

Region 14 Education Service Center (ESC)

Contract # 11-76

for

Instructional and Educational Resources

with

Midwest Technology Products

Effective: May 1, 2023

TAB 2 NCPA ADMINISTRATION AGREEMENT

This Administration Agreement is made as of May 1, 2023, by and between National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance ("NCPA") and Midwest Technology Products ("Vendor").

Recitals

WHEREAS, Region 14 ESC has entered into a certain Master Agreement dated May 1, 2023, referenced as Contract Number 11-76, by and between Region 14 ESC and Vendor, as may be amended from time to time in accordance with the terms thereof (the "Master Agreement"), for the purchase of Instructional and Educational Resources;

WHEREAS, said Master Agreement provides that any state, city, special district, local government, school district, private K-12 school, technical or vocational school, higher education institution, other government agency or nonprofit organization (hereinafter referred to as "public agency" or collectively, "public agencies") may purchase products and services at the prices indicated in the Master Agreement;

WHEREAS, NCPA has the administrative and legal capacity to administer purchases under the Master Agreement to public agencies;

WHEREAS, NCPA serves as the administrative agent for Region 14 ESC in connection with other master agreements offered by NCPA

WHEREAS, Region 14 ESC desires NCPA to proceed with administration of the Master Agreement;

WHEREAS, NCPA and Vendor desire to enter into this Agreement to make available the Master Agreement to public agencies on a national basis;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the payments to be made hereunder and the mutual covenants contained in this Agreement, NCPA and Vendor hereby agree as follows:

General Terms and Conditions

- The Master Agreement, attached hereto as Exhibit 1 and incorporated herein by reference as though fully set forth herein, and the terms and conditions contained therein shall apply to this Administration Agreement except as expressly changed or modified by this Administration Agreement.
- NCPA shall be afforded all of the rights, privileges and indemnifications afforded to Region 14 ESC under the Master Agreement, and such rights, privileges and indemnifications shall accrue and apply with equal effect to NCPA under this Administration Agreement including, but not limited to, Contractor's obligation to provide appropriate insurance and certain indemnifications to Region 14 ESC.

- Contractor shall perform all duties, responsibilities and obligations required under the Master Agreement in the time and manner specified by the Master Agreement.
- NCPA shall perform all of its duties, responsibilities, and obligations as administrator of purchases under the Master Agreement as set forth herein, and Contractor acknowledges that NCPA shall act in the capacity of administrator of purchases under the Master Agreement.
- With respect to any purchases made by Region 14 ESC or any Participating Agency pursuant to the Master Agreement, NCPA (a) shall not be construed as a dealer, remarketer, representative, partner, or agent of any type of Contractor, Region 14 ESC, or such Participating Agency, (b) shall not be obligated, liable or responsible (i) for any orders made by Region 14 ESC, any Participating Agency or any employee of Region 14 ESC or Participating Agency under the Master Agreement, or (ii) for any payments required to be made with respect to such order, and (c) shall not be obligated, liable or responsible for any failure by the Participating Agency to (i) comply with procedures or requirements of applicable law, or (ii) obtain the due authorization and approval necessary to purchase under the Master Agreement. NCPA makes no representations or guaranties with respect to any minimum purchases required to be made by Region 14 ESC, any Participating Agency, or any employee of Region 14 ESC or Participating Agency under this Administration Agreement or the Master Agreement.
- With respect to any supplemental agreement entered into between a Participating Agency and Contractor pursuant to the Master Agreement, NCPA, its agents, members and employees shall not be made party to any claim for breach of such agreement.
- This Administration Agreement supersedes any and all other agreements, either oral or in writing, between the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof, and no other agreement, statement, or promise relating to the subject matter of this Administrative Agreement which is not contained herein shall be valid or binding.
- Contractor agrees to allow NCPA to use their name and logo within website, marketing materials and advertisement. Any use of NCPA name and logo or any form of publicity regarding this Administration Agreement or the Master Agreement by Contractor must have prior approval from NCPA.
- If any action at law or in equity is brought to enforce or interpret the provisions of this Administration Agreement or to recover any administrative fee and accrued interest, the prevailing party shall be entitled to reasonable attorney's fees and costs in addition to any other relief to which such party may be entitled.
- Neither this Administration Agreement nor any rights or obligations hereunder shall be assignable by Contractor without prior written consent of NCPA, provided, however, that the Contractor may, without such written consent, assign this Administration Agreement and its rights and delegate its obligations hereunder in connection with the transfer or sale of all or substantially all of its assets or business related to this Administration Agreement, or in the event of its merger, consolidation, change in control or similar transaction. Any permitted assignee shall assume all assigned obligations of its assignor under this Administration Agreement.
- This Administration Agreement and NCPA's rights and obligations hereunder may be assigned at NCPA's sole discretion, to an existing or newly established legal entity that has the authority and capacity to perform NCPA's obligations hereunder.

