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INVITATION TO BID (ITB)

State of Ohio, Department of Transportation
 Office of Contract Sales, Purchasing Services
 Jack Marchbanks, Ph. D., Director

Bid Submission Deadline (Bid Opening Date):
 October 15, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. eastern time

Submitted by:

Company Name: _____

Federal Tax ID No.: _____

Physical/Mailing Address:	Remit to Payment Address:
Street Address:	
P.O. Box:	
City:	
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Zip:	
Contact Person and Phone Number: (authorized to answer questions about your company's bid)	
E-Mail Address (required): (person who filled out bid)	
E-Mail Address (required): (for notification of future bid opportunities)	

Telephone Number	800 Number	Fax Number

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Ohio Department of Transportation
 Office of Contract Sales, Purchasing Services, 1st floor
 1980 West Broad St. Mail Stop 4110
 Columbus, OH 43223

BIDDERS MUST SUBMIT ANY QUESTIONS, CLARIFICATIONS, OR INQUIRIES REGARDING THIS INVITATION TO BID VIA THE FOLLOWING WEBSITE:

<http://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/ContractAdmin/Contracts/Pages/PurchasePBQ.aspx>

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REQUIREMENTS/SPECIFICATIONS

Section 1: Intent

The purpose of this invitation is to establish term contract pricing for Sampling of Hazardous Waste for the State of Ohio Department of Transportation.

Section 2: Contract Duration

The effective duration of this agreement shall be from **November 1, 2019** through **September 30, 2021**.

All prices submitted must be firm and guaranteed against increase through the first year of the contract. At the beginning of the second year ODOT will use the prices the vendor submitted for the second year on the pricing page.

Section 3: Free on Board (F.O.B.) Destination

Please be advised, the vendor must honor any bid price submitted in this Invitation to Bid for all of ODOT’s twelve (12) Districts and eighty-eight (88) counties in the State of Ohio. All Services shall be Free on Board (F.O.B.) to any of ODOT’s twelve (12) Districts and eighty-eight (88) county destination locations in the State of Ohio, as per the enclosed map. Purchase orders when issued, will detail specific service points. The Department will not accept any additional charges for these services.

District 1 – Lima	District 7- Sidney
District 2 - Bowling Green	District 8 - Lebanon
District 3 - Ashland	District 9 - Chillicothe
District 4 - Akron	District 10 - Marietta
District 5 - Jacksontown	District 11 - New Philadelphia
District 6 - Delaware	District 12 - Garfield Heights
Central Garage - Columbus (CG)	Aviation

Section 4: Services

Services must be provided within **five (5) calendar days** after receipt of written or verbal notification against a valid State of Ohio purchase order or payment card.

4.1: Service Hours

All services must be made between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding State holidays, unless special permission is granted by the Department to temporarily waive or adjust this requirement.

Section 5: Proposal Submission and Format

5.1 Sampling & Analysis Requirements: The submitted samples should be analyzed in accordance with the preferred methods provided in **Section 1 Laboratory Pricing Sheet.**

5.2 Personnel Profile and Qualifications

Vendor must submit with their Invitation to Bid a list identifying project staff. All members of the project must be identified by name and credentials provided for each. Credentials for project staff must specify: educational background and/or formal training in performing laboratory analysis, number of years in the position, and a summary of duties. Evidence must exist that all employees that perform analytical work must have read, understood, and are using the latest version of the laboratory's in-house quality documentation and procedures. Documentation must be provided in a statement that explains the laboratory's in-house training and method performance demonstrations for employees. A clear description of the lines of responsibility in the laboratory must be provided. Information must also be provided on the responsibilities of senior staff that perform QA/QC review.

5.3 Technical Qualifications

The Vendor must currently be performing analyses by Gas Chromatograph/Mass Spectrometer and Inductively Coupled Plasma, as well as SW-846, Methods 5035 and 1311 on-site. Vendor must submit with their Invitation to Bid a list identifying each analytical method, as specified that the Vendor can currently perform on the premises of the Vendor submitting the proposal. ODOT requires that at least 50 percent of the methods specified in the ITB Scope of Work, Attachment I, can be performed on-site by the winning Vendor.

The bid **must** also specifically identify the analyses that cannot be performed on-site by the Vendor submitting the bid. Prior to issuance of the contract, for each method that cannot be performed on-site by the winning Vendor, the Vendor must supply the name, address, and telephone number of each laboratory that will be providing analytical support for the method.

The bid **must** include **all** Standard laboratory Operating Procedures (SOPs) for the analyses requested in the Statement of Work. SOPs may be submitted as part of the bid in electronic or written format. SOPs submitted in electronic format must be formatted in Word. A standardized format should be followed for all SOPs.

The bid **must** include a complete copy of a written laboratory Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) which has been prepared in accordance with U.S. EPA's guidance: "Preparation Aids for the Development of Category I Quality Assurance Project Plans," EPA/600/8-91/003, February, 1991 or comparable U.S. EPA QAPP related guidelines, or the Vendor or sub vendor is an Ohio EPA VAP and/or Drinking Water Certified Laboratory.

Elements that should be contained in the QAPP or provided in separate documents include, but are not limited to:

- Detailed methods documentation.
- Laboratory sub-sampling procedures. Procedures required for laboratory personnel to obtain sub-samples of soil or waste should be documented. Where sampling (as in obtaining an aliquot from a submitted sample) is required by the test method, the laboratory must use the documented procedures in the test method.
- Laboratory procedures for labeling and documentation of standards, and reagents.
- Data verification procedures, including: example of procedures write-up, QC personnel flow diagram and QC review percentage.
- Sample handling, sampling acceptance policy, sample receipt and sample tracking.
- Sample disposal procedures and Vendor qualifications.
- Chain-of-custody procedures.
- Copies of chain-of-custody form and sample labels.

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- Laboratory access control and security procedures.
 - Transfer procedures to another party.
 - Laboratory quality system, audits, internal audits, quality control, and data verification.
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- Laboratory Quality Assurance and Quality Control for matrix spike/matrix spike duplicate, laboratory control samples, surrogates compounds, internal standards and metals spikes (may be included within or as an attachment to the QAPP).
 - Method detection limits for SW-846, Methods 8260B, 8270C and 6010B.
 - Subcontracted laboratories= QAPPs and SOPs.
 - Corrective measures.
 - Example of chain of custody.
 - Description of facility/accommodations and HVAC system.
 - Personnel training.
 - Preventive maintenance.
 - Internal quality control.
 - Statement of data quality objectives.
 - Statement of archival of data, including laboratory notebooks.

The bid must include an example electronic copy of an analytical deliverable for TCLP VOC analysis, TCLP RCRA 8 metals analysis and ignitability, all for a non-drinking water matrix. The bid must also include an example electronic copy of an analytical deliverable for a New Well. Documentation to be included with the deliverables must include, but are not limited to, those detailed in section 6.13 of the RFP Scope of Work for standard data packages. The deliverable will be evaluated for completeness using Ohio EPA's Tier I Data Validation Checklist, and must include completed TCLP and ignitability preparatory bench sheets. For an example of the Tier I Data Validation Checklist and the information to be included for evaluation of completeness, check the following website (paying particular attention to Appendix II):

Data Validation site:

<http://epa.ohio.gov/portals/32/pdf/TierIDVManual.pdf>

The bid should include an example of electronic deliverables on a CD-ROM, and all necessary information (system specifications and modem numbers) concerning the ability to provide electronic transfer of data. This electronic deliverable should also include all information included in the section 6.13 of the Invitation to Bid Scope of Work for standard data packages.

The bid should include performance evaluation (PE) results from a minimum of the two most recent **consecutive** rounds of either the Contract Laboratory Program or applicable state or national certification round robin(s). This should be in PDF format.

The bid should include copies of the most recent state or government system audit, or American Association for Laboratories Accreditation or National Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program system audit, and copies of complete audit reports, including findings and responses, for **all** such accreditations.

The bid **must** include the names, addresses, telephone numbers, and contacts for all companies currently used for the disposal of hazardous waste streams generated from lab operations. ODOT retains the right to request that alternate companies be used, due to potential conflicts-of-interest.

Section 6: Scope of Work

6.1 Scope of Work.

During the term of this Contract, the Vendor, at the direction of the ODOT Contract Manager or designees, shall provide the services described herein:

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To obtain the sampling services necessary to collect media to identify potential hazardous waste(s) or New Well analysis to determine the concentration of organic and inorganic constituents of concern.

ODOT may request the vendor to provide field staff to conduct sampling under the following (but not necessarily limited to) circumstances:

- Sampling of contaminated media, such as soil, to detect the presence of hazardous waste(s) and/or hazardous waste constituents;
- Sampling of process waste streams to determine the presence of hazardous waste(s) and/or hazardous waste constituents;
- Sampling of known hazardous wastes to confirm the accuracy and adequacy of the waste generator's characterization of the waste; and
- Sampling of unknown media and/or materials from an abandoned site to determine the presence of hazardous waste(s) and/or hazardous waste constituents.
- Sampling of new wells to detect the presence and concentration of organic and inorganic constituents of concern.

The ODOT field staff may conduct sampling under the following (but not necessarily limited to) circumstances:

- Sampling of contaminated media, such as soil, to detect the presence of hazardous waste(s) and/or hazardous waste constituents;
- Sampling of process waste streams to determine the presence of hazardous waste(s) and/or hazardous waste constituents;
- Sampling of known hazardous wastes to confirm the accuracy and adequacy of the waste generator's characterization of the waste; and
- Sampling of unknown media and/or materials from an abandoned site to determine the presence of hazardous waste(s) and/or hazardous waste constituents.
- Sampling of new wells to detect the presence of concentration of organic and inorganic constituents of concern.

To obtain the laboratory services necessary to conduct analysis of media to identify potential hazardous waste(s), and/or a new well to determine the concentration of organic and inorganic constituents of concern.

Under the terms and conditions of the contract, ODOT will require the Contractor to do the following:

- To provide field personnel who will collect samples of media, a new well, and/or waste which will then be analyzed by the vendor.
- Conduct laboratory analyses of media, a new well and/or waste samples collected by ODOT field personnel.
- Compile written reports summarizing the results of the laboratory analyses and submit these reports to appropriate ODOT personnel.
- Provide general sampling supplies (e.g., sample containers, preservative ampules, packaging materials, coolers and chain-of-custody forms) as necessary to ODOT field personnel.

- Provide special sampling supplies (e.g. United Nations certified containers, packaging or coolers) as necessary to ODOT field personnel.
- Provide for the transportation and delivery of samples for analysis to the laboratory. Pick up locations will be: Ohio Department of Transportation Central Office, Ohio Department of Transportation District Offices, County Garages, and outpost as specified in Section 3 and field locations as necessary to ODOT field personnel.
- Provide technical assistance or training relating to sample collection, laboratory analyses or operations, and provide information on reading the reports.

6.2 Definitions:

Hazardous waste" and "hazardous waste constituents" in this section are used as defined in Ohio Administrative Code Rule 3745-50-10.

"New Well" in this Invitation to bid is defined as the Public Drinking Water Standards for Ohio found in the Ohio Administrative Code Rule 3745-81.

Drinking water MCL:

<http://www.epa.state.oh.us/portals/28/documents/DWStandardsList.pdf>

- 6.3 Special Limitations.** The Vendor warrants that they will bring to the location for sampling only such equipment, personnel or other resources as is necessary to conduct the sampling of media or waste.

Neither the Vendor, its subvendor(s), nor any of its employees, shall supervise or have authority over, directly or indirectly, any permanent or temporary employee of ODOT.

ODOT reserves the right to order, at any time with or without cause, suspension and/or cessation of any response action of the Vendor, in whole or in part.

6.4 Applicable Method Documents

The following documents (with current revisions) may be applicable to laboratory operations in whole or parts as determined by ODOT. The Vendor will not substitute or modify those methods provided in the following documents or listed without prior written approval by ODOT.

40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Parts 136, 141, 261, 264, and 761, 1989 and 1990.

U.S. EPA CLP:

U.S. EPA, "Test Methods for Evaluating Solid Waste, Physical/Chemical Methods," Third Edition, 1986 with revisions (or most recent promulgated version).

- CLP Statement of Work (SOW) for "Inorganic Analysis, Multi-Media, Multi-Concentration," Document number ILMO.30. Dec. 1994.
- CLP SOW for "Organic Analysis, Multi-Media, High Concentration," Document number IHCO1.2.
- CLP SOW for "Organic Analysis, Multi-Media, High Concentration," Revision from 9/88 and 4/89.
- CLP SOW for "Organic Analysis, Multi-Media, High Concentration," Document number OLMO1.0 - OLMO1.7.

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- U.S. EPA, "Method for Chemical Analysis of Water and Waste," EPA 600/4-79-020, March 1993 with revisions.
- U.S. EPA, Method for Organic Chemical Analysis of Municipal and Industrial Wastewater," EPA 600/4-82-057, July 1982 with revisions.
- American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM).
- American Public Health Association, American Water Association, Water Environment Federation (APHA, AWWA, WEF), "standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater," 20th Edition, 1999.
- U.S. EPA, Compendium of Methods for the Determination of Toxic Organic Compounds in Ambient Air," EPA 600/4-84-011.
- U.S. EPA, "Method for the Determination of Organic Compounds in Drinking Water," EPA/600/4-88/039, 1988 & 1991.

ODOT may request the laboratory to perform other tests or methods. Under these circumstances, the Vendor will provide on company letterhead a Unit Cost for each test/matrix requested by ODOT. The Vendor must receive written acceptance of this cost prior to beginning these other laboratory methods. This correspondence may be submitted by facsimile.

