a solicitation to a related project, activity or program.
- "Amendments" means solicitation amendments.
- "Attachments" means the section, as displayed in ProcureAZ, where the solicitation's electronic documents may be attached.
- "Available Date" means a data field, in which may contain the date that the solicitation was published.
- "<u>Bid</u>", depending on its use may mean solicitation or offer. For example, in the terms "Bid Solicitation" and "Bid Number", the term "Bid" means solicitation. In the terms "Bid Opening Date" and "Pre Bid Conference", "Bid" means offer.
- "Bid Method" means the type of solicitation process being conducted.
- "Bid Number" means the solicitation's identification number.
- "Bid Opening Date" means the date and time that offers are due.
- "Bid Solicitation" means solicitation.
- "Bill-to Address" means the department address where invoices occurring under any resulting contract may be billed.
- "Bulletin Description" means a data field, in which may contain additional information regarding the scope of the solicitation.
- "Buyer" means procurement officer.

- "Department" means the customer for whom the solicitation is being done.
- "Description" means the solicitation's title.
- "Fiscal Year" means the State Fiscal Year in which the solicitation was initiated.
- "<u>Header Information</u>" means the section of the solicitation, as displayed in ProcureAZ, containing solicitation information other than the line items.
- "Info Contact" means a data field, in which may contain the contact information of a person to whom inquires are to be directed.



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"Item information" means the section of the solicitation, as displayed in ProcureAZ, containing the solicitation's line items.

"Location" means the specific customer, within the department, for whom the solicitation is being done.

"Organization" means the state agency under whose authority the solicitation is being conducted.

"Pre Bid Conference" means pre-offer conference.

"Print Format" means the format of the solicitation's print output.

"Purchaser" means Statewide Contract Officer for this contract.

"Quote" means offer.

"Required Date" means a data field, in which may contain the date that the materials, services or construction are needed by the state.

"Ship-to Address" means the department address where materials, services or construction purchased under any resulting contract may be billed.

"State Procurement Officer of Record" means the Statewide Contract Officer for this contract.

"Type Code" means the category of customers that may use any resulting contract(s). E.g., Single-Agency, Multi-Agency or Statewide.

1.1 **General Terms.** Terms general to the contract.

"AIA" means the American Institute of Architects.

"B102" means AIA Document B102-2007 with 2008 AZ Modifications.

"B201" means AIA Document B201-2007 with 2008 AZ Modifications.

"B201 Exhibit A" means AIA Document B201Exhibit A-2007 with 2008 AZ Modifications.

"B201 Exhibit B" means B201Exhibit B-2007

"Contractor" means, except in the AIA documents, as defined in the Uniform Instructions to Offerors and the Uniform Terms and Conditions.

"Owner" means the organization as defined in the Job Order.

"Owner Representative" means the person who is designated as the Owner Representative in the Job Order.

"RFQ" means this Request for Qualifications.

"SOQ" means a Statement of Qualifications in response to this Request for Qualifications.

"Subconsultant" means a person or company providing labor and materials in connection with a Detailed Scope of Work, to the Architect, or to a subconsultant of any tier.



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"Subcontractor" means, except in the AIA documents, as defined in the Uniform Instructions to Offerors and the Uniform Terms and Conditions.

"Submitter" means individuals, firms, partnerships or corporations submitting their qualifications relative to performance of the architectural, engineering and construction services described in this RFQ.

"Supplier" means a person or company providing materials, supplies or equipment in connection with a Detailed Scope of Work to the Architect or any Subconsultant.

### **INQUIRIES**

2.1 Questions. Should a prospective Submitter find any ambiguity, inconsistency or error in the Request for Qualifications, or should the prospective Submitter be in doubt as to their meaning, the prospective Submitter shall follow Uniform Instructions to Offerors, Paragraph 2.3.

#### OFFER PREPARATION

- 3.1 General. The State of Arizona is seeking Statements of Qualifications (SOQs) in response to this Request for Qualifications. All SOQs must follow the format described in the solicitation's instructions. Failure to follow the instructions regarding format may result in rejection of the SOQ.
- 3.2 Line Items. To satisfy ProcureAZ functionality, Submitters shall include a price of \$1.00 in Line Item 1. In the absence of pricing, ProcureAZ will mark the SOQ as a No Bid.
- 3.3 Attachments. Offerors shall include a completed "Attachment I General Qualifications Form" and "Attachment II - Qualifications Form" in ProcureAZ as part of their SOQ.
- 3.4 Acknowledgement of Solicitation Amendments. Amendments will be issued solely through ProcureAZ. It is the responsibility of the Submitter to ensure that it has acknowledged all amendments that have been issued. Offerors shall acknowledge all Solicitation Amendments using the ProcureAZ functionality for amendment acknowledgement. SOQs submitted without all Solicitation Amendments acknowledged may be deemed nonresponsive.
  - 3.4.1 The terms "Addenda" and "Amendment" are to be used interchangeably in these documents
- 3.5 Restrictions on Communications. The State recognizes that some prospective Submitters may have working relationships with Selection Committee members or employees of the State regarding projects outside of the subject of this Request for Qualifications. In those cases, Submitters may continue communications with such personnel restricted to those projects only. Prospective Submitters are hereby notified that neither they nor members of their team shall communicate with Selection Committee members or employees of the State concerning the subject of this RFQ in any manner. Failure to abide by this requirement may result in rejection of the Submitter's SOQ.
- 3.6 Solicitation Correspondence. Correspondence will be via email and will be directed to the Bidders' contact person indicated in the ProcureAZ profile for the Submitter.