Term of Agreement

This Agreement shall be in effect so long as the Master Agreement remains in effect, provided, however, that the obligation to pay all amounts owed by Vendor to NCPA through the

termination of this Agreement and all indemnifications afforded by Vendor to NCPA shall survive the term of this Agreement.

Fees and Reporting

The awarded vendor shall electronically provide NCPA with a detailed quarterly report showing the dollar volume of all sales under the contract for the previous quarter. Reports are due on the fifteenth (15th) day after the close of the previous quarter. It is the responsibility of the awarded vendor to collect and compile all sales under the contract from participating members and submit one (1) report. The report shall include at least the following information as listed in the example below:

Entity Name	Zip Code	State	PO or Job #	Sale Amount

Total _____

Each quarter NCPA will invoice the vendor based on the total of sale amount(s) reported. From the invoice the vendor shall pay to NCPA an administrative fee based upon the tiered fee schedule below. Vendor's annual sales shall be measured on a calendar year basis. Deadline for term of payment will be included in the invoice NCPA provides.

Annual Sales Through Contract	Administrative Fee
0 - \$30,000,000	2%
\$30,000,001 - \$50,000,000	1.5%
\$50,000,001+	1%

Supplier shall maintain an accounting of all purchases made by Public Agencies under the Master Agreement. NCPA and Region 14 ESC reserve the right to audit the accounting for a period of four (4) years from the date NCPA receives the accounting. In the event of such an audit, the requested materials shall be provided at the location designated by Region 14 ESC or NCPA. In the event such audit reveals an under reporting of Contract Sales and a resulting underpayment of administrative fees, Vendor shall promptly pay NCPA the amount of such underpayment, together with interest on such amount and shall be obligated to reimburse NCPA's costs and expenses for such audit.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CONTRACTOR REQUIREMENTS

National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance
Organization

Midwest Technology Products
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Name

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Name

Sr. Vice President, Public Sector Contracting
Title

Contract Manager
Title

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Franklin, TN 37067
Address

Sioux City IA 51111
Address

Sarah Vavra
Signature

Sarah Cruz
Signature

May 1, 2023
Date

3-15-2023
Date

*\$175.00 minimum order for all orders
using this contract pricing.*



**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) FOR
Instructional and Educational Resources**

**SOLICITATION NUMBER
04-23**

**PUBLICATION DATE
February 7th, 2023**



Competitive Solicitation by
Region 14 Education Service Center
for
Instructional and Educational Resources
on behalf of itself and other Government Agencies
and made available through the
National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance
RFP # 04-23

NOTICE TO RESPONDENT:

Submittal Deadline:

Thursday, March 23rd, 2023 2:00pm CT

Questions regarding this solicitation must be submitted to questions@ncpa.us no later than March 16th, 2023. All questions and answers will be posted to <http://www.ncpa.us/solicitations>.

It is the intention of Region 14 Education Service Center (herein "Region 14 ESC") to establish a Master Agreement for Instructional and Educational Resources for use by Region 14 ESC and other public agencies supported under this contract. This Request for Proposal is issued on behalf of the National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance through a public agency clause, which provides that any county, city, special district, local government, school district, private K-12 school, higher education institution, state, other government agency, healthcare organization or nonprofit organization may purchase Products and Services through this contract. Respondents will be required to execute the NCPA Administration Agreement upon award.