ODOT will only pay the actual cost, plus a percentage markup which, may not exceed 5% to cover the vendor's source of supply costs for the parts and components used. The vendor must submit to ODOT as part of an invoice package, copies of invoice(s) from their source of supply documenting their cost for the parts and components. In addition, ODOT will only pay the actual cost of inbound freight to the awarded vendor of this contract for these special order parts and components. The vendor must submit a copy of the freight bill to ODOT as part of the invoice package.

6.5 Applicable Regulations

The Vendor will provide analytical services that require the qualitative and quantitative identification of material commonly referred as:

- 40 CFR Part 136 & Part 261
- USEPA's Test Methods for Evaluating Solid Waste, Third Edition, September 1986 (SW-846)
- USEPA's Test Methods for Chemical Analysis of Water & Waste, EPA 600/4-79-020, March 1979
- Hazardous Waste as defined in Ohio Administrative Code Rule 3745-51-10.
- Analytical Methods for Water Quality Standards as defined in Ohio Administrative Code Rule 3745-1-03.
- Priority Pollutants as defined in Section 101 of CERCLA.
- Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) as defined in 40 CFR Part 761.
- Ground Water Monitoring Parameters as Defined in 3745-54-98, Appendix IX.
- Tentatively Identified Compounds (TICs). TICs are compounds for which a standard is not available per the SW-846 method(s), but can be identified by comparison of the sample spectra with the mass spectrum defined in the EOA/NIH Mass Spectral Library.

6.6 Laboratory Coordination

The Vendor and ODOT will designate individuals to serve as contacts. The names of these contacts and their District Office addresses will be provided upon award of a contract.

The Vendor will also designate one (1) person to serve as a Laboratory Representative, who will act as a liaison between ODOT and the laboratory(ies). Please provide the name, title, address, telephone number and pager number of this Laboratory Representative on the Pricing Page.

All general correspondence, including analytical results, will be conducted through the District Office Laboratory Coordinator specified on the chain-of-custody form. All correspondence concerning the submission of invoices will be conducted through the District Office Laboratory Coordinator. The Vendor will not conduct business, accept requests for analytical work, and agree to perform work or otherwise work directly with other ODOT individuals unless written pre-approval has been provided by the appropriate District and/or Central Office Laboratory Coordinator.

Each District Office Laboratory Coordinator will be responsible for coordinating that district's sampling events with the Vendor. The District Office Laboratory Coordinator will be responsible for requesting the appropriate sample supplies from the Vendor.

ODOT will identify each sampling event and District Office using a sample control number. ODOT will include this number on each Chain of Custody form. An example of this numbering format is as follows:

6.7 Example: FRASludge01

FRA-	the County abbreviation;
Sludge	the media sampled
01	and the daily sampling number.

6.8 Sampling Services

- The vendor may be requested to supply either laboratory personnel or contracted personnel to collect samples of contaminated medial, a new well and or process waste streams to determine the presence of hazardous waste(s) and/or hazardous waste constituents.
- The vendor will ensure that laboratory personnel or contracted personnel have received instruction on sample collection, preservation and transportation. These persons must have received the appropriate Hazwoper training to collect RCRA samples.

6.9 Sample Supplies and Laboratory Services

- Sample containers - preserved or un-preserved: The laboratory will have and follow a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) that will be used by laboratory personnel for preserving sample containers. They will package the sample containers and a custody seal will be used to insure tampering has not occurred during transit. All sample containers will meet U.S. EPA specifications, unless otherwise requested.
- ODOT requires that all sample containers used in the collection of Volatile Organic Compounds be of Level I cleanliness and that these sample containers be accompanied with a Certificate of Cleanliness. All other containers will be of minimum Level II cleanliness (e.g., cleaned to the same standards as Level I, except without a Certificate of Cleanliness). All shipping costs required for the delivery of sample supplies (i.e., containers, trip blanks, preservatives, coolers, Chain of Custody) to the District Offices or sampling sites from the laboratory will be borne by the Vendor and will be included in the Unit Cost per parameter.

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- If ODOT requires specialized sample containers or shipping/packaging materials, (e.g., United Nations certified containers/packaging) the Vendor will supply these to ODOT. ODOT will pay the costs of these items upon receipt of an itemized invoice by the Vendor. Pricing of the specialized containers or shipping/packaging materials will be by a mutually agreed upon price by the ODOT Central Office Laboratory Coordinator and the Vendor. All shipping costs required for the delivery of specialized sample containers or shipping/packaging materials to the District Offices or sampling sites from the laboratory will be borne by the Vendor and will be included in the Unit Cost per parameter.
- Trip Blanks: The laboratory will provide trip blanks with each cooler for aqueous samples for volatile analysis. Trip blanks will consist of organic-free water preserved with hydrochloric acid to a pH < 2. The laboratory will seal all trip blanks before shipping, using custody seals, to insure no tampering. Certificate of Cleanliness will also accompany all trip blanks from the laboratory.
- Preservatives: The laboratory will have available and provide ODOT sample containers containing preservative or, if requested by ODOT, containers accompanied by preservative samples. They will provide these materials along with sample containers when applicable. Preservatives will include hydrochloric acid, nitric acid, sodium hydroxide, and any other preservative that may be required for the methods listed in and requested in the sample container order.
- Sample labels, Chain of Custody forms, and custody seals: The laboratory will provide self-adhesive sample labels, Chain of Custody forms, and custody seals. These forms will consist of carbon copies in triplicate.
- Coolers and shipping materials: The laboratory will be requested to supply ODOT with shipping materials for samples shipped to their laboratory (e.g., packaging materials, labels). Overnight shipping of supplies must be made available.
- The Vendor will make overnight transportation of samples available to ODOT using a mutually agreeable carrier. The Vendor's carrier may be asked to pick up samples from either the District Office or the sampling site.
- All costs associated with standard, non-dangerous goods designated, non-Vendor pickup/shipment of samples from the ODOT Central Office and ODOT District locations or the sites to the laboratory will be borne, within the unit analytical cost, by the Vendor. The Vendor's commercial carrier account number will be made available to ship samples at ODOT's request.
- The commercial carrier's hours of operation will be flexible enough that samples may be picked-up or delivered between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. EST. Monday through Friday.
- The Vendor will have a sample receiving department established at one central location. The Vendor's sample receiving department will accept samples between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. EST Monday through Friday.
- All costs associated with the shipment of sampling supplies to the District Offices or the sampling site (e.g., containers, coolers, preservatives, Chain of Custody forms, shipping, etc.) will be included in the Unit Cost per parameter as listed.

6.10 Sample Turn-Around-Times, Surcharges, and Penalties

All turn-around-times (TAT) will begin from the verified time of sample receipt into the laboratory's sample receiving area (i.e., the commercial carrier can verify that the Vendor signed for the samples) and end on the postmark date on the final report. On results that require analysis in seven (7) days or less, the TAT will be from the verified time of sample receipt into the laboratory's sample receiving area to the date of receipt of the facsimile or electronic data file by ODOT.

The vendor must meet the following TATs:

- 80% of the total environmental samples submitted will require a thirty (30) day TAT:
- 20% of the total environmental samples will require a fourteen (14) day TAT:

6.11 Sample Custody and Storage Procedures

The laboratory will preserve the Chain of Custody procedure for all samples submitted by ODOT by using internal Chain of Custody forms. These procedures include recording the names of all people handling the samples, time and samples handled, and location(s) of the samples at all times. These samples will be maintained in a secured location with controlled access (monitored or locked).

6.12 Performance Evaluation Samples

The Vendor may be requested to analyze performance evaluation samples during the term of the Contract. The results of these samples will be used to demonstrate the Vendor's ability to perform the analytical methods samples as required. Costs associated with sample purchase, analysis and reporting will be borne by ODOT as per the Rate Schedule for Analytical Services in Section 9 and 10.

These samples are used to evaluate laboratory personnel involved in the measurement process and the laboratory's ability to:

- Identify substances;
- Quantify substances;
- Reproduce analytical data;
- Assess accuracy of analytical data;
- Perform mass spectral library searches;
- Maintain a contaminant-free environment;
- Understand documentation, reporting, and quality assurance and quality control requirements.

6.13 Final Analytical Report

The Vendor will provide ODOT all analyses (e.g., original analyses and re-analyses) in one final, standard data package, as outlined in Section 5 of the Invitation to Bid (ITB). No addendums for re-analyses will be issued unless circumstances warrant. The final report submitted to the District Laboratory Coordinator and Central Office Laboratory Coordinator will be submitted on company letterhead with a cover letter stating, at a minimum, the following information:

- Site name;
- Laboratory coordinator's name;
- ODOT sample control number;
- Correlation between laboratory sample number, ODOT sample control number;
- Case narrative;
- Copy of the Chain of Custody;
- QC officer sign-off sheet;
- Sample/cooler receipt form;

- Applicable bench sheets (e.g., TCLP bench sheets);
- Analytical results;
- Identification of analytical method(s) used; including detection limits;
- Date and time sample received;
- Extraction date and time;
- Analysis date and time;
- Percent solids raw data;
- Supportive quality control data, including
- MS/MSD data
- Blanks/blank spike recoveries
- Surrogates
- Internal standard recoveries
- Laboratory control samples
- TCLP blanks
- TCLP spikes.

If requested, the Vendor will supply an expanded analytical report. The information included in the expanded analytical report that the Vendor submits to the requesting Laboratory Coordinator will closely approach the level of reporting for the U.S. EPA Contract Laboratory Program. The expanded data package will consist of all information contained in the standard analytical report, and in addition will include:

- Initial instrument calibration date/time/results;
- Raw data calculation worksheets;
- Chromatograms; and/or
- Mass spectral data for each sample.

The final laboratory report supplied to the requesting District Laboratory Coordinator will be in hard copy format, and a CR-ROM. In addition, the Vendor will submit a duplicate of the final laboratory report to the Central Office Laboratory Coordinator. This report may be in either an identical hard copy format as submitted to the District Laboratory Coordinator or in an electronic format which would include all of the information submitted to the District Laboratory Coordinator.

All final analytical reports must be bound and paginated. ODOT reserves the right to change the final report structure to meet ODOT's needs. The laboratory will provide a final report within the designated TAT.

6.14 Penalties for Laboratory Error

The Vendor will immediately report by telephone to the designated District Office Laboratory Coordinator all samples that are lost or broken or exceed the recommended holding time (as stipulated in SW-846, U.S. CLP, or in the laboratory QAPP) for preservation, extraction or analysis. If the District Office Hazardous Waste Coordinator is unavailable by telephone, they will report the incident to the Central Office Laboratory Coordinator.

If samples are otherwise broken, lost or exceed their holding time before extraction or analysis because of laboratory error, the Vendor will immediately (no later than 24 hours from discovery) report by telephone these incidents to the District Hazardous Waste Coordinator. The Vendor will then provide an e-mail to ODOT's District Hazardous Waste Coordinator and Central Laboratory Office Coordinator stating the reason(s) for the loss, breakage or exceeded holding time within five (5) working days of the initial report of the incident.

ODOT may assess the following penalties for samples broken or lost in the laboratory, or held past the recommended holding times. These penalties may be assessed at the discretion of ODOT:

- The Vendor will not charge ODOT for the Unit Cost of the broken/lost sample(s) or sample(s) held over the holding time.

In case of laboratory error, such as analyses with QA data out of the established control limits (method blank contamination that exceeds criteria, surrogate(s) outliers, check sample outliers, etc.) as specified in SW-846 or other relevant guidance documents and methodologies. ODOT will not pay the charges for any analysis that is not correct.

6.15 Penalties for Late Delivery

ODOT may assess late delivery penalties based on the number of days the preliminary or final analytical reports are received at ODOT after the requested turnaround time (TAT). ODOT may assess these penalties as a percentage of the Unit Cost for all sample analyses exceeding the required TAT.

Preliminary results sent to ODOT by e-mail within the requested TAT will not be assessed penalties. ODOT may assess penalties if it does not receive the final analytical report within two weeks after receipt of the preliminary results.

ODOT may assess the following penalties for sample results received after the requested TAT. In situations where extenuating circumstances are the cause of failure to meet TAT, penalties will be assessed on a case by case basis. These penalties will take into account the nature of the laboratory problem encountered, advance notice of difficulty in meeting TAT and the importance of TAT for the particular sample. Any analytical reports which are requested with an expedited TAT, but not provided in that expedited TAT will be charged by the Vendor at the normal unit cost as per 30-day TAT. If these analytical reports are not provided within the 30-day TAT, they will be assessed the same penalties as analytical reports requested with a 30-day TAT.

- 5% of the Unit Cost per calendar day exceeding a TAT of thirty (30) days.

6.16 Laboratory Analysis Reimbursement

ODOT will compensate the Vendor on a Unit Cost per completed parameter as listed in pricing page Section 9 and 10. The Vendor's invoice must include: (a) sample supplies; (b) storage of unused samples and/or digests and extractions; (c) shipping of sample supplies; (d) analysis; (e) interpretation, (f) final analytical reporting for each sample per parameter; the proper disposal of the samples and materials associated with the analysis of the samples.

In billing the State of Ohio, the Vendor will indicate the number of completed samples per requested parameter. ODOT requests that each sampling activity, identified by ODOT control number, be invoiced separately. These invoices will include the site name, ODOT's project number, the District Hazardous Waste Coordinator's name, date samples were received by the Vendor, Vendor's invoice number, Vendor's identification number, number of samples required per parameter and the parameter(s). The Vendor will submit invoices to the appropriate ODOT District Office Hazardous waste Coordinator for review and approval.

The original invoices must be submitted for review and approval to the District Office requesting the services. Payment shall be made within thirty (30) days after the materials/services have been received and approved by ODOT. Invoices that do not meet ODOT's approval will be returned to the Vendor for correction. The resubmitted invoices will be returned to ODOT, District Office within fourteen (14) days of receipt of returned invoices. ODOT reserves the right to refuse reimbursement for any invoices that are not submitted within these time frames.