### SUBMISSION OF OFFER

4.1 Electronic Documents. The Solicitation document is provided in an electronic format. Any unidentified alteration or modification to any Solicitation documents, to any attachments, exhibits, forms, charts or illustrations contained herein shall be null and void. In those instances where modifications are identified, the original document published by the State shall take precedence. As provided in the Solicitation Instructions, Offerors are



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responsible for clearly identifying any and all changes or modifications to any Solicitation documents upon submission to the State.

- 4.2 <u>Acceptable Formats</u>. Offer electronic files shall be submitted in a format acceptable to the State. Acceptable formats include .DOC and .DOCX (Microsoft Word), .XLS and .XLSX (Microsoft Excel), .PPT and .PPTX (Microsoft PowerPoint) and .PDF (Adobe Acrobat). Other file formats may also be acceptable, including .ZIP, .MDB, .MDBX, .MPP, MPPX, .VSD, .JPG, .GIF, and .BMP. Offerors wishing to submit files in these or other formats shall submit an inquiry to the Procurement Officer.
- 4.3 Submission Required in ProcureAZ.

- 4.3.1 SOQs shall be submitted electronically in an acceptable format, as described herein, using the State's online eProcurement application ProcureAZ (<a href="https://procure.az.gov">https://procure.az.gov</a>). Submission of SOQs by means other than the ProcureAZ system will not be accepted. Prospective Submitters with questions in this regard shall contact the Procurement Officer prior to the Solicitation's due date and time.
- 4.3.2 To submit an SOQ, Submitters must register in the ProcureAZ system. Submitters requiring assistance in the registration process or in maneuvering the ProcureAZ system may:
  - 4.3.2.1 View the Quick Reference Guides available at: http://www.spo.az.gov/ProcureAZ/Vendors/default.asp; and/or
  - 4.3.2.2 Contact the Help Desk at 602-542-7600 or procure@azdoa.gov.
- 4.4 Submitters shall download the required forms to their computer, complete the forms and upload as their Statements of Qualifications. SUBMITTERS SHALL NOT PROVIDE ANY PRICING INFORMATION UNLESS FORMALLY INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN NEGOTIATIONS.
- 4.5 SOQs must be submitted electronically in the ProcureAZ system on or prior to the date and time indicated. Late SOQs will not be considered.
- 4.6 <u>Withdrawal of Statements of Qualifications</u>. Submitters may withdraw their SOQs in ProcureAz at any time prior to the due date and time.
- 4.7 Exceptions to Terms. If the Submitter wishes to take exception to any terms or conditions listed in the above-mentioned documents, and if the Submitter is selected to participate in negotiations, the Submitter shall submit exceptions to the Procurement Officer, in a manner consistent with Uniform Instructions to Offerors, Paragraph 3.4, during the negotiations process. The Submitter understands that any exceptions taken to the agreement that are not accepted and/or approved by the State may be a reason for the State to formally terminate negotiations.
- 4.8 <u>Modifications</u>. SOQs, and any modifications, presented after the solicitation due date and time will not be considered.



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1. DEFINITION OF TERMS. As used in this Solicitation and any resulting Contract, the terms listed below are defined as follows:

"Attachment" means any item the Solicitation requires the Offeror to submit as part of the Offer.

<u>"Contract"</u> means the combination of the Solicitation, including the Uniform and Special Instructions to Offerors, the Uniform and Special Terms and Conditions, and the Specifications and Statement or Scope of Work; the Offer and any Best and Final Offers; and any Solicitation Amendments or Contract Amendments.

"Contract Amendment" means a written document signed by the Procurement Officer that is issued for the purpose of making changes in the Contract.

"Contractor" means any person who has a Contract with the State.

"Days" means calendar days unless otherwise specified.

"Exhibit" means any item labeled as an Exhibit in the Solicitation or placed in the Exhibits section of the Solicitation.

"Gratuity" means a payment, loan, subscription, advance, deposit of money, services, or anything of more than nominal value, present or promised, unless consideration of substantially equal or greater value is received.