This contract will allow agencies to purchase on an "as needed" basis from a competitively awarded contract. Respondents are requested to submit their total line of available products and services. While this solicitation specifically covers Instructional and Educational Resources, respondents are encouraged to submit an offering on any or all products and services available that they currently perform in their normal course of business.

Responses shall be received electronically no later than the submittal deadline via our online Bonfire portal at ncpa.bonfirehub.com

Immediately following the deadline, all responses will be publicly opened and the respondents recorded. Any response received later than the specified deadline will be disqualified.

Responses will remain sealed by our online Bonfire portal until the bid opening time specified. Responses received outside our online Bonfire portal will not be accepted. Sealed responses may be submitted on any or all items, unless stated otherwise.

Proposal may be rejected for failure to comply with the requirements set forth in this invitation.

INTRODUCTION/SCOPE

Region 14 ESC on behalf of itself and all states, local governments, school districts, and higher education institutions in the United States of America, and other government agencies and non-profit organizations (herein "Public Agency" or collectively "Public Agencies") is soliciting proposals from qualified vendors to enter into a Master Agreement for a complete line of Instructional and Educational Resources.

Region 14 ESC, as the lead public agency, has partnered with NCPA to make the resultant contract available to all participating agencies in the United States. NCPA provides marketing and administrative support for the awarded vendor that promotes the successful vendor's products and services to Public Agencies nationwide. The Vendor will execute the NCPA Administration Agreement (Tab 2) upon award. Vendor should thoroughly review all documents and note any exceptions to NCPA terms and conditions in their proposal.

Awarded vendor(s) shall perform covered product or services under the terms of this agreement. Respondents shall provide pricing based on a discount from their standard pricing schedules for products and/or services offered. Electronic Catalog and/or price lists must accompany the proposal. Multiple percentage discount structure is also acceptable. Please specify where different percentage discounts apply. Additional pricing and/or discounts may be included.

Each product or service proposed is to be priced separately with all ineligible items identified. Services may be awarded to multiple vendors. Respondents may elect to limit their proposals to a single product or service within any category, or multiple products or services within any and all categories.

The National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance (herein "NCPA") assists public agencies to increase their efficiency and reduce their costs when procuring goods and services. This is accomplished by awarding competitively solicited contracts that are leveraged nationally by combining the volumes and purchasing power of entities nationwide. Our contracts are available for use by any entity that complies with procurement laws and regulations.

It is the intention of Region 14 ESC and NCPA to achieve the following objectives through this RFP.

- Provide a comprehensive competitively solicited Master Agreement offering Products and Services to Public Agencies;
- Achieve cost savings of Vendors and Public Agencies through a single competitive solicitation process that eliminates the need for multiple proposals;
- Combine the purchasing power of Public Agencies to achieve cost effective pricing;
- Reduce the administrative and overhead costs of Vendors and Public Agencies through state of the art purchasing procedures.

INSTRUCTIONS TO RESPONDENTS

Submission of Response

- Only responses received via our online Bonfire portal will be accepted. Faxed or mailed responses will not be accepted.
- Responses may be submitted on any or all items, unless stated otherwise. Region 14 ESC reserves the right to reject or accept any response.
- Deviations to the terms, conditions and/or specifications shall be conspicuously noted in writing by the respondent and shall be included with the response.
- Withdrawal of response will not be allowed for a period of 120 days following the opening. Pricing will remain firm for 120 days from submittal.

Public Bid Opening

The public bid opening will be held via Zoom meeting. Interested parties who wish to attend the bid opening should email contracts@ncpa.us by 4:00 pm the day before the bid opening date to receive an invitation.