6.17 Laboratory Access and Technical Support

Upon request, the Contractor will provide technical support (training on the proper sample collection, preservation, QA/QC, etc.) and access to its facilities. Training materials which will be provided to attendees and a suggested agenda will be submitted in draft form to the ODOT Central Office Laboratory Coordinator three weeks prior to the scheduled course for review and comment. The Contractor in response will modify the training material to incorporate the suggested revisions by ODOT before the training session. All technical support and facility access will be coordinated through the District Office Laboratory Coordinator(s) and/or the Central Office Laboratory Coordinator and the Laboratory Representative.

6.18 Reimbursement for Laboratory Access and Technical Support

The Contractor's invoice must provide an itemized accounting of: (a) the number of hours used by training staff and clerical personnel, (b) travel expenses and (c) other direct costs associated with the training program.

The Contractor must submit invoices, including the date(s) of training or technical support, and the site name or location where training took place to the Central Office Laboratory Coordinator for review and approval.

The original invoices must be submitted for review and approval to the ODOT, Central Office Laboratory Coordinator within sixty (60) days from the time that training was completed. Any invoices that do not meet ODOT's approval will be returned to the Contractor for correction. The resubmitted invoices must be returned to ODOT, Central Office within fourteen (14) days of receipt of returned invoices.

6.19 Sample Collection by Laboratory Personnel

Upon request, the Contractor will provide for the sampling of waste and, a new well or contaminated media from an ODOT designated location by vendor's personnel or **an approved subcontractor**. All costs associated with the collection and delivery of the sample will be based on the sample collectors' time and the round-trip mileage from the laboratory's location to the ODOTs designated sampling location. ODOT sampling locations may consist of the following: ODOT Central Office or any of the twelve (12) ODOT Districts, the ODOT County garages, outpost, aviation, and/or field sampling locations.

6.20 Reimbursement for Sample Collection by Laboratory Personnel

ODOT will compensate the Vendor on a per mile basis based on the current U.S. government travel and expense criteria for sample collection pick-up and delivery as requested. Mileage will be calculated based only on the miles driven between the laboratory and the ODOT designated pick-up location. The amount paid per mile will not exceed the mileage rates allowed by the State of Ohio. Mileage will not include miles accumulated related to the Vendor servicing other clients. The Vendor's invoice must provide an accounting of: (a) the number of miles driven, round-trip, for collection and delivery of the samples. The vendor may ship collected sample via common carrier which the cost is included in the analysis unit pricing sheet.

The Vendor must submit invoices, including the date(s) of service, and the site name or location where sample collection took place and the sample control number to the appropriate District Laboratory Coordinator for review and approval.

The original invoices must be submitted for review and approval to the ODOT location as listed on the purchase order. Invoices must be submitted within sixty (60) days from the time the samples were submitted to the Vendor. Any invoices that do not meet ODOT's approval will be returned to the Vendor for correction. The resubmitted invoices will be returned to the ODOT purchasing location within fourteen (14) days of receipt of returned invoices. ODOT reserves the right to refuse reimbursement for any invoices that are not submitted within these time frames.

6.21 Record Retention and Storage

The Vendor must maintain all analytical records (e.g., instrument printouts, preparation logs, Certificates of Cleanliness, calculation forms) and Vendor invoices/vouchers for samples submitted by ODOT for a period extending three (3) years beyond the expiration date or termination of the contract. All records must be maintained in the document control center with controlled access. These records must be filed by the site name(s), ODOT control number(s), and laboratory sample numbers for ease of accessibility. All records or copies will be made available to ODOT at all times, at no additional cost.

6.22 Sample Analyses Confidentiality

ODOT may submit samples for analysis that will be used for active litigation. Due to these circumstances, sample data must not be identified in any document to parties not bound by this contract. This requirement will apply to the Vendor and any subcontracted laboratory.

6.23 Sample Inventory and Disposal

The Vendor must develop and maintain a thorough sample inventory (written and/or computerized). Samples will be tracked by ODOT control number, laboratory sample number, site name, and date of sample analysis, parameters, and contaminants found, U.S. EPA hazardous waste codes, sample matrices, and remaining sample volume.

The Vendor will assume all costs associated with sample disposal. These samples will be disposed of according to all State and Federal laws and regulations, and will not bring liability to ODOT and the State of Ohio will not be responsible or liable for such disposal. There will be no additional charge for extended storage of samples.

6.24 Invoicing for Re-analyses

ODOT will not reimburse the Vendor for re-analyses other than those requested by ODOT. The cost associated with sample re-analyses resulting from method and/or laboratory quality control outliers (e.g., internal standards, surrogates, and laboratory check samples) will be borne by the Vendor.

Section 7: Insurance

The Vendor shall provide the following insurance coverage at its own expense throughout the term of this Contract:

1. Workers' compensation insurance, as required by Ohio law, and, if some of the Project will be done outside Ohio, the laws of the appropriate state(s) where work on the Project will be done. The Vendor will also maintain employer's liability insurance with at least a \$1,000,000.00 limit.

2. Commercial General Liability insurance coverage for bodily injury, personal injury, wrongful death, property damage. The defense cost shall be outside of the policy limits. Such policy shall designate the State of Ohio as an additional insured, as its interest may appear. The policy will also be endorsed to include a blanket waiver of subrogation. At a minimum, the limits of the insurance shall be:

\$ 2,000,000 General Aggregate
\$ 2,000,000 Products/Completed Operations Aggregate
\$ 1,000,000 Per Occurrence Limit
\$ 1,000,000 Personal and Advertising Injury Limit
\$ 100,000 Fire Legal Liability
\$ 10,000 Medical Payments

The policy shall also be endorsed to provide the State with 30-day prior written notice of cancellation or material change to the policy. It is agreed upon that the Vendor's Commercial General Liability shall be primary over any other insurance coverage.

- (a) Commercial Automobile Liability insurance with a combined single limit of \$500,000.
- (b) Professional Liability insurance covering all staff with a minimum limit of \$1,000,000 per incident and \$3,000,000 aggregate. If the Vendor's policy is written on a "claims made" basis, the Vendor shall provide the State with proof of continuous coverage at the time the policy is renewed. If for any reason the policy expires, or coverage is terminated, the Vendor must purchase and maintain "tail" coverage through the applicable statute of limitations.

The certificate(s) must be in a form that is reasonably satisfactory to the State as to the contents of the policies and the quality of the insurance carriers. All carriers must have at least an "A"- rating by A.M. Best.

PROOF OF INSURANCE SHOULD BE SUBMITTED WITH THE SUBMITTED BID PACKAGE.

Section 8: Multiple Award

ODOT will accept all responsive bids submitted on or before the specified bid opening date and make an award to all responsive bidders pursuant to O.R.C. 5513.02.

**State of Ohio, Department of Transportation (ODOT)
Office of Contract Sales, Purchasing Services**

Terms and Conditions for Submitting Excel Pricing File in Bid Package

(Last Revised 02/2019)

1. DOWNLOADING THE EXCEL PRICING FILE: Bidders can access and download the most current Excel Pricing File for this invitation to bid by following the hyperlink provided below:

<http://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/ContractAdmin/Contracts/PurchDocs/235pricing.xls>

2. SUBMISSION OF EXCEL PRICING FILE: Bidders should submit both a media device with the completed electronic Excel pricing file (.xls) and a hard copy print out of the completed Excel file in their submitted bid package. The media device should be marked with the bidder's name and the Invitation to Bid number.

"Media Device"- Compact Disc (CD), DVD (Digital Versatile Disc), or Flash Drive

Failure to submit this media device with a completed Excel price sheet from the Department's Microsoft Excel file and the hard copy print out of the completed Excel price sheet may result in a bid being deemed non-responsive by the Department.

3. DISCREPANCIES IN SUBMITTED INFORMATION: In the event there is a discrepancy between the information submitted on the media device and the hard copy Excel price sheet, the information submitted on the media device will take precedence.

4. NON-FUNCTIONAL MEDIA DEVICE: The Department shall not be held liable in the event a bidder's media device is not functional, is broken, or is unable to be accessed/downloaded by the Department for any reason. Bidders should take care to ensure all submitted media devices are properly protected during transport.

5. UNAPPROVED ALTERATIONS TO EXCEL PRICING FILE: Bidders who materially alter the original content of the Excel pricing file (e.g. specifications, formulas, etc.) issued by the Department may be found non-responsive and ineligible for award of this invitation to bid.

6. CHANGES TO EXCEL PRICING FILE: The Department will only make modifications to the Excel pricing file by written addendum only. Where changes are necessary to the Excel pricing page, the Department will issue a new Excel pricing page indicating the revisions made and a revision date for the changes.

It is the sole responsibility of the bidder to check for issued addenda prior to submitting a bid package to ensure the most updated Excel pricing file is being utilized.

7. DESCRIPTIVE LITERATURE: Bidders may electronically, on their submitted media device, provide any descriptive literature (e.g. brochures, spec/cut sheets, drawings, MSDS, etc.) regarding the products and/or services offered by the bidder. As this literature may be publicly posted for viewing by purchasers, bidders must not submit any literature electronically in which they consider to be a trade secret, proprietary, or confidential in any way.

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INSTRUCTIONS, TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR BIDDING

(Last revised 02/2019)

1. **BIDDER REGISTRATION:** The Department requires awarded bidder(s) to successfully register as a State of Ohio Supplier with the Department of Ohio Shared Services and successfully obtain an OAKS vendor identification number (OAKS ID) within fourteen (14) calendar days from the date of contract award and execution. The Department cannot utilize awarded Contracts to purchase from a bidder who cannot obtain an OAKS ID from Ohio Shared Services. In the event an awarded bidder is unable to obtain an OAKS ID, the Department shall reserve the right to revoke its award to the bidder and immediately cancel any resulting Contract.

A Supplier Information Form and W-9 must be completed and sent back directly to Ohio Shared Services in order to register and apply for an OAKS ID. The following website can be accessed by bidders to obtain both the forms and specific instructions for obtaining an OAKS ID:

<http://ohiosharedservices.ohio.gov/SupplierOperations/Forms.aspx>

It is strongly recommended that all interested bidders not already registered with Ohio Shared Services submit the above paperwork prior to the bid submission deadline.

2. **HOW BIDS MUST BE PACKAGED:** All submitted bids in response to this Invitation to Bid (ITB) must be submitted in a sealed envelope or box (envelope means any type of sealed, opaque container) marked with the ITB number, the title of the ITB, bid submission deadline (bid opening date), and bidder (company) name clearly marked on the outside of the envelope/box. If a bidder is using an "Express Mail" or similar type of service, the bid response must be contained in a sealed envelope within the "Express" mailer (the bid number must be listed on the exterior of the sealed envelope contained within the "Express" mailer). A bid that is not properly and clearly marked and is inadvertently opened, before the scheduled bid opening time, may be disqualified, at the Department's discretion, without additional consideration for award of the contract.

Below is an example to illustrate how the outer surface of the bid package should be labeled:

Invitation to Bid #: *(insert bid number)*
Commodity/Service: *(insert title of bid)*
Bid Submission Deadline: *(insert due date)*
Company Name: *(insert company name)*

3. **WHAT NEEDS INCLUDED IN BID PACKAGE:** Submitted bid packages should include, at a minimum, a completed Signature Page, a hard copy print out of this entire invitation to bid document, media device with a completed Excel pricing page, hard copy of the completed Excel pricing page, and all necessary supportive documentation, forms, and any other information required herein. The Department may deem a bid non-responsive for failure to submit any of the documents requested above.
4. **PREBID QUESTIONS, DISCREPANCIES, AND CLARIFICATIONS:** Any discrepancies, omissions, ambiguities, or conflicts in or among the bidding documents or doubts as to the meaning shall be brought to the Department's attention by the bidder no less than three (3) business days prior to the bid submission deadline. All questions, discrepancies, clarifications, etc. must be submitted electronically (hyperlink below). During the competitive bidding process, bidders (and their agents) are prohibited from contacting any ODOT office, including District offices, other than the Office of Contract Sales, Purchasing Services section to obtain responses to any questions. The Department may find a bidder non-responsive for failing to adhere to any of the above requirements.

Pre-bid questions/inquiries must be submitted electronically through the following website:
<http://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/ContractAdmin/Contracts/Pages/PurchasePBO.aspx>

Answers to Pre-Bid Questions/Inquiries will be posted on the following document available for download at the following website:

<http://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/ContractAdmin/Contracts/Purchase/PBQ-Answers.doc>

It is each bidder's sole responsibility to check the website for updates to pre-bid questions and answers before submitting its bid package to the Department.

5. **MODIFICATIONS TO THE BIDDING DOCUMENTS:** When it is deemed necessary to modify these bidding documents, the Department will only do so by written addendum. The issuance of an addendum is dependent upon the information received and the impact on the competitive bid process. All issued addenda will be posted to the Department's Upcoming ITB's website and shall be automatically incorporated into the bidding/contract documents:

<http://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/ContractAdmin/Contracts/Lists/PurchaseUpcomingITBs/UpITBs.aspx>

In addition to posting on the above website, the Department also may email addenda information out to all known bidders for convenience purposes only. The Department shall not be held responsible for a bidder's failure to receive the email with the addenda information. It is the sole responsibility of all interested bidders to diligently visit the above-listed website to see if any addenda have been issued prior to submitting their bid to the Department. Those interested in obtaining addenda information via email for a particular invitation to bid must send the Department its request in writing to the following email address:

Contracts.Purchasing@dot.ohio.gov

6. **PRE-BID CONFERENCES:** The Department reserves the right to hold mandatory or optional pre-bid conferences at its discretion. Conferences may be held either in-person or via webinar/phone conference formats. Bidders will be required to sign-in at all pre-bid conferences. The sign-in sheet for all pre-bid conferences is considered a public record, will be kept in the bid file, and will be shared with any requesting party. Additionally, any business cards collected during any pre-bid conference shall be considered public records and may be distributed out to all conference attendees. Any changes to the requirements or specifications of an invitation to bid, as a result of the pre-bid conference content, will be made by written addendum and publicly posted.