"Materials" means all property, including equipment, supplies, printing, insurance and leases of property but does not include land, a permanent interest in land or real property or leasing space.

<u>"Procurement Officer"</u> means the person, or his or her designee, duly authorized by the State to enter into and administer Contracts and make written determinations with respect to the Contract.

<u>"Services"</u> means the furnishing of labor, time or effort by a contractor or subcontractor which does not involve the delivery of a specific end product other than required reports and performance, but does not include employment agreements or collective bargaining agreements.

<u>"Subcontract"</u> means any Contract, express or implied, between the Contractor and another party or between a subcontractor and another party delegating or assigning, in whole or in part, the making or furnishing of any material or any service required for the performance of the Contract.

"State" means the State of Arizona and Department or Agency of the State that executes the Contract.

"State Fiscal Year" means the period beginning with July 1 and ending June 30.

### 2. CONTRACT INTERPRETATION

- 2.1 <u>Arizona Law</u>. The Arizona law applies to this Contract including, where applicable, the Uniform Commercial Code as adopted by the State of Arizona and the Arizona Procurement Code, Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) Title 41, Chapter 23, and its implementing rules, Arizona Administrative Code (A.A.C.) Title 2, Chapter 7.
- 2.2 <u>Implied Contract Terms</u>. Each provision of law and any terms required by law to be in this Contract are a part of this Contract as if fully stated in it.
- 2.3 <u>Contract Order of Precedence</u>. In the event of a conflict in the provisions of the Contract, as accepted by the State and as they may be amended, the following shall prevail in the order set forth below:



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- 2.3.1 Special Terms and Conditions;
- 2.3.2 Uniform Terms and Conditions;
- 2.3.3 Statement or Scope of Work;
- 2.3.4 Specifications;
- 2.3.5 Attachments;
- 2.3.6 Exhibits;
- 2.3.7 Documents referenced or included in the Solicitation.
- 2.4 <u>Relationship of Parties</u>. The Contractor under this Contract is an independent Contractor. Neither party to this Contract shall be deemed to be the employee or agent of the other party to the Contract.
- 2.5 <u>Severability</u>. The provisions of this Contract are severable. Any term or condition deemed illegal or invalid shall not affect any other term or condition of the Contract.
- 2.6 <u>No Parole Evidence</u>. This Contract is intended by the parties as a final and complete expression of their agreement. No course of prior dealings between the parties and no usage of the trade shall supplement or explain any terms used in this document and no other understanding either oral or in writing shall be binding.
- 2.7 <u>No Waiver</u>. Either party's failure to insist on strict performance of any term or condition of the Contract shall not be deemed a waiver of that term or condition even if the party accepting or acquiescing in the nonconforming performance knows of the nature of the performance and fails to object to it.

#### 3. CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATION

- 3.1 Records. Under A.R.S. § 35-214 and § 35-215, the Contractor shall retain and shall contractually require each subcontractor to retain all data and other "records" relating to the acquisition and performance of the Contract for a period of five years after the completion of the Contract. All records shall be subject to inspection and audit by the State at reasonable times. Upon request, the Contractor shall produce a legible copy of any or all such records.
- 3.2 Non-Discrimination. The Contractor shall comply with State Executive Order No. 2009-09 and all other applicable Federal and State laws, rules and regulations, including the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- 3.3 <u>Audit</u>. Pursuant to ARS § 35-214, at any time during the term of this Contract and five (5) years thereafter, the Contractor's or any subcontractor's books and records shall be subject to audit by the State and, where applicable, the Federal Government, to the extent that the books and records relate to the performance of the Contract or Subcontract.
- 3.4 <u>Facilities Inspection and Materials Testing</u>. The Contractor agrees to permit access to its facilities, subcontractor facilities and the Contractor's processes or services, at reasonable times for inspection of the facilities or materials covered under this Contract.
  - The State shall also have the right to test, at its own cost, the materials to be supplied under this Contract. Neither inspection of the Contractor's facilities nor materials testing shall constitute final acceptance of the materials or services. If the State determines noncompliance of the materials, the Contractor shall be responsible for the payment of all costs incurred by the State for testing and inspection.
- 3.5 Notices. Notices to the Contractor required by this Contract shall be made by the State to the person indicated on the Offer and Acceptance form submitted by the Contractor unless otherwise stated in the Contract. Notices to the State required by the Contract shall be made by the Contractor to the Solicitation Contact Person indicated on the Solicitation cover sheet, unless otherwise stated in the Contract. An authorized Procurement



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Officer and an authorized Contractor representative may change their respective person to whom notice shall be given by written notice to the other and an amendment to the Contract shall not be necessary.