Required Proposal Format

Responses shall be provided electronically via our online Bonfire portal. Tabs should be used to separate the proposal into sections, as identified below. Respondents failing to organize in the manner listed may be considered non-responsive and may not be evaluated. It's recommended that all tabs, with the exception of Tab 7 (Pricing), be submitted in Portable Document Format (PDF). Please note pricing can be submitted separately in an alternate format (e.g. xlsx, xls, csv).

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TAB 1

MASTER AGREEMENT - GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Customer Support

The vendor shall provide timely and accurate technical advice and sales support. The vendor shall respond to such requests within one (1) working day after receipt of the request.

Disclosures

Respondent affirms that he/she has not given, offered to give, nor intends to give at any time hereafter any economic opportunity, future employment, gift, loan, gratuity, special discount, trip, favor or service to a public servant in connection with this contract.

The respondent affirms that, to the best of his/her knowledge, the offer has been arrived at independently, and is submitted without collusion with anyone to obtain information or gain any favoritism that would in any way limit competition or give an unfair advantage over other vendors in the award of this contract.

Renewal of Contract

Unless otherwise stated, all contracts are for a period of three (3) years with an option to renew for up to two (2) additional one-year terms or any combination of time equally not more than 2 years if agreed to by Region 14 ESC and the vendor.

Funding Out Clause

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

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

Shipments (if applicable)

The awarded vendor shall ship ordered products within seven (7) working days for goods available and within four (4) to six (6) weeks for specialty items after the receipt of the order unless modified. If a product cannot be shipped within that time, the awarded vendor shall notify the entity placing the order as to why the product has not shipped and shall provide an estimated shipping date. At this point the participating entity may cancel the order if estimated shipping time is not acceptable.

Tax Exempt Status

Since this is a national contract, knowing the tax laws in each state is the sole responsibility of the vendor.

Payments

The entity using the contract will make payments directly to the awarded vendor or their affiliates (distributors/business partners/resellers) as long as written request and approval by NCPA is provided to the awarded vendor.

Adding Authorized Distributors/Dealers

Awarded vendors may submit a list of distributors/partners/resellers to sell under their contract throughout the life of the contract. Vendor must receive written approval from NCPA before such distributors/partners/resellers considered authorized.

Purchase orders and payment can only be made to awarded vendor or distributors/ business partners/resellers previously approved by NCPA.

Pricing provided to members by added distributors or dealers must also be less than or equal to the pricing offered by the awarded contract holder.

All distributors/partners/resellers are required to abide by the Terms and Conditions of the vendor's agreement with NCPA.

Pricing

All pricing submitted shall include the administrative fee to be remitted to NCPA by the awarded vendor. It is the awarded vendor's responsibility to keep all pricing up to date and on file with NCPA.

All deliveries shall be freight prepaid, F.O.B. destination and shall be included in all pricing offered unless otherwise clearly stated in writing

Warranty

Proposal should address the following warranty information:

- Applicable warranty and/or guarantees of equipment and installations including any conditions and response time for repair and/or replacement of any components during the warranty period.
- Availability of replacement parts
- Life expectancy of equipment under normal use
- Detailed information as to proposed return policy on all equipment

Products: Vendor shall provide equipment, materials and products that are new unless otherwise specified, of good quality and free of defects

Construction: Vendor shall perform services in a good and workmanlike manner and in accordance with industry standards for the service provided.

Safety

Vendors performing services shall comply with occupational safety and health rules and regulations. Also all vendors and subcontractors shall be held responsible for the safety of their employees and any conditions that may cause injury or damage to persons or property.

Permits

Since this is a national contract, knowing the permit laws in each state is the sole responsibility of the vendor.

Indemnity

The awarded vendor shall protect, indemnify, and hold harmless Region 14 ESC and its participants, administrators, employees and agents against all claims, damages, losses and expenses arising out of or resulting from the actions of the vendor, vendor employees or vendor subcontractors in the preparation of the solicitation and the later execution of the contract.

Franchise Tax

The respondent hereby certifies that he/she is not currently delinquent in the payment of any franchise taxes.