For mandatory pre-bid conferences, the Department requires that those companies intending on submitting a bid be in attendance for the entire duration of the pre-bid conference. Mandatory pre-bid conferences will officially begin five (5) minutes after the scheduled date and start time at the location specified in the Special Terms and Conditions. Those bidders not in attendance at that time will be considered ineligible to submit a bid. The conference will be considered adjourned and complete when a representative of the Office of Contract Sales, Purchasing Services section indicates so. To be considered in attendance and eligible to bid, a bidder must have at least one representative of the company in attendance. A single representative cannot be present on behalf of two or more companies (bidders). Each company (bidder) must send its own representative on behalf of their organization. It is the sole responsibility of the bidder to ensure that the representative follows the sign-in procedures to properly document the bidder's attendance. The Department shall not be held responsible for a bidder's failure to arrive at the meeting on time, properly sign-in, or failure to stay for the entire duration of the meeting.

7. **WHERE BIDS MUST BE DELIVERED TO:** The Department only accepts hand delivered and mailed bid packages. Bids submitted via email, telephone, electronic facsimile (fax), or any other mode of electronic transmission will not be considered a responsive bid submission. Bids must be in possession of the ODOT Office of Contract Sales, Purchasing Services section, on or prior to 2:00 p.m. eastern time, on the scheduled date of the bid submission deadline (public bid opening) as listed on the cover of this Invitation to Bid (ITB). Properly labeled bid packages must be either hand delivered by the bidder to the Office of Contract Sales, Purchasing Services section or mailed to the following EXACT address:

Invitation No. 235-20

Ohio Department of Transportation,
Office of Contract Sales, Purchasing Services, 1st floor
1980 West Broad St. Mail Stop 4110
Columbus, OH 43223
(614) 644-7870 or (614) 752-9017
Main Office Line: 1-800-459-3778

OFFICE HOURS: 7:30-3:30, M-F (excluding State of Ohio recognized holidays)

For hand delivery of bids, the Office of Contract Sales, Purchasing Services section is located on the 1st floor of ODOT Central Office (same address as where bids will be received). Bidders will be required to sign-in at the front desk of the building and then must be escorted back to the Office of Contract Sales, Purchasing Services section in order to drop off their bid. It is the responsibility of the bidder to ensure enough time is allotted to allow for all sign in and security procedures prior to the 2:00 p.m. bid submission deadline. Delivery of bids to any other location (including the ODOT mailroom), does not constitute receipt by the Purchasing Services section. Bids delivered to the ODOT mail room by a courier service must be delivered so as to leave a reasonable amount of time for the transfer of the bid to the Purchasing Services section. The ODOT mail room delivers received mail to Purchasing Services at scheduled times during normal office hours.

8. **LATE BIDS:** A bid received after 2:00 p.m. eastern time, on the bid submission deadline (bid opening date) established, shall be deemed "Late" and will not be considered for award of this invitation to bid. The late bid package will be marked as late, remain sealed, and will be kept in the Department's bid file to serve as official record of a late bid having been received.

Note: The Office of Contract Sales, Purchasing Services timeclock takes precedence over any other timekeeping device (e.g. cell phones, other ODOT clocks, wrist watches, etc.) and will be utilized by the Department to determine whether or not a bid was received by the 2:00 p.m. deadline.

9. **PUBLIC BID OPENING PROCEDURE:** All bids in possession of the Purchasing Services section shall be publicly opened, at ODOT Central Office, Office of Contract Sales, Purchasing Services section, 1st floor, starting at 2:01 p.m. on the scheduled date of public bid opening (bid submission deadline). All bids will be opened and read to any interested parties in attendance. At the conclusion of the public bid opening, bids may no longer be shared with interested parties until after a contract award has been made.
10. **BIDS FIRM:** Once publicly opened, all bids are firm and cannot be altered by the bidder. Once a Contract is awarded and executed, the Vendor shall deliver all products and/or services at the bid prices and terms contained in the Contract. All submitted bids shall remain valid for a period of sixty (60) calendar days after the date of the public bid opening. Beyond sixty (60) calendar days, bidders will have the option to either honor their submitted bid or make a written request to withdraw their bid from consideration. The Ohio Department of Transportation shall receive the benefit of any decrease in price during the sixty (60) day period.
11. **WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS:** A bidder may, by way of written notice to the Purchasing Services section, request to withdraw their bid response prior to the bid submission deadline. The request must be received by the Purchasing Services Section PRIOR to the start of the public bid opening (beginning at 2:01 p.m.) on the date of the bid submission deadline. Such written notice must set forth the specific reasons for the bid withdrawal.

For requests to withdrawal a bid after the public bid opening has begun, the bidder may request to withdraw their bid response from consideration if the unit bid price(s) submitted are unreasonably lower than the other bids received, provided the bid was submitted in good faith, and the reason for the unit bid price(s) being substantially lower was due to an unintentional and substantial arithmetical error or unintentional omission of a substantial quantity of material or labor in the compilation of the bid. Written notice of any such request to withdraw after the bid opening must be received by the Purchasing Services section within no later than forty-eight (48) hours of the scheduled public bid opening.

The decision to allow a bid to be withdrawn is at the sole discretion of the Purchasing Services section. If the bid is to be awarded by category, lot, or group the withdrawal request will apply to all items within the category, lot, or group. All documents and conversations relating to any withdrawal request will become a part of the permanent bid file.

12. **MODIFICATION OF SUBMITTED BIDS PRIOR TO PUBLIC BID OPENING:** A bidder may request to modify their bid response prior to the scheduled date and time set for the public bid opening (i.e. bid submission deadline). To modify a bid response, the bidder must provide an alternate, complete bid package containing all required forms and necessary documents. The alternate bid package must be marked somewhere on the outer packaging as "REVISED". Purchasing Services will not return the original bid package to the bidder. The original bid package will be kept in the contract file.

In order to protect the integrity of the bidding process, bids shall not be prepared on the premises of ODOT. Any bid which is prepared on the premises of ODOT may be immediately disqualified and receive no further consideration for award.

13. **UNIT BID PRICES:** The unit bid price(s) submitted shall govern the award of this invitation to bid unless otherwise specified in the bid evaluation criteria. The unit bid price should be entered for each required bid item on the Department's pricing page. Use of ditto marks, arrows, or other markings in lieu of the actual unit price may result in a non-responsive bid determination. Lot or group prices listed in the unit bid price area shall be considered as the unit price unless clearly identified as the lot price. Unless specifically allowed in the contract's terms and conditions, requests to change or alter unit bid prices after the public bid opening are prohibited.

The following requirements also apply to unit bid prices:

a. **DECIMAL POINT:** Bidders should not insert a unit cost of more than two (2) digits to the right of the decimal point. Digit(s) beyond two (2) will be dropped and not recognized by the Department for the purposes of bid evaluation or contract award.

b. **CREDIT CARD FEES:** Bidders must incorporate into their unit bid price(s) submitted all costs and fees associated with the State's use of a payment (credit) card.

c. **DISCOUNTS:** While bidders may offer to the Department discounts for prompt payment and other similar incentives, discounts and incentives these will not be used to alter the submitted unit bid price(s) for purposes of bid evaluation and contract award. This section only applies to bids awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder either by individual bid item or group of bid items and does not include bids which are awarded to all responsive and responsible bidders (i.e. Multiple Award Contracts).

d. **MULTIPLE AWARD CONTRACTS:** Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 5513.02, the Department may award Contracts to all responsive and responsible bidders for articles (i.e. bid items) meeting the general specifications provided. These are referenced by the Department as 'Multiple Award Contracts'. Unit bid prices submitted for Multiple Award Contracts shall be considered by the Department as an amount-not-to-exceed unit bid price for the entire duration of the Contract. These awarded, amount-not-to-exceed bid prices often do not reflect potential quantity discounts, freight discounts, nor other similar discounts/incentives offered periodically by a distributor, manufacturer, or supplier. Where like or similar bid items are being offered by two or more awarded Vendors (bidders) on the awarded Contract, the Department reserves the right to obtain quotes from all awarded bidders on the Contract in order to achieve the best and most up-to-date pricing available to the Department at the time of ordering.

e. **UNBALANCED BIDS:** The Department will not accept unit bid prices that are deemed to be either materially or mathematically unbalanced. The final determination of an unbalanced unit bid price shall be at the Department's sole discretion.

f. **TIE BID PROCESS:** If two or more responsive bids offer the same unit bid price, ODOT may break the tie as follows: during the bid evaluation process, the bidders that submitted tie bids will be contacted and given up to three (3) business days to submit a written revised unit price for the affected item or items. Bidders are not required to submit a revised unit price. In the event a tie still exists after the above-prescribed deadline has passed, ODOT will schedule a coin flip to be conducted in the presence of both bidders. The winner of the coin flip will be deemed awarded the affected bid item(s).

14. **PREFERENCE FOR OHIO/BORDER STATE PRODUCTS:** The bid award for this invitation to bid may be subject to the domestic preference provisions of the Buy America Act, 41 U.S.C.A., 10a-10d, as amended, and to the preference for Ohio products under O.R.C. Sections 125.09 and 125.11 and Ohio Administrative Code Rule 123:5-1-06. A bidder must complete the enclosed *Buy Ohio/Buy America Certification Statement* form to be eligible to receive any applicable bid preferences.
15. **RESPONSIVE BIDDER:** A bidder is responsive if its bid responds to the bid specifications in all material respects and contains no irregularities or deviations from the specifications that would affect the amount of the bid or otherwise give the bidder an unfair competitive advantage.
16. **MINOR INFORMALITIES OR IRREGULARITIES IN BIDS:** A minor informality or irregularity is one that is merely a matter of form and not of substance. It also pertains to some immaterial defect in a bid or variation of a bid from the exact requirements of the invitation that can be corrected or waived without being prejudicial to other bidders. The defect or variation is immaterial when the effect on price, quantity, quality, or delivery is negligible when contrasted with the total cost or scope of the supplies or services being acquired. The Department either shall give the bidder an opportunity to cure any deficiency resulting from a minor informality or irregularity in a bid or waive the deficiency, whichever is to the advantage of the Department.
17. **BIDDER RESPONSIBILITY:** The Department will only award this invitation to bid to what it deems to be a responsible bidder. The Department's determination of a bidder's responsibility includes, but is not limited to, the following factors:
 - a) experience of the bidder;
 - b) bidder's financial condition;
 - c) bidder's conduct and performance on previous contracts;
 - d) the bidder's facilities;
 - e) the bidder's management skills;
 - f) the bidder's employees;
 - g) past experience and/or quality of bidder's proposed subcontractors;
 - h) the bidder's ability to execute the contract;
 - i) review of Federal and Department debarment lists;
 - j) bidder has history of successful performance on contracts of similar size and scope; and
 - k) current or impending legal actions against a bidder.
18. **APPARENT CLERICAL MISTAKES:** Clerical mistakes apparent on the face of the bid may be corrected, at the Department's discretion, before contract award. The Department first shall obtain from the bidder a verification of the information intended and will attach written verification of the mistake by the bidder in the contract file and award documents. Example of apparent clerical mistakes are:
 - (1) Obvious misplacement of a decimal point or comma;
 - (2) Obvious incorrect discount factor; or
 - (3) Transcription error in Part Number.
19. **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** The Department reserves the right to request additional information to evaluate a bidder's responsiveness to the Invitation to Bid's requirements and/or to evaluate a bidder's overall responsibility. These requests may require the bidder's submission of confidential materials (e.g. financial statements). If a bidder does not provide all of the requested information within the prescribed timeframe, the Department may find the bid non-responsive and ineligible for award.

20. **PRODUCT SAMPLES:** The Department may require bidders, by Invitation to Bid or by request during bid evaluation, to provide sample supplies or equipment or examples of work, at the Bidder's expense. Samples must clearly identify the Bidder, the bid number, and the item the sample represents in the bid. The Department will return samples that are not destroyed by testing, at the Bidder's expense, upon the Bidder's timely request. The Department may keep the samples of the Bidder awarded the contract until the completion of the contract. Unsolicited samples submitted in response to this Invitation to Bid will not be evaluated and the Department may dispose of them in any way it chooses.
21. **SPECIFICATIONS:** The Department is authorized by Sections 5513 and/or 125.02(B) of the Ohio Revised Code to prepare specifications and establish contracts to obtain the supplies, equipment, and/or services referenced within this invitation to bid. The purpose of the provided specifications is to describe the supplies, equipment, and/or services to be purchased and will serve as a fair and equitable basis for comparison of submitted bids. The Department may use any form of specification it determines to be in the best interest of the Department and that best describes the supplies or services to be purchased. Specifications may be in the form of a design specification or a combination thereof. If the department determines that a design, performance or a combination specification is not in the best interest of the Department, it may use brand name or equal specifications.

Unless otherwise specified in this Invitation to Bid, all products, equipment, supplies, etc. offered by bidders must be in a new condition. A 'new' product is one that will be first used by the Department after it has been manufactured or produced. Used, reconditioned, or previously titled products, supplies, or equipment will not be considered for award of this Invitation to Bid.

The Department uses qualified products list (QPL) and/or approved products lists (APL) developed by either itself or other qualified institutions to specify acceptable products and supplies that have been through proper application and testing procedures to verify conformance with technical and/or performance specifications. Where the Department requires products and supplies to be included on a specific QPL/APL listing, the Department will not accept bids for products/supplies that are not included on a specified QPL/APL at the time of public bid opening.