- 3.6 <u>Advertising, Publishing and Promotion of Contract</u>. The Contractor shall not use, advertise or promote information for commercial benefit concerning this Contract without the prior written approval of the Procurement Officer.
- 3.7 <u>Property of the State</u>. Any materials, including reports, computer programs and other deliverables, created under this Contract are the sole property of the State. The Contractor is not entitled to a patent or copyright on those materials and may not transfer the patent or copyright to anyone else. The Contractor shall not use or release these materials without the prior written consent of the State.
- 3.8 Ownership of Intellectual Property. Any and all intellectual property, including but not limited to copyright, invention, trademark, trade name, service mark, and/or trade secrets created or conceived pursuant to or as a result of this contract and any related subcontract ("Intellectual Property"), shall be work made for hire and the State shall be considered the creator of such Intellectual Property. The agency, department, division, board or commission of the State of Arizona requesting the issuance of this contract shall own (for and on behalf of the State) the entire right, title and interest to the Intellectual Property throughout the world. Contractor shall notify the State, within thirty (30) days, of the creation of any Intellectual Property by it or its subcontractor(s). Contractor, on behalf of itself and any subcontractor(s), agrees to execute any and all document(s) necessary to assure ownership of the Intellectual Property vests in the State and shall take no affirmative actions that might have the effect of vesting all or part of the Intellectual Property in any entity other than the State. The Intellectual Property shall not be disclosed by contractor or its subcontractor(s) to any entity not the State without the express written authorization of the agency, department, division, board or commission of the State of Arizona requesting the issuance of this contract.
- 3.9 Federal Immigration and Nationality Act. The contractor shall comply with all federal, state and local immigration laws and regulations relating to the immigration status of their employees during the term of the contract. Further, the contractor shall flow down this requirement to all subcontractors utilized during the term of the contract. The State shall retain the right to perform random audits of contractor and subcontractor records or to inspect papers of any employee thereof to ensure compliance. Should the State determine that the contractor and/or any subcontractors be found noncompliant, the State may pursue all remedies allowed by law, including, but not limited to; suspension of work, termination of the contract for default and suspension and/or debarment of the contractor.
- 3.10 <u>E-Verify Requirements</u>. In accordance with A.R.S. § 41-4401, Contractor warrants compliance with all Federal immigration laws and regulations relating to employees and warrants its compliance with Section A.R.S. § 23-214, Subsection A.
- 3.11 Offshore Performance of Work Prohibited. Any services that are described in the specifications or scope of work that directly serve the State of Arizona or its clients and involve access to secure or sensitive data or personal client data shall be performed within the defined territories of the United States. Unless specifically stated otherwise in the specifications, this paragraph does not apply to indirect or 'overhead' services, redundant back-up services or services that are incidental to the performance of the contract. This provision applies to work performed by subcontractors at all tiers.

#### 4. COSTS AND PAYMENTS

4.1 <u>Payments</u>. Payments shall comply with the requirements of A.R.S. Titles 35 and 41, Net 30 days. Upon receipt and acceptance of goods or services, the Contractor shall submit a complete and accurate invoice for payment from the State within thirty (30) days.



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4.2 Delivery. Unless stated otherwise in the Contract, all prices shall be F.O.B. Destination and shall include all freight delivery and unloading at the destination.

### 4.3 Applicable Taxes.

- 4.3.1 Payment of Taxes. The Contractor shall be responsible for paying all applicable taxes.
- 4.3.2 State and Local Transaction Privilege Taxes. The State of Arizona is subject to all applicable state and local transaction privilege taxes. Transaction privilege taxes apply to the sale and are the responsibility of the seller to remit. Failure to collect such taxes from the buyer does not relieve the seller from its obligation to remit taxes.
- 4.3.3 Tax Indemnification. Contractor and all subcontractors shall pay all Federal, state and local taxes applicable to its operation and any persons employed by the Contractor. Contractor shall, and require all subcontractors to hold the State harmless from any responsibility for taxes, damages and interest, if applicable, contributions required under Federal, and/or state and local laws and regulations and any other costs including transaction privilege taxes, unemployment compensation insurance, Social Security and Worker's Compensation.
- 4.3.4 IRS W9 Form. In order to receive payment the Contractor shall have a current I.R.S. W9 Form on file with the State of Arizona, unless not required by law.
- 4.4 Availability of Funds for the Next State fiscal year. Funds may not presently be available for performance under this Contract beyond the current state fiscal year. No legal liability on the part of the State for any payment may arise under this Contract beyond the current state fiscal year until funds are made available for performance of this Contract.
- 4.5 Availability of Funds for the current State fiscal year. Should the State Legislature enter back into session and reduce the appropriations or for any reason and these goods or services are not funded, the State may take any of the following actions:
  - Accept a decrease in price offered by the contractor: 4.5.1
  - 4.5.2 Cancel the Contract; or
  - 4.5.3 Cancel the contract and re-solicit the requirements.