Supplemental Agreements

The entity participating in this contract and awarded vendor may enter into a separate supplemental agreement to further define the level of service requirements over and above the minimum defined in this contract i.e. invoice requirements, ordering requirements, specialized delivery, etc. Any supplemental agreement developed as a result of this contract is exclusively between the participating entity and awarded vendor.

Certificates of Insurance

Certificates of insurance shall be delivered to the Public Agency prior to commencement of work. The insurance company shall be licensed in the applicable state in which work is being conducted. The awarded vendor shall give the participating entity a minimum of ten (10) days notice prior to any modifications or cancellation of policies. The awarded vendor shall require all subcontractors performing any work to maintain coverage as specified.

Legal Obligations

It is the Respondent's responsibility to be aware of and comply with all local, state, and federal laws governing the sale of products/services identified in this RFP and any awarded contract and shall comply with all while fulfilling the RFP. Applicable laws and regulation must be followed even if not specifically identified herein.

Protest

A protest of an award or proposed award must be filed in writing within ten (10) days from the date of the official award notification and must be received by 5:00 pm CST. Protests shall be filed with Region 14 ESC and shall include the following:

- Name, address and telephone number of protester
- Original signature of protester or its representative
- Identification of the solicitation by RFP number
- Detailed statement of legal and factual grounds including copies of relevant documents and the form of relief requested

Any protest review and action shall be considered final with no further formalities being considered.

Force Majeure

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

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

Prevailing Wage

It shall be the responsibility of the Vendor to comply, when applicable, with the prevailing wage legislation in effect in the jurisdiction of the purchaser. It shall further be the responsibility of the Vendor to monitor the prevailing wage rates as established by the appropriate department of labor for any increase in rates during the term of this contract and adjust wage rates accordingly.

Termination

Either party may cancel this contract in whole or in part by providing written notice. The cancellation will take effect 30 business days after the other party receives the notice of cancellation. After the 30th business day all work will cease following completion of final purchase order.

Open Records Policy

Because Region 14 ESC is a governmental entity responses submitted are subject to release as public information after contracts are executed. If a vendor believes that its response, or parts of its response, may be exempted from disclosure, the vendor must specify page-by-page and line-by-line the parts of the response, which it believes, are exempt. In addition, the respondent must specify which exception(s) are applicable and provide detailed reasons to substantiate the exception(s).

The determination of whether information is confidential and not subject to disclosure is the duty of the Office of Attorney General (OAG). Region 14 ESC must provide the OAG sufficient

information to render an opinion and therefore, vague and general claims to confidentiality by the respondent are not acceptable. Region 14 ESC must comply with the opinions of the OAG. Region14 ESC assumes no responsibility for asserting legal arguments on behalf of any vendor. Respondent are advised to consult with their legal counsel concerning disclosure issues resulting from this procurement process and to take precautions to safeguard trade secrets and other proprietary information.

PROCESS

Region 14 ESC will evaluate proposals in accordance with, and subject to, the relevant statutes, ordinances, rules, and regulations that govern its procurement practices. NCPA will assist Region 14 ESC in evaluating proposals. Award(s) will be made to the prospective vendor whose response is determined to be the most advantageous to Region 14 ESC, NCPA, and its participating agencies. To qualify for evaluation, response must have been submitted on time, and satisfy all mandatory requirements identified in this document.

Contract Administration

The contract will be administered by Region 14 ESC. The National Program will be administered by NCPA on behalf of Region 14 ESC.

Contract Term

The contract term will be for three (3) year starting from the date of the award. The contract may be renewed for up to two (2) additional one-year terms or any combination of time equally not more than 2 years.

It should be noted that maintenance/service agreements may be issued for up to (5) years under this contract even if the contract only lasts for the initial term of the contract. NCPA will monitor any maintenance agreements for the term of the agreement provided they are signed prior to the termination or expiration of this contract.

Contract Waiver

Any waiver of any provision of this contract shall be in writing and shall be signed by the duly authorized agent of Region 14 ESC. The waiver by either party of any term or condition of this contract shall not be deemed to constitute waiver thereof nor a waiver of any further or additional right that such party may hold under this contract.