A bidder may not be compensated for damages arising from inaccurate or incomplete information in the Invitation to Bid specifications or from inaccurate assumptions based upon the specifications.

22. **USE OF BRAND NAMES:** Unless otherwise provided in this solicitation, the name of a certain brand, make, or manufacturer does not restrict bidders to the specific brand, make, or manufacturer named, but conveys the general style, type, character, and quality of the article desired. Any article which the Department, in its sole discretion, determines to be the equivalent of that specified, considering quality, workmanship, economy of operation, or suitability for the purpose intended, may be accepted. The bidder is responsible to clearly and specifically identify the product being offered and to provide sufficient descriptive literature, catalog cuts and technical detail to enable the Department to determine if the product offered meets the requirements of the solicitation. Failure to furnish adequate data for evaluation purposes may result in declaring a bid nonresponsive. Unless the bidder clearly indicates in its bid that the product being offered is an equivalent product, such bid will be considered to offer the exact brand, make, or manufacturer name referenced in the bid solicitation.
23. **DEVIATIONS:** Statements or modifications made by a bidder in their submitted bid package that deviate from this Invitation to Bid's terms, conditions, specifications and requirements may render a bid non-responsive and ineligible for award.

Acceptance of any deviations or modifications will be confirmed by the Department in writing, if accepted. If the Department does not specifically approve submitted deviations or modifications in writing, an award of this invitation to bid shall not constitute acceptance of the bidder's submitted modifications.

24. **ESTIMATED QUANTITIES:** Any purchase estimates indicated for bid item(s) are to be considered as estimates only. The Department makes no representation or guarantee as to the actual amount of item(s) to be purchased by the Department or Political Subdivisions.
25. **OVERLAPPING CONTRACT ITEMS:** The products and/or services included in this solicitation may be available from other State of Ohio contracts and/or other contracts made available for the Department's

use. The existence of these contracts containing like or similar products and/or services could be either known or unknown to the Department at the time this Invitation to bid has been published. Unless otherwise stated in this contract, the Department may acquire these products and/or services from any available source. The Department will make purchases from sources that are deemed to be in the best interest of the Agency.

26. **REJECTION/PARTIAL AWARD OF BIDS:** The Department reserves the right to reject any or all bid responses, award partial contracts, or choose to rebid when:

(1) Product, supplies and/or services are not in compliance with the requirements, specifications, and terms and conditions set forth in this Invitation to Bid; or

(2) Pricing offered is determined to be excessive in comparison with existing market conditions, or exceeds the available funds of the Department; or

(3) Only one bid is received, and the Department cannot determine the reasonableness of the bid prices submitted; or

(4) It is determined that the award of any or all items would not be in the best interest of the Department; or

(5) The Department, in its opinion, did not achieve the desired amount of competition amongst qualified bidders for the products, supplies, and/or services being offered in the bid solicitation; or

(6) Inadequate or ambiguous specifications were cited in the bidding documents; or

(7) The Department determines that specifications and/or requirements were missing from the bidding documents; or

(8) A bidder imposes additional terms and conditions against the Department.

27. **NOTICE TO BIDDERS OF REJECTED BIDS:** When the Department deems it necessary to reject a bid, the Department will notify each affected bidder and the reasons for such actions.

28. **BID PROTESTS:** Any apparent low bidder either deemed not responsible or whose bid has been deemed non-responsive shall be notified by the Department of that determination and the reasons for it. The notification will be provided by the Department in writing and sent by U.S. mail and at the email address provided on the front cover of the bidder's bid. The bidder will have five (5) calendar days after receipt (by mail or email confirmation) of this notification to file a written, valid protest of the Department's determination. A valid written protest must contain substantive information and evidence so as to refute the Department's asserted claims against either the bid's responsiveness or bidder's responsibility, whichever apply. The Department will only review and respond to valid written protests containing substantive information and evidence. After review of the valid written protest, the Department will either affirm or reverse its original determination.

If a valid written protest is not received by the Department within five (5) calendar days of receipt, the Director of ODOT will move forward awarding the Contract and the affected bidder will have effectively waived its right to protest the Department's decision. For the purposes of this paragraph, "receipt" shall be defined as verification (via either certified mail return receipt or electronic read or delivery receipt) that the apparent low bidder has received the Department's written determination against the affected bidder. Upon the bidder's receipt, the five (5) calendar day response deadline shall commence.

29. **DELAYS IN CONTRACT AWARD:** Delays in the award of this Invitation to Bid beyond the anticipated Contract start date may result in a change in the contract period as indicated in the Special terms and conditions of this bid solicitation. In these instances, ODOT shall reserve the right to award a contract covering a period equal to or less than the initial contract term than originally specified in this bid solicitation.

30. **CONTRACT AWARD AND FORMATION:** Successful bidder(s) will receive via U.S. regular mail and/or email a Notice of Contract Award letter as well as a photocopy version of the Signature Page executed by both Parties. These documents shall serve to form the Contract between the Parties. The Signature Page must be executed by both the bidder and the Director of ODOT for the Contract to be deemed valid and enforceable. The Department will maintain in the Contract file the Signature Page document containing each parties' original signature(s).

Upon award of an Invitation to Bid, the bid invitation number (e.g. Invitation No. 999-16) will subsequently become the number assigned to the resulting Contract (e.g. ODOT Contract number 999-16) and will be referenced by the Department in all matters and documents related to said Contract.

Upon award of an invitation to bid, successful bidders will thereafter be referenced as "Vendor" or "Contractor" by the Department in all matters and documents related to the resulting Contract.

31. **PUBLIC POSTING OF AWARDED CONTRACTS:** All Contracts awarded by the Office of Contract Sales, Purchasing Services section are posted to the Department's website. Successful bidders and awarded Contract pricing can be found by viewing the Contract's award tab (Excel file). Award tabs can be accessed via the following website:

<http://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/ContractAdmin/Contracts/Lists/PurchaseCurrentContracts/CurrentKs.aspx>

32. **PUBLIC RECORD:** All opened bids and their contents are subject to the Public Records Law, Section 149.43 of the Ohio Revised Code. Copies of bid responses must be requested and will be provided within a reasonable period of time and at a fee established by the Director of ODOT. To expedite and properly respond to such public records requests, a written request must be submitted to the Department. To prevent delays in evaluating bids and awarding contracts, such requests for recently opened bids, will be honored after a Contract has been executed.

Bidders may request that specific information, such as trade secrets or proprietary data, be designated as confidential and not considered as public record. Material so designated shall accompany the bid and be in a sealed container duly marked, and shall be readily separable from the bid in order to facilitate public inspection of non-confidential portion. Prices, makes, models, catalog numbers of items offered, deliveries and terms of payment cannot be considered as confidential. The decision as to whether or not such trade secrets or proprietary data shall be disclosed at the bid opening rests solely with the Department.

Requests to view previously submitted bids must be submitted in writing to either of the following addresses:

Contracts.Purchasing@dot.ohio.gov
Ohio Department of Transportation
Office of Contract Sales, Purchasing Services
1980 West Broad St. Mail Stop 4110
Columbus, OH 43223

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**State of Ohio, Department of Transportation (ODOT)
Office of Contract Sales, Purchasing Services**

GENERAL DEFINITIONS

When used in this Invitation to Bid or any ensuing contract, the following definitions shall apply. If a conflict exists between these definitions and any definition listed in the bid specifications, the bid specifications shall prevail.

1. AGENCY: Ohio Department of Transportation.
2. AUTHORIZED DISTRIBUTOR: The bidder/vendor who maintains written legal agreements with manufacturers/producers to act as their agent and provide supplies, materials, equipment or services listed in the bid/contract. The authorized distributor must maintain active and sufficient facilities necessary to perform the awarded contract, own title to the goods inventoried within these facilities and maintain a true stock of these goods on a continuing basis and in sufficient quantity to provide uninterrupted service to ordering agencies.
3. BIDDER: The company and/or authorized representative of the company who has signed and is submitting a bid response and who will be responsible to ensure proper performance of the contract awarded pursuant to the bid.
4. DEPARTMENT: Ohio Department of Transportation
5. EQUIPMENT: Items, implements and machinery with a predetermined and considerable usage life.
6. F.O.B. PLACE OF DESTINATION: meaning the Vendor pays, and includes the cost of such in their bid, and bears the risk for the transportation/delivery of goods delivered to the specified locations provided by the Purchaser.
7. INVITATION TO BID/CONTRACT: All documents, whether attached or incorporated by reference, utilized for soliciting bids. Upon completion of the evaluation and award of the bidder's response, the Invitation to Bid then becomes the contract between ODOT and the successful bidder, both governed by the laws of the State of Ohio.
8. INVOICE: An itemized listing showing delivery of the commodity or performance of the service described in the order, and the date of the purchase or rendering of the service, or an itemization of the things done, material supplied, or labor furnished, and the sum due pursuant to the contract or obligation.
9. LOWEST RESPONSIVE\RESPONSIBLE BIDDER: A bidder who offers the lowest cost for the goods or services listed in the bid; and whose proposal responds to bid specifications in all material respects and contains no irregularities or deviations from the specifications which would affect the amount of the bid or otherwise give him a competitive advantage; and whose experience, financial condition, conduct and performance on previous contracts, facilities, management skills evidences their ability to execute the contract properly.
10. MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (MBE): means an individual, partnership, corporation or joint venture of any kind that is owned and controlled by U. S. Citizens and residents of Ohio, who are and have held themselves out as members of the following socially and economically disadvantaged groups: Blacks, American Indians, Hispanics and Asians. Only businesses certified by the State of Ohio Equal Opportunity Division in accordance with Section 123.151 of the Ohio Revised Code shall be recognized as being MBE certified within the purpose of this invitation.
11. MATERIALS: Items or substance of an expendable or non-expendable nature from which something can be made, improved or repaired.

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13. PURCHASE: To buy, purchase, installment purchase, rent, lease, lease purchase or otherwise acquire equipment, materials, supplies or services. "Purchase" also includes all functions that pertain to obtaining of equipment, materials, supplies or services, including description of requirements, selection and solicitation of sources, preparation and award of contracts, and all phases of contract administration.
14. SERVICES: The furnishing of labor, time or effort by a person, not involving the delivery of a specific end product other than a report which, if provided, is merely incidental to the required performance. "Services" does not include services furnished pursuant to employment agreements or collective bargaining agreements.
15. SPECIFICATION: Any description of the physical or functional characteristics or of the nature of supplies, equipment, service, or insurance. It may include a description of any requirements for inspecting, testing, or preparing supplies, equipment, services, or insurance.
16. SUPPLIES: Provisions and items normally considered expendable or consumable.14. UNBALANCED: Any unit price contained in the bid schedule which is obviously unbalanced either above or below reasonable cost analysis and or unreasonably disproportionate to current market prices as determined by the Director of ODOT, or if such unbalanced prices are contrary to the interest of the department.
17. VENDOR: The bidder who, upon awarding of a contract, then becomes a Vendor who is considered to be a primary source for providing the goods and/or services included in the awarded contract and the party to whom payment will be made upon delivery of the goods and/or completion of the contract.
18. SUBVENDOR/SUBCONTRACTOR: An individual, firm or corporation to whom the Vendor sublets part of the contract to be performed.

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STANDARD CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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1. **HEADINGS:** The headings used in this Contract are for convenience only and shall not be used to affect the interpretation of any of the Contract terms and conditions.
2. **ENTIRE CONTRACT:** This Contract consists of the complete Invitation to Bid, including the Instructions, Terms and Conditions for Bidding, these Standard Contract Terms and Conditions, the Special Contract Terms and Conditions, ODOT Cooperative Purchasing Program Requirements, mutually executed Signature Page, Specifications and Requirements, awarded unit bid pricing, and any written addenda to the Invitation to Bid; the completed competitive sealed bid, including proper modifications, clarifications and samples; and applicable, valid State of Ohio purchase orders or other ordering documents ("Contract").
3. **APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS.** Pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Ohio, Article II Section 22, ODOT's funds are contingent upon the availability of lawful appropriations by the Ohio General Assembly. If the Ohio General Assembly fails at any time to continue funding for the payments or obligations due hereunder, the Work under this Contract that is affected by the lack of funding will terminate and ODOT will have no further obligation to make any payments and will be released from its obligations on the date funding expires.

The current Ohio General Assembly cannot commit a future Ohio General Assembly to a future expenditure. If the term of this Contract extends beyond a biennium, the Contract will expire at the end of a current biennium and the State may renew this Contract in the next biennium by issuing written notice to the Vendor no later than July 1 of the new biennium. The operating biennium expires June 30th of each odd-numbered calendar year.

4. **OBM CERTIFICATION:** None of the rights, duties, or obligations in this Contract will be binding on the Department, and the Vendor will not begin its performance, until all of the following conditions have been met:
 1. All statutory provisions under the O.R.C., including Section 126.07, have been met; and
 2. All necessary funds are made available by the Ohio Office of Budget and Management; or
 3. If ODOT is relying on Federal or third-party funds for this Contract the ODOT gives the Vendor written notice that such funds have been made available.
5. **CONTRACT MODIFICATIONS:** Amendments or modifications to this Contract must be executed in writing between the parties and signed by the Director of ODOT. Amendments or modifications to this Contract made between the Vendor and other Department personnel shall be void and unenforceable.
6. **CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION:** Any general rule of construction to the contrary notwithstanding this Contract shall be liberally construed in favor of the effect the purpose of this Contract and the policy and purposes of the Department. If any provisions in this Contract are found to be ambiguous, an interpretation consistent with the purpose of this Contract that would render the provision valid shall be favored over any interpretation that would render it invalid.
7. **GOVERNING LAW / SEVERABILITY:** This Contract shall be governed by the laws of the State of Ohio, and the venue for any disputes will be exclusively with the appropriate court in Franklin County, Ohio. If any provision of the Contract or the application of any provision is held by that court to be contrary to law, the remaining provisions of the Contract will remain in full force and effect.
8. **ASSIGNMENT / DELEGATION:** The Vendor will not assign any of its rights nor delegate any of its duties under this Contract without the written consent of the Director of ODOT. Any assignment or delegation not consented to may be deemed void by the Department.