### **CONTRACT CHANGES**

- 5.1 Amendments. This Contract is issued under the authority of the Procurement Officer who signed this Contract. The Contract may be modified only through a Contract Amendment within the scope of the Contract. Changes to the Contract, including the addition of work or materials, the revision of payment terms, or the substitution of work or materials, directed by a person who is not specifically authorized by the procurement officer in writing or made unilaterally by the Contractor are violations of the Contract and of applicable law. Such changes, including unauthorized written Contract Amendments shall be void and without effect, and the Contractor shall not be entitled to any claim under this Contract based on those changes.
- 5.2 Subcontracts. The Contractor shall not enter into any Subcontract under this Contract for the performance of this contract without the advance written approval of the Procurement Officer. The Contractor shall clearly list any proposed subcontractors and the subcontractor's proposed responsibilities. The Subcontract shall incorporate by reference the terms and conditions of this Contract.



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5.3 <u>Assignment and Delegation</u>. The Contractor shall not assign any right nor delegate any duty under this Contract without the prior written approval of the Procurement Officer. The State shall not unreasonably withhold approval.

### **6 RISK AND LIABILITY**

6.1 <u>Risk of Loss</u>. The Contractor shall bear all loss of conforming material covered under this Contract until received by authorized personnel at the location designated in the purchase order or Contract. Mere receipt does not constitute final acceptance. The risk of loss for nonconforming materials shall remain with the Contractor regardless of receipt.

### 6.2 Indemnification.

- 6.2.1 Contractor/Vendor Indemnification (Not Public Agency) The parties to this contract agree that the State of Arizona, its departments, agencies, boards and commissions shall be indemnified and held harmless by the contractor for the vicarious liability of the State as a result of entering into this contract. However, the parties further agree that the State of Arizona, its departments, agencies, boards and commissions shall be responsible for its own negligence. Each party to this contract is responsible for its own negligence.
- 6.2.2 Public Agency Language Only Each party (as 'indemnitor') agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the other party (as 'indemnitee') from and against any and all claims, losses, liability, costs, or expenses (including reasonable attorney's fees) (hereinafter collectively referred to as 'claims') arising out of bodily injury of any person (including death) or property damage but only to the extent that such claims which result in vicarious/derivative liability to the indemnitee, are caused by the act, omission, negligence, misconduct, or other fault of the indemnitor, its officers, officials, agents, employees, or volunteers."
- 6.3 <u>Indemnification Patent and Copyright</u>. The Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless the State against any liability, including costs and expenses, for infringement of any patent, trademark or copyright arising out of Contract performance or use by the State of materials furnished or work performed under this Contract. The State shall reasonably notify the Contractor of any claim for which it may be liable under this paragraph. If the contractor is insured pursuant to A.R.S. § 41-621 and § 35-154, this section shall not apply.

#### 6.4 Force Majeure.

- 6.4.1 Except for payment of sums due, neither party shall be liable to the other nor deemed in default under this Contract if and to the extent that such party's performance of this Contract is prevented by reason of force majeure. The term "force majeure" means an occurrence that is beyond the control of the party affected and occurs without its fault or negligence. Without limiting the foregoing, force majeure includes acts of God; acts of the public enemy; war; riots; strikes; mobilization; labor disputes; civil disorders; fire; flood; lockouts; injunctions-intervention-acts; or failures or refusals to act by government authority; and other similar occurrences beyond the control of the party declaring force majeure which such party is unable to prevent by exercising reasonable diligence.
- 6.4.2 Force Majeure shall not include the following occurrences:
  - 6.4.2.1 Late delivery of equipment or materials caused by congestion at a manufacturer's plant or elsewhere, or an oversold condition of the market;
  - 6.4.2.2 Late performance by a subcontractor unless the delay arises out of a force majeure occurrence in accordance with this force majeure term and condition; or



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- 6.4.2.3 Inability of either the Contractor or any subcontractor to acquire or maintain any required insurance, bonds, licenses or permits.
- 6.4.3 If either party is delayed at any time in the progress of the work by force majeure, the delayed party shall notify the other party in writing of such delay, as soon as is practicable and no later than the following working day, of the commencement thereof and shall specify the causes of such delay in such notice. Such notice shall be delivered or mailed certified-return receipt and shall make a specific reference to this article, thereby invoking its provisions. The delayed party shall cause such delay to cease as soon as practicable and shall notify the other party in writing when it has done so. The time of completion shall be extended by Contract Amendment for a period of time equal to the time that results or effects of such delay prevent the delayed party from performing in accordance with this Contract.
- 6.4.4 Any delay or failure in performance by either party hereto shall not constitute default hereunder or give rise to any claim for damages or loss of anticipated profits if, and to the extent that such delay or failure is caused by force majeure.
- 6.5 <u>Third Party Antitrust Violations</u>. The Contractor assigns to the State any claim for overcharges resulting from antitrust violations to the extent that those violations concern materials or services supplied by third parties to the Contractor, toward fulfillment of this Contract.