Price Increases

Should it become necessary, price increase requests may be submitted at any point during the term of the contract by written amendment. Included with the request must be documentation and/or formal cost justification for these changes. Requests will be formally reviewed, and if justified, the amendment will be approved.

Products and Services Additions

New Products and/or Services may be added to the resulting contract at any time during the term by written amendment, to the extent that those products and/or services are within the scope of this RFP.

Competitive Range

It may be necessary for Region 14 ESC to establish a competitive range. Responses not in the competitive range are unacceptable and do not receive further award consideration.

Deviations and Exceptions

Deviations or exceptions stipulated in response may result in disqualification. It is the intent of Region 14 ESC to award a vendor's complete line of products and/or services, when possible.

Estimated Quantities

While no minimum volume is guaranteed, the estimated (but not limited to) annual volume for Products and Services purchased under the proposed Master Agreement is \$50 million dollars annually. This estimate is based on the anticipated volume of Region 14 ESC and current sales within the NCPA program.

Evaluation

Region 14 ESC will review and evaluate all responses in accordance with, and subject to, the relevant statutes, ordinances, rules and regulations that govern its procurement practices. NCPA will assist the lead agency in evaluating proposals. Recommendations for contract awards will be based on multiple factors, each factor being assigned a point value based on its importance.

Formation of Contract

A response to this solicitation is an offer to contract with Region 14 ESC based upon the terms, conditions, scope of work, and specifications contained in this request. A solicitation does not become a contract until it is accepted by Region 14 ESC. The prospective vendor must submit a signed Signature Form with the response thus, eliminating the need for a formal signing process. Contract award letter issued by Region 14 ESC is the counter-signature document establishing acceptance of the contract.

NCPA Administrative Agreement

The vendor will be required to enter and execute the National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance Administration Agreement with NCPA upon award with Region 14 ESC. The agreement establishes the requirements of the vendor with respect to a nationwide contract effort.

Clarifications/Discussions

Region 14 ESC may request additional information or clarification from any of the respondents after review of the proposals received for the sole purpose of elimination minor irregularities, informalities, or apparent clerical mistakes in the proposal. Clarification does not give respondent an opportunity to revise or modify its proposal, except to the extent that correction of apparent clerical mistakes results in a revision. After the initial receipt of proposals, Region 14 ESC reserves the right to conduct discussions with those respondent's whose proposals are determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award. Discussions occur when oral or written communications between Region 14 ESC and respondent's are conducted for the purpose clarifications involving information essential for determining the acceptability of a proposal or that provides respondent an opportunity to revise or modify its proposal. Region 14 ESC will not assist respondent bring its proposal up to the level of other proposals through discussions. Region 14 ESC will not indicate to respondent a cost or price that it must meet to neither obtain further consideration nor will it provide any information about other respondents' proposals or prices.

Multiple Awards

Multiple Contracts may be awarded as a result of the solicitation. Multiple Awards will ensure that any ensuing contracts fulfill current and future requirements of the diverse and large number of participating public agencies.

Past Performance

Past performance is relevant information regarding a vendor's actions under previously awarded contracts; including the administrative aspects of performance; the vendor's history of reasonable and cooperative behavior and commitment to customer satisfaction; and generally, the vendor's businesslike concern for the interests of the customer.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Pricing (40 points)

Electronic Price Lists

- Products, Services, Warranties, etc. price list
- Prices listed will be used to establish both the extent of a vendor's product lines, services, warranties, etc. available from a particular bidder and the pricing per item.

Ability to Provide and Perform the Required Services for the Contract (25 points)

- Product Delivery within participating entities specified parameters
- Number of line items delivered complete within the normal delivery time as a percentage of line items ordered.
- Vendor's ability to perform towards above requirements and desired specifications.
- Past Cooperative Program Performance
- Quantity of line items available that are commonly purchased by the entity.
- Quality of line items available compared to normal participating entity standards.