9. **PLACEMENT OF ORDERS/METHODS OF PAYMENT:** The Department shall use either State of Ohio Purchase Order or State of Ohio Payment Card (i.e. credit card) to authorize performance under this Contract and to issue payments for supplies, products, and/or services acquired. Vendors are required to accept both forms of payment. For Department purchases over \$2,500.00, an official State of Ohio purchase order must be generated and obtain approvals from the Office of Budget and Management, the Department of Administrative Services, and the Director of Transportation prior to its effectiveness. An approved State of Ohio purchase order will be sent to the Vendor and the Vendor will provide the goods and/or services listed on the ordering documents and in accordance with the Contract's terms and conditions. Any order placed not using an approved ODOT purchase order or against a State payment card, shall not be considered a valid order and may result in denial of payment and/or return of goods at the Vendor's expense.
10. **ACCEPTANCE OF ORDERS:** The Vendor must accept orders placed by the Department pursuant to this Contract up through the last day of the Contract's effectiveness, inclusive of any contract extensions exercised or agreed-upon between the Parties.
11. **BLANKET PURCHASE ORDERS:** The Department utilizes blanket purchase orders to pre-authorize funding for use on Contracts containing bid items that, due to the urgent nature of maintaining the Department's highways and facilities, are critical to the Department executing its mission and objectives. The generation of blanket purchase orders are not used by the Department to place a specific order, rather as a means to make funding more readily available for use when Contract items are needed. The Vendor shall keep all blanket purchase orders on file and make them readily available for use by Department personnel to place orders against. When placing orders against a blanket purchase order, the Department will telephone or email orders referencing the blanket purchase order and its associated ODOT purchase order number. All of the Contract's terms and conditions shall apply to the Department's orders referencing a blanket purchase order.

For all blanket purchase orders, quantities and amounts to be purchased from these purchase orders is unknown by the Department and Vendors must not construe these purchase orders as a commitment to purchase a specific amount of goods and/or services. Accordingly, the Department reserves the right to increase or decrease the available funding on these blanket purchase orders at its discretion.

12. **DELIVERY INSPECTION AND ACCEPTANCE:** Upon pick-up or delivery of any supplies, products, and/or services, ODOT retains the right to inspect the product/service prior to final acceptance and/or payment for the product/service. ODOT shall have sufficient and reasonable time to fully inspect supplies and/or services for compliance. The purpose of the inspection process is to ensure that the product/service is in compliance with the specifications set forth in the awarded contract. In the event that the product/service does not meet the specifications, ODOT shall notify the Vendor for removal/replacement of the product and/or service at the Vendor's expense. ODOT shall retain all rights and remedies as described herein. Wherein products ordered by ODOT are delivered to a facility, which is not owned by ODOT and where ODOT has contracted with this facility to take delivery of products ordered by ODOT, acceptance will occur when the products have been inspected and accepted by ODOT within a reasonable amount of time after delivery to the facility. ODOT shall not be responsible for any storage costs incurred prior to the inspection and acceptance.
13. **RETURN GOODS POLICY:** The Department will apply the following Return Goods Policy on all purchases made under the Contract:
 - (A) Return goods, when due to Vendor debar (i.e. over-shipment, defective merchandise, unapproved substitution, etc.) shall be returned to the Vendor, at the Vendor's expense. The Vendor shall make arrangements to remove the return goods from the Department's premises within five (5) calendar days after notification. The Vendor shall not apply any restocking or other charges to the Department. At the option of the Department, replacement items may be accepted and will be shipped within five (5) calendar days of notification. Failure of the Vendor to arrange for return of the items within the specified time will result in the items being deemed as abandoned property and the Department will dispose of accordingly.

(B) For orders of custom manufactured items, the Vendor will provide a production sample of the item to the Department for acceptance. The production sample will be identical to the item to be provided. The Department will provide written acceptance of the item prior to the Vendor continuing with production. Once delivery and acceptance has been completed and the Department determines for any reason that any remaining quantities will not be used, the agency may request the return of the custom manufactured items. Acceptance of the return of custom manufactured items will be at the option of the Vendor. If the Vendor agrees to the return of these items, the Department will be responsible for all costs associated with packaging, shipment and transportation, to include the original shipment to the Department and subsequent return of goods to the location designated by the Vendor. The Vendor may assess restocking fees that are equivalent to restocking fees that are normally assessed to other customers or as published by the Vendor. Failure of the Vendor to provide a production sample and obtain written approval from the Department will result in the Vendor bearing all responsibility and costs associated with the return of these goods.

(C) Return goods of regular catalog stock merchandise, when due to Department error (i.e. over purchase, discontinued use, inventory reduction, etc.) will be accepted by the Vendor if notice is given by the Department within six (6) months of delivery and acceptance. All items to be returned must be unused and in their original containers and in suitable condition for resale. The Department will be responsible for all transportation costs associated with both the original shipment of items to the agency and the subsequent return of the items to the location designated by the Vendor. The Vendor may assess a restocking fee (not to exceed 10%) associated with the return of the items to the location designated by the Vendor. Return of regular stock catalog merchandise, when delivery and acceptance exceed six (6) months will be at the option of the Vendor.

14. **PRODUCT RECALLS:** In the event product delivered has been recalled, seized, or embargoed and/or has been determined to be misbranded, adulterated, or found to be unfit for human consumption by the packer, processor, manufacturer or by any Department or Federal regulatory agency, the Vendor shall be responsible to notify the ODOT Office of Contract Sales, Purchasing Services section and all other ordering agencies/entities within two business days after notice has been given. Vendor shall, at the option of the Department, either reimburse the purchase price or provide an equivalent replacement product at no additional cost. Vendor shall be responsible for removal and/or replacement of the affected product within a reasonable time as determined by the ordering agency. At the option of the ordering agency, Vendor may be required to reimburse storage and/or handling fees to be calculated from time of delivery and acceptance to actual removal. Vendor will bear all costs associated with the removal and proper disposal of the affected product. Failure to reimburse the purchase price or provide equivalent replacement product will be considered a default.
15. **PRODUCT SUBSTITUTION:** In the event a specified product listed in the Contract becomes unavailable or cannot be supplied by the Vendor for any reason (except as provided for in the Force Majeure clause), a product deemed in writing by the Department to be equal to or better than the specified product must be substituted by the Vendor at no additional cost or expense to the Department. Unless otherwise specified, any substitution of product prior to the Department's written approval may be cause for termination of Contract.

The Department reserves the right to deny any substitution request that it is deemed to not be in the best interest of the Department. In these instances, the Department may seek substitute products from another supplier and assess the difference in cost, if any, as damages against the Vendor for their material breach.

16. **INVOICE REQUIREMENTS:** The Vendor must submit an original, proper invoice to the office designated on the purchase order as the "bill to" address. To be a proper invoice, the invoice must include the following information: 1. The ODOT purchase order number authorizing the delivery of products or services. 2. A description of what the Vendor delivered, including, as applicable, the time period, serial number, unit price, quantity, and total price of the products and services. 3. The Contract number pursuant to the deliverable.

17. **DEFECTIVE INVOICES:** In the event the Department is in receipt of defective or improper invoices, the Department shall postpone payment pursuant to Section 126.30 of the Ohio Revised Code. Invoices shall be returned to the Vendor noting areas for correction. If such notification of defect is sent, the required payment date shall be thirty (30) calendar days after receipt of the corrected invoice.
18. **PAYMENT DUE DATE:** Payments under this Contract will be due on the 30th calendar day after the date of actual receipt of a proper invoice in the office designated to receive the invoice, or the date the service is delivered and accepted in accordance with the terms of this Contract. The date of the warrant issued in payment will be considered the date payment is made. Interest on late payments will be paid in accordance with O.R.C. Section 126.30.
19. **INSURANCE POLICIES:** By way of provision in this Contract to maintain specific minimum levels of insurance coverage(s) (e.g. Commercial General liability, Auto liability, Public liability, Property Damage, etc.), the Vendor shall provide to Department upon request evidence of such insurance required to be carried by these provisions, including any endorsement affecting the additional insured status, is in full force and effect and that premiums therefore have been paid. Such evidence shall be furnished by the Vendor within two (2) business days and on the insurance industry's standard ACORD Form (Certificate of Insurance) or a certified copy of the original policy. The Certificate of Insurance or certified copy of the policy must contain an endorsement naming the State of Ohio, Department of Transportation, its officers, agents, employees, and servants as additionally insured, but only with respect to Work performed for the Department under this Contract, at no cost to Department. Vendor shall notify the Department within ten (10) calendar days of receipt of a notice of cancellation, expiration, or any reduction in coverage, or if the insurer commences proceedings or has proceedings commenced against it, indicating the insurer is insolvent. Vendor shall provide to the Department evidence of a replacement policy at least five (5) calendar days prior to the effective date of such cancellation, expiration, or reduction in coverage.

All required insurance policies shall be maintained at Vendor's sole expense and in full force for the complete term of the Contract, including any warranty periods. Reference 107.12 the Construction & Materials Specification handbook.

20. **TAXATION:** ODOT is exempt from federal excise taxes and all Department and local taxes, unless otherwise provided herein. ODOT does not agree to pay any taxes on commodities, goods, or services acquired from any Vendor.
21. **CONTRACT TERMINATION:** If a Vendor fails to perform any one of its obligations under this Contract, it will be in breach of contract and the Department may terminate this Contract in accordance with this section. Notices of contract termination shall be made in writing. The termination will be effective on the date delineated by the Department.

a. **Termination for Breach.** If Vendor's breach is unable to be cured in a reasonable time, the Department may terminate the Contract by written notice to the Vendor.

b. **Termination for Un-remedied Breach.** If Vendor's breach may be cured within a reasonable time, the Department will provide written notice to Vendor specifying the breach and the time within which Vendor must correct the breach. If Vendor fails to cure the specified breach within the time required, the Department may terminate the Contract. If the Department does not give timely notice of breach to Vendor, the Department has not waived any of the Department's rights or remedies concerning the breach.

c. **Termination for Persistent Breach.** The Department may terminate this Contract by written notice to Vendor for defaults that are cured, but persistent. "Persistent" means three or more breaches. After the Department has notified Vendor of its third breach, the Department may terminate this Contract without providing Vendor with an opportunity to cure. The three or more breaches are not required to be related to each other in any way.

d. **Termination for Endangered Performance.** The Department may terminate this Contract by written notice to the Vendor if the Department determines that the performance of the Contract is endangered through no fault of the Department.

e. **Termination for Financial Instability.** The Department may terminate this Contract by written notice to the Vendor if a petition in bankruptcy or a Federal or State tax lien has been filed by or against the Vendor.

f. **Termination for Delinquency, Violation of Law.** The Department may terminate this Contract by written notice, if it determines that Vendor is delinquent in its payment of federal, Department or local taxes, workers' compensation, insurance premiums, unemployment compensation contributions, child support, court costs or any other obligation owed to a Department agency or political subdivision. The Department also may cancel this Contract, if it determines that Vendor has violated any law during the performance of this Contract. However, the Department may not terminate this Contract if the Vendor has entered into a repayment agreement with which the Vendor is current.

g. **Termination for Subcontractor Breach.** The Department may terminate this Contract for the breach of the Vendor or any of its subcontractors. The Vendor will be solely responsible for satisfying any claims of its subcontractors for any suspension or termination and will indemnify the Department for any liability to them. Subcontractors will hold the Department harmless for any damage caused to them from a suspension or termination. The subcontractors will look solely to the Vendor for any compensation to which they may be entitled.

h. **Termination for Vendor's Failure to Pay Material Suppliers.** Pursuant to Section 4113.61 of the Ohio Revised Code, Vendors shall promptly pay material suppliers, within ten (10) calendar days of receipt of payment from the State of Ohio, for materials ordered and delivered as a result of this contract. A Vendor unable to furnish bid items because of non-payment issues related to a material supplier shall constitute grounds for the Director of ODOT to terminate this contract immediately. A Vendor may, at the discretion of the Department, be given an amount of time, amount shall be specified by the Department in writing, to furnish past due payment to the material supplier before termination shall occur.

j. **Failure to Maintain MBE Certification.** Pursuant to O.R.C. Section 125.081, the State may set aside a bid for supplies or services for participation only by minority business enterprises (MBE's) certified by the State of Ohio, Equal Opportunity Coordinator. After award of the Contract, it is the responsibility of the MBE Vendor to maintain certification as a MBE. If the Vendor fails to renew its certification and/or is decertified by the State of Ohio, Equal Opportunity Coordinator, the State may immediately cancel the Contract.

k. **Failure to Maintain Licensure.** The Vendor's failure to maintain the proper license(s) to perform the services or provide the goods prescribed by this Contract shall be grounds to terminate this Contract without prior notice.

l. **Qualified Products Listing and Approved Products Listing.** Any products or supplies removed from a specific qualified products listing/approved product listing, by either the Department, government, or governing body throughout the duration of the Contract shall be removed from the Contract effective on the date of removal from the respective listing.