#### 7 WARRANTIES

- 7.1 <u>Liens</u>. The Contractor warrants that the materials supplied under this Contract are free of liens and shall remain free of liens.
- 7.2 Quality. Unless otherwise modified elsewhere in these terms and conditions, the Contractor warrants that, for one year after acceptance by the State of the materials, they shall be:
  - 7.2.1 Of a quality to pass without objection in the trade under the Contract description;
  - 7.2.2 Fit for the intended purposes for which the materials are used;
  - 7.2.3 Within the variations permitted by the Contract and are of even kind, quantity, and quality within each unit and among all units;
  - 7.2.4 Adequately contained, packaged and marked as the Contract may require; and
  - 7.2.5 Conform to the written promises or affirmations of fact made by the Contractor.
- 7.3 <u>Fitness</u>. The Contractor warrants that any material supplied to the State shall fully conform to all requirements of the Contract and all representations of the Contractor, and shall be fit for all purposes and uses required by the Contract.
- 7.4 <u>Inspection/Testing</u>. The warranties set forth in subparagraphs 7.1 through 7.3 of this paragraph are not affected by inspection or testing of or payment for the materials by the State.
- 7.5 <u>Compliance With Applicable Laws</u>. The materials and services supplied under this Contract shall comply with all applicable Federal, state and local laws, and the Contractor shall maintain all applicable license and permit requirements.
- 7.6 Survival of Rights and Obligations after Contract Expiration or Termination.



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- 7.6.1 Contractor's Representations and Warranties. All representations and warranties made by the Contractor under this Contract shall survive the expiration or termination hereof. In addition, the parties hereto acknowledge that pursuant to A.R.S. § 12-510, except as provided in A.R.S. § 12-529, the State is not subject to or barred by any limitations of actions prescribed in A.R.S., Title 12, Chapter 5.
- 7.6.2 Purchase Orders. The Contractor shall, in accordance with all terms and conditions of the Contract, fully perform and shall be obligated to comply with all purchase orders received by the Contractor prior to the expiration or termination hereof, unless otherwise directed in writing by the Procurement Officer, including, without limitation, all purchase orders received prior to but not fully performed and satisfied at the expiration or termination of this Contract.

### 8 STATE'S CONTRACTUAL REMEDIES

8.1 <u>Right to Assurance</u>. If the State in good faith has reason to believe that the Contractor does not intend to, or is unable to perform or continue performing under this Contract, the Procurement Officer may demand in writing that the Contractor give a written assurance of intent to perform. Failure by the Contractor to provide written assurance within the number of Days specified in the demand may, at the State's option, be the basis for terminating the Contract under the Uniform Terms and Conditions or other rights and remedies available by law or provided by the contract.

#### 8.2 Stop Work Order.

- 8.2.1 The State may, at any time, by written order to the Contractor, require the Contractor to stop all or any part, of the work called for by this Contract for period(s) of days indicated by the State after the order is delivered to the Contractor. The order shall be specifically identified as a stop work order issued under this clause. Upon receipt of the order, the Contractor shall immediately comply with its terms and take all reasonable steps to minimize the incurrence of costs allocable to the work covered by the order during the period of work stoppage.
- 8.2.2 If a stop work order issued under this clause is canceled or the period of the order or any extension expires, the Contractor shall resume work. The Procurement Officer shall make an equitable adjustment in the delivery schedule or Contract price, or both, and the Contract shall be amended in writing accordingly.
- 8.3 Non-exclusive Remedies. The rights and the remedies of the State under this Contract are not exclusive.
- 8.4 <u>Nonconforming Tender</u>. Materials or services supplied under this Contract shall fully comply with the Contract. The delivery of materials or services or a portion of the materials or services that do not fully comply constitutes a breach of contract. On delivery of nonconforming materials or services, the State may terminate the Contract for default under applicable termination clauses in the Contract, exercise any of its rights and remedies under the Uniform Commercial Code, or pursue any other right or remedy available to it.
- 8.5 Right of Offset. The State shall be entitled to offset against any sums due the Contractor, any expenses or costs incurred by the State, or damages assessed by the State concerning the Contractor's non-conforming performance or failure to perform the Contract, including expenses, costs and damages described in the Uniform Terms and Conditions.