22. **NOTICE OF BREACH:** Each party of this Contract has an obligation to provide written notice when it is determined by one party that the other party is in default of this Contract. A notice of ODOT's default of this Contract must be sent to the Procurement Manager of the ODOT Office of Contract Sales.
23. **CONTRACT SUSPENSION:** A Vendor who fails to perform any one of its obligations under this Contract will be in breach. In these instances, ODOT may choose to suspend the Vendor from the contract rather than terminate the Contract.

In the case of a suspension for ODOT's convenience, the amount of compensation due the Vendor for work performed before the suspension will be determined in the same manner as provided in this section for termination for ODOT's convenience or the Vendor may be entitled to compensation for work performed before the suspension, less any damage to ODOT resulting from the Vendor's breach of this Contract or other fault.

The notice of suspension, whether with or without cause, will be effective immediately on the Vendor's receipt of the notice. The Vendor will immediately prepare a report and deliver it to ODOT which will include a detailed description of work completed, percentage of project completion, estimated time for delivery of all orders received to date, and costs incurred by the Vendor.

24. **CANCELLATION FOR CONVENIENCE:** The Department reserves the right to cancel and terminate this Contract, in whole or in part, without penalty, upon thirty (30) days written notice to an awarded vendor. In the event the initial contract period is for more than 12 months, the resulting contract may be terminated by either party, without penalty, after the initial 12 months of the contract period and upon a minimum of sixty (60) days written notice to the other party. Cancellations exercised in accordance with this section shall not relieve the Vendor of the obligation to deliver and/or perform on all outstanding orders issued prior to the effective date of cancellation.
25. **CONTRACT DAMAGES:** The Department may assess, at a minimum but not limited to, the following damages against a Vendor:
- A. **ACTUAL DAMAGES:** Vendor is liable to the State of Ohio for all actual and direct damages caused by Vendor's breach. The Department may substitute supplies or services, from a third party, for those that were to be provided by Vendor. In accordance with Ohio Revised Code §5513.05(c), the Department may recover the costs associated with acquiring substitute supplies or services, less any expenses or costs saved by Vendor's breach, from Vendor.
 - B. **LIQUIDATED DAMAGES:** If actual and direct damages are uncertain or difficult to determine, the Department may recover liquidated damages in the amount of 1% of the value of the order, deliverable or milestone that is the subject of the breach for every day that the breach is not cured by the Vendor. If Delay of the cure is caused by ODOT, the delivery date shall be extended accordingly to offset such delays. Approval to extend any scheduled delivery date(s) shall be at the sole discretion of ODOT.
 - C. **DEDUCTION OF DAMAGES FROM CONTRACT PRICE:** The Department may deduct all or any part of the damages resulting from Vendor's breach from any part of the price still due on the contract, upon prior written notice issued to the Vendor by the Department.
 - D. **INCIDENTAL/CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES:** Pursuant to Section 5513.05 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Department may recover from a Vendor who fails to promptly provide conforming articles, any incidental or consequential damages as defined in Section 1302.89 of the Ohio Revised Code, incurred by the Department in promptly obtaining the conforming articles.
26. **CONTRACT TERM EXTENSIONS:** ODOT reserves the right to unilaterally extend this Contract up to one (1) calendar month beyond the original contract expiration date at the original unit bid prices awarded. Contract extensions beyond one (1) calendar month shall be executed by means of written, mutual agreement with the Contract Vendor.
27. **FIRM, FIXED PRICE CONTRACT:** Unless otherwise specified in the bidding documents, this Contract is a Firm, Fixed-Price Contract. The Vendor will be required to provide to the Department with the materials, supplies, equipment and/or services at the awarded bid price(s) for the entire duration of the contract, and any extensions thereto.
28. **FORCE MAJEURE:** If the Department or Vendor is unable to perform any part of its obligations under this Contract by reason of force majeure, the party will be excused from its obligations, to the extent that its performance is prevented by force majeure, for the duration of the event. The party must remedy with all reasonable dispatch the cause preventing it from carrying out its obligations under this Contract. The term "force majeure" means without limitation: acts of God; such as epidemics; lightning; earthquakes; fires; storms; hurricanes; tornadoes; floods; washouts; droughts; any other severe weather; explosions; restraint of government and people; war; labor strikes; and other like events.
29. **EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:** The Vendor will comply with all Department and federal laws regarding equal employment opportunity, including O.R.C. Section 125.111 and all related Executive Orders.

30. **ANTITRUST ASSIGNMENT TO THE DEPARTMENT:** Vendor assigns to the State of Ohio, through the Department of Transportation, all of its rights to any claims and causes of action the Vendor now has or may acquire under Department or federal antitrust laws if the claims or causes of action relate to the supplies or services provided under this Contract. Additionally, the State of Ohio will not pay excess charges resulting from antitrust violations by Vendor's suppliers and subcontractors.

31. **CONFIDENTIALITY:** The Vendor may learn of information, documents, data, records, or other material that is confidential in the performance of this Contract. The Vendor may not disclose any information obtained by it as a result of this Contract, without the written permission of the Department. The Vendor must assume that all Department information, documents, data, records or other material is confidential.

The Vendor's obligation to maintain the confidentiality of the information will not apply where it: (1) was already in the Vendor's possession before disclosure by the Department, and it was received by the Vendor without the obligation of confidence; (2) is independently developed by the Vendor; (3) is or becomes publicly available without breach of this Contract; (4) is rightfully received by the Vendor from a third party without an obligation of confidence; (5) is disclosed by the Vendor with the written consent of the Department; or (6) is released in accordance with a valid order of a court or governmental agency, provided that the Vendor (a) notifies the Department of such order immediately upon receipt of the order and (b) makes a reasonable effort to obtain a protective order from the issuing court or agency limiting disclosure and use of the confidential information solely for the purposes intended to be serviced by the original order of production. The Vendor will return all originals of any information and destroy any copies it has made on termination or expiration of this Contract.

The Vendor will be liable for the disclosure of any confidential information. The parties agree that the disclosure of confidential information of the Department's may cause the Department irreparable damage for which remedies other than injunctive relief may be inadequate, and the Vendor agrees that in the event of a breach of the obligations hereunder, the Department shall be entitled to temporary and permanent injunctive relief to enforce this provision without the necessity of providing actual damages. This provision shall not, however, diminish or alter any right to claim and recover.

32. **DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE:** The Vendor agrees to comply with all applicable Department and federal laws regarding drug-free workplace and shall make a good faith effort to ensure that all its employees, while working on Department property, will not purchase, transfer, use or possess illegal drugs or alcohol or abuse prescription drugs in any way.

33. **WORKERS' COMPENSATION:** Workers' compensation insurance, as required by Ohio law or the laws of any other Department where work under this Contract will be done. The Vendor will also maintain employer's liability insurance with at least a \$1,000,000.00 limit.

34. **OHIO ETHICS LAW:** Vendor agrees that it is currently in compliance and will continue to adhere to the requirements of Ohio Ethics law as provided by Section 102.03 and 102.04 of the Ohio Revised Code.

35. **PUBLICITY:** The Vendor will not advertise that it is doing business with the Department or use this Contract as a marketing or sales tool without prior, written consent of the Department. This provision includes marketing or sales tools related to the ODOT Cooperative Purchasing Program.

36. **STRICT PERFORMANCE:** The failure of either party, at any time to demand strict performance by the other party of any of the terms of this Contract, will not be construed as a waiver of any such term and either party may at any time demand strict and complete performance by the other party.

37. **SUBCONTRACTING.** The Department recognizes that it may be necessary for the Vendor to use subcontractors to perform portions of the work under the Contract. In those circumstances, the Vendor shall submit a list identifying its subcontractors or joint venture partners performing portions of the work under the Contract. If any changes occur during the term of the Contract, the Vendor shall supplement its list of subcontractors or joint venture business partners. In addition, all subcontractors or joint venture business partners agree to be bound by all of the Terms and Conditions and specifications of the Contract. The Department reserves the right to reject any subcontractor submitted by the Vendor. All subcontracts will be at the sole expense of the Vendor and the Vendor will be solely responsible for payment of its

subcontractors. The Vendor assumes responsibility for all sub-contracting and third party manufacturer work performed under the Contract. In addition, Vendor will cause all subcontractors to be bound by all of the Terms and Conditions and specifications of the Contract. The Vendor will be the sole point of contact with regard to all contractual matters.

38. **SURVIVORSHIP:** All sections herein relating to payment, confidentiality, license and ownership, indemnification, publicity, construction warranties, limitations of warranties and limitations on damages shall survive the termination of this Contract.
39. **GENERAL REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES:** The Vendor warrants that the recommendations, guidance, and performance of the Vendor under this Contract will:
1. Be in accordance with the sound professional standards and the requirements of this Contract and without any material defect.
 2. No services, products or supplies will infringe on the intellectual property rights of any third party.
 3. All warranties are in accordance with Vendor's standard business practices attached.
 4. That the products or supplies hereunder are merchantable and fit for the particular purpose described in this contract. Additionally, with respect to the Vendor's activities under this Contract, the Vendor warrants that:
 5. The Vendor has the right to enter into this Contract.
 6. The Vendor has not entered into any other contracts or employment relationships that restrict the Vendor's ability to perform under this Contract.
 7. The Vendor will observe and abide by all applicable laws and regulations, including those of the Department regarding conduct on any premises under the Department's control.
 8. The Vendor has good and marketable title to any products or supplies delivered under this Contract and which title passes to the Department.
 9. The Vendor has the right and ability to grant the license granted in products or supplies in which title does not pass to the Department. If any services of the Vendor or any products or supplies fails to comply with these warranties, and the Vendor is so notified in writing, the Vendor will correct such failure with all due speed or will refund the amount of the compensation paid for the services, products or supplies. The Vendor will also indemnify the Department for any direct damages and claims by third parties based on breach of these warranties.
40. **VENDOR'S WARRANTY AGAINST AN UNRESOLVED FINDING FOR RECOVERY:** Vendor warrants that it is not subject to an unresolved finding for recovery under O.R.C. Section 9.24. If the warranty was false on the date the parties signed this Contract, the Contract is void ab initio.
41. **LIMITATION OF LIABILITY:** Notwithstanding any limitation provisions contained in the documents and materials incorporated by reference into this contract, the Vendor agrees that the Vendor shall be liable for all direct damages due to the fault or negligence of the Vendor.
42. **INDEMNITY:** The Vendor will indemnify the Department for any and all claims, damages, lawsuits, costs, judgments, expenses, and any other liabilities resulting from bodily injury to any person (including injury resulting in death) or damage to property that may arise out of or are related to Vendor's performance under this Contract, providing such bodily injury or property damage is due to the negligence of the Vendor, its employees, agents, or subcontractors. Reference 107.12 the Construction & Materials Specification handbook.

The Vendor will also indemnify the Department against any claim of infringement of a copyright, patent, trade secret, or similar intellectual property rights based on the Department's proper use of any products or supplies under this Contract. This obligation of indemnification will not apply where the Department has

modified or misused the products or supplies and the claim of infringement, is based on the modification or misuse. The Department agrees to give the Vendor notice of any such claim as soon as reasonably practicable and to give the Vendor the authority to settle or otherwise defend any such claim upon consultation with and approval by the Office of the Department Attorney General. If a successful claim of infringement is made, or if the Vendor reasonably believes that an infringement claim that is pending may actually succeed, the Vendor will take one (1) of the following four (4) actions:

1. Modify the products or supplies so that is no longer infringing;
2. Replace products or supplies with an equivalent or better item;
3. Acquire the right for the Department to use the infringing products or supplies as it was intended for the Department to use under this Contract; or
4. Remove the products or supplies and refund the fee the Department paid for the products or supplies and the fee for any other products or supplies that required the availability of the infringing products or supplies for it to be useful to the Department.

43. **AUDITS:** The Vendor must keep all financial records in a manner consistent with generally accepted accounting principles. Additionally, the Vendor must keep separate business records for this Contract, including records of disbursements and obligations incurred that must be supported by contracts, invoices, vouchers and other data as appropriate. During the period covered by this Contract and until the expiration of three (3) years after final payment under this Contract, the Vendor agrees to provide the Department, its duly authorized representatives or any person, agency or instrumentality providing financial support to the work undertaken hereunder, with access to and the right to examine any books, documents, papers and records of the Vendor involving transactions related to this Contract. The Vendor shall, for each subcontract in excess of two thousand five hundred (\$2,500), require its subcontractor to agree to the same provisions of this Article. The Vendor may not artificially divide contracts with its subcontractors to avoid requiring subcontractors to agree to this provision. The Vendor must provide access to the requested records no later than (5) five business days after the request by the Department or any party with audit rights. If an audit reveals any material deviation from the Contract requirements, and misrepresentations or any overcharge to the Department or any other provider of funds for the Contract, the Department or other party will be entitled to recover damages, as well as the cost of the audit.

44. **INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:** It is fully understood and agreed that Vendor is an independent contractor and is not an agent, servant, or employee of the State of Ohio or the Ohio Department of Transportation. Vendor declares that it is engaged as an independent business and has complied with all applicable federal, state, and local laws regarding business permits and licenses of any kind, including but not limited to any insurance coverage, workers' compensation, or unemployment compensation that is required in the normal course of business and will assume all responsibility for any federal, state, municipal or other tax liabilities. Additionally, Vendor understands that as an independent contractor, it is not a public employee and is not entitled to contributions from the State to any public employee retirement system.

TRADE: Pursuant to R.C. 9.76(B), Vendor warrants that Vendor is not boycotting any jurisdiction with whom the State of Ohio can enjoy open trade, including Israel, and will not do so during the term of this Contract.