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#### 9 CONTRACT TERMINATION

- 9.1 Cancellation for Conflict of Interest. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-511, the State may cancel this Contract within three (3) years after Contract execution without penalty or further obligation if any person significantly involved in initiating, negotiating, securing, drafting or creating the Contract on behalf of the State is or becomes at any time while the Contract or an extension of the Contract is in effect an employee of or a consultant to any other party to this Contract with respect to the subject matter of the Contract. The cancellation shall be effective when the Contractor receives written notice of the cancellation unless the notice specifies a later time. If the Contractor is a political subdivision of the State, it may also cancel this Contract as provided in A.R.S. § 38-511.
- 9.2 <u>Gratuities</u>. The State may, by written notice, terminate this Contract, in whole or in part, if the State determines that employment or a Gratuity was offered or made by the Contractor or a representative of the Contractor to any officer or employee of the State for the purpose of influencing the outcome of the procurement or securing the Contract, an amendment to the Contract, or favorable treatment concerning the Contract, including the making of any determination or decision about contract performance. The State, in addition to any other rights or remedies, shall be entitled to recover exemplary damages in the amount of three times the value of the Gratuity offered by the Contractor.
- 9.3 <u>Suspension or Debarment</u>. The State may, by written notice to the Contractor, immediately terminate this Contract if the State determines that the Contractor has been debarred, suspended or otherwise lawfully prohibited from participating in any public procurement activity, including but not limited to, being disapproved as a subcontractor of any public procurement unit or other governmental body. Submittal of an offer or execution of a contract shall attest that the contractor is not currently suspended or debarred. If the contractor becomes suspended or debarred, the contractor shall immediately notify the State.
- 9.4 <u>Termination for Convenience</u>. The State reserves the right to terminate the Contract, in whole or in part at any time when in the best interest of the State, without penalty or recourse. Upon receipt of the written notice, the Contractor shall stop all work, as directed in the notice, notify all subcontractors of the effective date of the termination and minimize all further costs to the State. In the event of termination under this paragraph, all documents, data and reports prepared by the Contractor under the Contract shall become the property of and be delivered to the State upon demand. The Contractor shall be entitled to receive just and equitable compensation for work in progress, work completed and materials accepted before the effective date of the termination. The cost principles and procedures provided in A.A.C. R2-7-701 shall apply.

#### 9.5 Termination for Default.

- 9.5.1 In addition to the rights reserved in the contract, the State may terminate the Contract in whole or in part due to the failure of the Contractor to comply with any term or condition of the Contract, to acquire and maintain all required insurance policies, bonds, licenses and permits, or to make satisfactory progress in performing the Contract. The Procurement Officer shall provide written notice of the termination and the reasons for it to the Contractor.
- 9.5.2 Upon termination under this paragraph, all goods, materials, documents, data and reports prepared by the Contractor under the Contract shall become the property of and be delivered to the State on demand.
- 9.5.3 The State may, upon termination of this Contract, procure, on terms and in the manner that it deems appropriate, materials or services to replace those under this Contract. The Contractor shall be liable to the State for any excess costs incurred by the State in procuring materials or services in substitution for those due from the Contractor.
- 9.6 <u>Continuation of Performance Through Termination</u>. The Contractor shall continue to perform, in accordance with the requirements of the Contract, up to the date of termination, as directed in the termination notice.



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### 10 CONTRACT CLAIMS

10.1 All contract claims or controversies under this Contract shall be resolved according to A.R.S. Title 41, Chapter 23, Article 9, and rules adopted thereunder.

### 11. ARBITRATION

11.1 The parties to this Contract agree to resolve all disputes arising out of or relating to this contract through arbitration, after exhausting applicable administrative review, to the extent required by A.R.S. § 12-1518, except as may be required by other applicable statutes (Title 41).

#### 12. COMMENTS WELCOME

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12.1 The State Procurement Office periodically reviews the Uniform Terms and Conditions and welcomes any comments you may have. Please submit your comments to: State Procurement Administrator, State Procurement Office, 100 North 15th Avenue, Suite 201, Phoenix, Arizona, 85007.



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- ORDER OF PRECEDENCE: In the event of a conflict in the provisions of the Contract, as accepted by the State and as they may be amended, the following shall prevail in the order set forth below:
  - 1.1. Special Terms and Conditions;
  - 1.2. Uniform Terms and Conditions;
  - 1.3. Incorporated AIA Documents;
  - 1.4. Statement of Work;
  - 1.5. Attachments:
  - 1.6. Exhibits;
  - 1.7. Other documents referenced or included in the solicitation.

### 2. AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990

- 2.1 The Contractor shall comply with the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990 (Public Law 101-336) and the Arizona Disability Act of 1992 (A.R.S § 41-1492 et. seq.), which prohibits discrimination of the basis of physical or mental disabilities in delivering contract services or in the employment, or advancement in employment of qualified individuals.
- 2.2 Persons with a disability may request a reasonable accommodation, such as a sign language interpreter, by contracting the Contract Manager for the solicitation. Request should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation

### 3. FEDERAL IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT:

- 3.1 By entering into the Contract, the Design Professional warrants compliance with the Federal Immigration and Nationality Act (FINA) and all other Federal immigration laws and regulations related to the immigration status of its employees. The Design Professional shall obtain statements from its subcontractors certifying compliance and shall furnish the statements to the Procurement Officer upon request. These warranties shall remain in effect through the term of the Contract. The Design Professional and its subcontractors shall also maintain Employment Eligibility Verification forms (I-9) as required by the U.S. Department of Labor's Immigration and Control Act, for all employees performing work under the Contract. I-9 forms are available for download at USCIS.GOV.
- 3.2 The State may request verification of compliance for any Design Professional or subcontractor performing work under the Contract. Should the State suspect or find that the Design Professional or any of its subcontractors are not in compliance, the State may pursue any and all remedies allowed by law, including, but not limited to: suspension of work, termination of the Contract for default, and suspension and/or debarment of the Design Professional. All costs necessary to verify compliance are the responsibility of the Design Professional.

### 4. IT 508 COMPLIANCE:

4.1 Unless specifically authorized in the Contract, any electronic or information technology offered to the State of Arizona under this solicitation shall comply with A.R.S. 41-2531 and 2532 and Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, which requires that employees and members of the public shall have access to and use of information technology that is comparable to the access and use by employees and members of the public who are not individuals with disabilities.



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#### 5. OFFSHORE PERFORMANCE OF WORK PROHIBITED:

5.1 Due to security and identity protection concerns, direct services under this contract shall be performed within the borders of the United States. Any services that are described in the specifications or scope of work that directly serve the State of Arizona or its clients and may involve access to secure or sensitive data or personal client data or development or modification of software for the State shall be performed within the borders of the United States. Unless specifically stated otherwise in the specifications, this definition does not apply to indirect or 'overhead' services, redundant back-up services or services that are incidental to the performance of the contract. This provision applies to work performed by subcontractors at all tiers.

#### 6. FEDERAL IMMIGRATION AND NATIONALITY ACT 2:

6.1 The Design Professional shall comply with all federal, state and local immigration laws and regulations relating to the immigration status of their employees during the term of the contract. Further, the Design Professional shall flow down this requirement to all subcontractors utilized during the term of the contract. The State shall retain the right to perform random audits of Design Professional and subcontractor records or to inspect papers of any employee thereof to ensure compliance. Should the State determine that the Design Professional and/or any subcontractors be found noncompliant, the State may pursue all remedies allowed by law, including, but not limited to; suspension of work, termination of the contract for default and suspension and/or debarment of the Design Professional.

## 7. COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR A.R.S. § 41-4401, GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT: E-VERIFY REQUIREMENT:

7.1 Design Professional Warranty. The Design Professional warrants compliance with all Federal immigration laws and regulations relating to employees and warrants its compliance with Section A.R.S. § 23-214, Subsection A. (That subsection reads: "After December 31, 2007, every employer, after hiring an employee, shall verify the employment eligibility of the employee through the E-Verify program.)

### 7.2 Breach.

- 7.2.1 A breach of a warranty regarding compliance with immigration laws and regulations shall be deemed a material breach of the contract and the Design Professional may be subject to penalties up to and including termination of the contract.
- 7.2.2 Failure to comply with a State audit process to randomly verify the employment records of Design Professionals and subcontractors shall be deemed a material breach of the contract and the Design Professional may be subject to penalties up to and including termination of the contract.

### 8. RIGHT TO INSPECT.

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8.1 The State retains the legal right to inspect the papers of any employee who works on the contract to ensure that the Design Professional or subcontractor is complying with the warranty under Section 8.1

### 9. ASSIGNMENT

9.1 The contractor agrees and understands that the contract shall constitute an assignment by the contractor to the State of Arizona of all rights, title and interest in and to all causes of action that the contractor may be under the antitrust laws of the United States or the State of Arizona for which causes of action have accrued or will accrue as the result of or in relation to the goods or services purchases or procured by the contractor in the fulfillment of the contract with the State of Arizona.



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9.2 The contractor represents that it is an independent contractor offering such services to the general public and shall not present himself or his employees as an employee of the State of Arizona. Therefore, the contractor shall assume all legal and financial responsibility for taxes, FICA, employee fringe benefits, workmen's compensation, employee insurance, minimum wage requirements, overtime and agree to indemnify, save, and hold the state of Arizona, its officers, agents, and employees, harmless from and against, any and all loss; cost (including attorney fees); and damage of any kind related to such matters.

### 10. APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS

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10.1 Every payment obligation of the Agency under this Contract is conditioned upon the availability of funds appropriated or allocated for the payment of such obligation. If funds are not allocated and available for the continuance of this Contract, this Contract may be terminated by the Agency at the end of the period for which funds are available. No liability shall accrue to the Agency or the State of Arizona in the event this provision is exercised, and neither the Agency nor the State shall be obligated or liable for any future payments or for any damages as a result of termination under this paragraph.