45. **NON-DISCRIMINATION/COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAWS:**

Vendor agrees that Vendor, any subcontractor, and any person acting on behalf of Vendor or a subcontractor, shall not discriminate, by reason of race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy, gender identification and sexual orientation), age (40 years or older), disability, military status, national origin, or ancestry against any citizen of this state in the employment of any person qualified and available to perform the Work. Vendor further agrees that Vendor, any subcontractor, and any person acting on behalf of Vendor or a subcontractor shall not, in any manner, discriminate against, intimidate, or retaliate against any employee hired for the performance of the Work on account of race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy, gender identification and sexual orientation), age, disability, military status, national origin, or ancestry.

During the performance of this Contract, the Vendor, for itself, its assignees, and successors in interest agrees to comply with the Federal Requirements as follows:

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1. Vendor will ensure that applicants are hired and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, religion, color, sex (including pregnancy, gender identification and sexual orientation), national origin (ancestry), disability, genetic information, age (40 years or older), or military status (past, present, or future). Such action shall include, but not be limited to, the following: Employment, Upgrading, Demotion, or Transfer; Recruitment or Recruitment Advertising; Layoff or Termination; Rates of Pay or other forms of Compensation; and Selection for Training including Apprenticeship.
2. Vendor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause. Vendor will, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of Vendor, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, religion, color, sex (including pregnancy, gender identification and sexual orientation), national origin (ancestry), disability, genetic information, age (40 years or older), or military status (past, present, or future).
3. Vendor agrees to fully comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 USC Sec. 2000. Vendor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex (including pregnancy, gender identification and sexual orientation), age, disability, low-income status, or limited English proficiency in its programs or activities. The Director of Transportation may monitor the Vendor's compliance with Title VI.
4. Compliance with Regulations: The Vendor (hereinafter includes consultants) will comply with the Acts and Regulations relative to Non-discrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), as they may be amended from time to time, which are herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this contract.
5. Nondiscrimination: The Vendor, with regard to the work performed by it during the contract, will not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, national origin (ancestry), sex (including pregnancy, gender identification and sexual orientation), age (40 years or older), disability, low-income status, or limited English proficiency in the selection and retention of subcontractors, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment. The Vendor will not participate directly or indirectly in the discrimination prohibited by the Acts and the Regulations as set forth in section 10. below, including employment practices when the contract covers any activity, project, or program set forth in Appendix B of 49 CFR Part 21.
6. Solicitations for Subcontractors, including Procurements of Materials and Equipment: In all solicitations, either by competitive bidding, or negotiation made by the Vendor for work to be performed under a subcontract, including procurements of materials, or leases of equipment, each potential subcontractor or supplier will be notified by the Vendor of the Vendor's obligations under this contract and the Acts and the Regulations relative to nondiscrimination on the grounds of race, color, national origin (ancestry), sex (including pregnancy, gender identification and sexual orientation), age (40 years or older), disability, low-income status, or limited English proficiency.
7. Information and Reports: The Vendor will provide all information and reports required by the Acts, the Regulations, and directives issued pursuant thereto, and will permit access to its books, records, accounts, other sources of information, and its facilities as may be determined by the Ohio Department of Transportation (hereinafter "ODOT") or FHWA to be pertinent to ascertain compliance with such Acts, Regulations, and instructions. Where any information required of a Vendor is in the exclusive possession of another who fails or refuses to furnish this information, the Vendor will so certify to ODOT or FHWA, as appropriate, and will set forth what efforts it has made to obtain the information.

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8. Sanctions for Noncompliance: In the event of the Vendor's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination provisions of this contract, ODOT will impose such contract sanctions as it or FHWA may determine to be appropriate, including, but not limited to:
 - a. Withholding of payments to the Vendor under the contract until the Vendor complies, and/or
 - b. Cancellation, termination or suspension of the contract, in whole or in part.
9. Incorporation of Provisions: The Vendor will include the provisions of sections 1. through 9. in every subcontract, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment, unless exempt by the Acts, the Regulations, and directives issued pursuant thereto. The Vendor will take action with respect to any subcontract or procurement as ODOT or FHWA may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions including sanctions for noncompliance. Provided, that if the Vendor becomes involved in, or is threatened with litigation by a subcontractor, or supplier because of such direction, the Vendor may request ODOT to enter into any litigation to protect the interests of ODOT. In addition, the Vendor may request the United States to enter into the litigation to protect the interests of the United States.
10. During the performance of this contract, the Vendor, for itself, its assignees, and successors in interest, consultants and sub-contractors, agrees to comply with the following non-discrimination statutes and authorities; including but not limited to:

Pertinent Non-Discrimination Authorities:

- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d et seq., 78 stat. 252) (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin); and 49 CFR Part 21
- The Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. § 4601) (prohibits unfair treatment of persons displaced or whose property has been acquired because of Federal or Federal-Aid programs and projects)
- Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1973 (23 U.S.C. § 324 et seq.) (prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex)
- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. § 794 et seq.), as amended (prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability) and 49 CFR Part 27
- The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. § 6101 et seq.) (prohibits discrimination on the basis of age)
- Airport and Airway Improvement Act of 1982 (49 U.S.C. § 471, Section 47123), as amended (prohibits discrimination based on race, creed, color, national origin, or sex)
- The Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 (PL 100-209) (broadened the scope, coverage, and applicability of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, by expanding the definition of the terms "programs or activities" to include all of the programs or activities of Federal-Aid recipients, sub-recipients, and contractors, whether such programs or activities are Federally funded or not)
- Titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. §§ 12131-12189), as implemented by Department of Transportation regulations at 49 CFR parts 37 and 38 (prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in the operation of public entities, public and private transportation systems, places of public accommodation, and certain testing entities)
- The Federal Aviation Administration's Non-Discrimination Statute (49 U.S.C. § 47123) (prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, and sex)
- Executive Order 12898, Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations (ensures non-discrimination against minority populations by discouraging programs, policies, and activities with disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects on minority and low-income populations)
- Executive Order 13166, Improving Access to Services for People with Limited English Proficiency, and resulting agency guidance, national origin discrimination includes discrimination because of limited English proficiency (LEP). To ensure compliance with Title VI, you must take reasonable steps to ensure that LEP persons have meaningful access to your programs (70 Fed. Reg. at 74087 to 74100)

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- Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (Fair Housing Act), as amended (prohibits discrimination in the sale, rental, and financing of dwellings on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, or familial status (presence of child under the age of 18 and pregnant women)
- Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. 1681 et seq.) (prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in education programs or activities)
- Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994 (USERRA 38 U.S.C. 4301-4335) (prohibits discrimination on the basis of present, past or future military service)
- Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act (GINA) (29 CFR Part 1635, 42 U.S.C. 2000ff)

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**State of Ohio, Department of Transportation (ODOT)
Office of Contract Sales, Purchasing Services**

ODOT COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

(Last Revised 6/2016)

In accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 5513.01 (B), the Department may permit and approve any Political Subdivision, State university or college, Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission, or State agency (collectively the "Ordering Agencies") to participate in this Contract. The Office of Contract Sales, Purchasing Services section shall notify the Vendor, in writing, of the name of the Ordering Agency that has been authorized by the Department to participate in this Contract. Once approved, the responsibilities and obligations of the Ohio Department of Transportation shall cease at this point. Both the Ordering Agency and the Vendor will be bound by the Contract's terms and conditions. The Vendor shall deal directly with the Ordering Agency that has been authorized to participate in this contract. All orders placed by the Ordering Agency shall be filled in accordance with the terms and conditions of this particular billing contract. All invoices for such purchases shall be sent directly by the Vendor to the Ordering Agency's provided billing address.

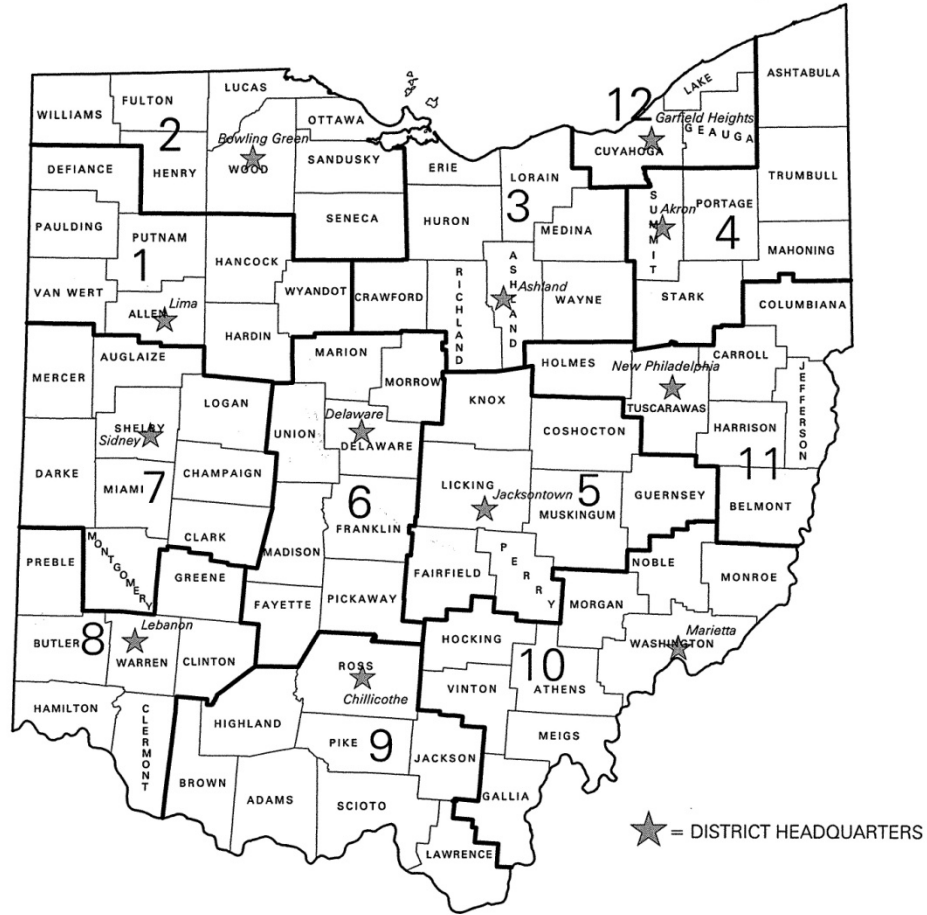
The Vendor agrees indemnify the State of Ohio, Department of Transportation for any and all claims, damages, lawsuits, costs, judgments, expenses, and any other liabilities resulting from bodily injury to any person (including injury resulting in death) or damage to property that may arise out of or are related to an Ordering Agency's participation in the ODOT Cooperative Purchasing Program and its performance under this Contract.

Political Subdivisions are defined in Ohio Revised Code Section 5513.01(C)(1) as "any county, township, municipal corporation, conservancy district, township park district, park district created under Chapter 1545. of the Revised Code, port authority, regional transit authority, regional airport authority, regional water and sewer district, county transit board, school district as defined in section 5513.04 of the Revised Code, regional planning commission formed under section 713.21 of the Revised Code, regional council of government formed under section 167.01 of the Revised Code, or other association of local governments established pursuant to an agreement under sections 307.14 to 307.19 of the Revised Code."

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DISTRICT MAP

OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT INFORMATION



District	District Deputy Director, District Address	Main Telephone No.
1	1885 N. McCullough, Lima, Ohio 45801	419-222-9055
2	317 East Poe Road, Bowling Green, Ohio 43402	419-353-8131
3	906 North Clark St., Ashland, Ohio 44805	419-281-0513
4	2088 S. Arlington Rd., Akron, Ohio 44306	330-786-3100
5	9600 Jacksontown Road, P.O. Box 306, Jacksontown, Ohio 43030	740-323-4400
6	400 East Williams St., Delaware, Ohio 43015	740-363-1251
7	1001 St. Mary's Ave, Sidney, Ohio 45365	937-492-1141
8	505 South State Rt. 741, Lebanon, Ohio 45036	513-932-3030
9	650 Eastern Ave., P.O. Box 467, Chillicothe, Ohio 45601	740-773-2691
10	338 Muskingum Drive, Marietta, Ohio 45750	740-373-0212
11	2201 Reiser Ave SE, New Philadelphia, Ohio 44663	330-339-6633
12	5500 Transportation Boulevard, Garfield Heights, Ohio 44125-5396, Mail: Box 258003, Garfield Heights, Ohio 44125-8003	216-581-2100

**State of Ohio, Department of Transportation (ODOT)
Office of Contract Sales, Purchasing Services**

SIGNATURE PAGE

Invitation to Bid #235-20

Commodity/Service: EPA Testing & Sampling Services

This Signature Page must be completed and submitted with a Bidder's sealed bid package to serve as acknowledgement to the Department that the Bidder understands and will comply with all terms, conditions, and requirements in submitting a bid (offer) for the above-referenced Invitation to Bid.

Furthermore, the execution and submission of this Signature Page shall serve as acknowledgment that the Bidder will enter into a Contract with the State of Ohio, Department of Transportation if selected for award of the above-referenced Invitation to Bid, and understands, upon Contract award, it shall be bound by all terms and conditions included in this invitation to bid.

The person signing and executing this Signature Page below acknowledges that he/she is signing on behalf of their Company in a representative capacity and hereby warrants that he/she has been duly authorized by his/her Company to submit this formal bid (offer) and is authorized to execute Contracts on such Company's behalf.

(Please execute below using blue ink)

Company (Bidder) Name: _____

Original Signature: _____

Print Name of Officer: _____

Title of Signing Officer: _____

Date: _____

FOR USE BY THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ONLY:

Pursuant to Section 30 of the Instructions, Terms and Conditions for Bidding, a signature below by the Director of ODOT shall serve as the Department's formal acceptance of the bidder's offer and will effectively form ODOT Contract 235-20 between the State of Ohio, Department of Transportation and the above successful bidder (company):

Jack Marchbanks, Ph. D.
Director
State of Ohio, Department of Transportation

Date