References and Experience (20 points)

- A minimum of ten (10) customer references for product and/or services of similar scope dating within past 3 years
- Respondent Reputation in marketplace
- Past Experience working with public sector.
- Exhibited understanding of cooperative purchasing

Value Added Products/Services Description, (8 points)

- Additional Products/Services related to the scope of RFP
- Marketing and Training
- Minority and Women Business Enterprise (MWBE) and (HUB) Participation
- Customer Service

Technology for Supporting the Program (7 points)

- Electronic on-line catalog, order entry use by and suitability for the entity's needs
- Quality of vendor's on-line resources for NCPA members.
- Specifications and features offered by respondent's products and/or services

Tab 1 – Master Agreement / Signature Form

SIGNATURE FORM

The undersigned hereby proposes and agrees to furnish goods and/or services in strict compliance with the terms, specifications and conditions at the prices proposed within response unless noted in writing. The undersigned further certifies that he/she is an officer of the company and has authority to negotiate and bind the company named below and has not prepared this bid in collusion with any other Respondent and that the contents of this proposal as to prices, terms or conditions of said bid have not been communicated by the undersigned nor by any employee or agent to any person engaged in this type of business prior to the official opening of this proposal.

Prices are guaranteed: **120 days**

Midwest Technology Products
Company Name

2600 Bridgeport Drive
Address

Sioux City IA 51111
City State Zip

800-831-5904 800-285-7054
Telephone Number Fax Number

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Email Address

Sarah Cruz Contract Manager
Printed Name Position

Sarah Cruz
Authorized Signature

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- If any action at law or in equity is brought to enforce or interpret the provisions of this Administration Agreement or to recover any administrative fee and accrued interest, the prevailing party shall be entitled to reasonable attorney's fees and costs in addition to any other relief to which such party may be entitled.
- Neither this Administration Agreement nor any rights or obligations hereunder shall be assignable by Contractor without prior written consent of NCPA, provided, however, that the Contractor may, without such written consent, assign this Administration Agreement and its rights and delegate its obligations hereunder in connection with the transfer or sale of all or substantially all of its assets or business related to this Administration Agreement, or in the event of its merger, consolidation, change in control or similar transaction. Any permitted assignee shall assume all assigned obligations of its assignor under this Administration Agreement.
- This Administration Agreement and NCPA's rights and obligations hereunder may be assigned at NCPA's sole discretion, to an existing or newly established legal entity that has the authority and capacity to perform NCPA's obligations hereunder.

Term of Agreement

This Agreement shall be in effect so long as the Master Agreement remains in effect, provided, however, that the obligation to pay all amounts owed by Vendor to NCPA through the

termination of this Agreement and all indemnifications afforded by Vendor to NCPA shall survive the term of this Agreement.

Fees and Reporting

The awarded vendor shall electronically provide NCPA with a detailed quarterly report showing the dollar volume of all sales under the contract for the previous quarter. Reports are due on the fifteenth (15th) day after the close of the previous quarter. It is the responsibility of the awarded vendor to collect and compile all sales under the contract from participating members and submit one (1) report. The report shall include at least the following information as listed in the example below:

Entity Name	Zip Code	State	PO or Job #	Sale Amount

Total _____

Each quarter NCPA will invoice the vendor based on the total of sale amount(s) reported. From the invoice the vendor shall pay to NCPA an administrative fee based upon the tiered fee schedule below. Vendor's annual sales shall be measured on a calendar year basis. Deadline for term of payment will be included in the invoice NCPA provides.

Annual Sales Through Contract	Administrative Fee
0 - \$30,000,000	2%
\$30,000,001 - \$50,000,000	1.5%
\$50,000,001+	1%

Supplier shall maintain an accounting of all purchases made by Public Agencies under the Master Agreement. NCPA and Region 14 ESC reserve the right to audit the accounting for a period of four (4) years from the date NCPA receives the accounting. In the event of such an audit, the requested materials shall be provided at the location designated by Region 14 ESC or NCPA. In the event such audit reveals an under reporting of Contract Sales and a resulting underpayment of administrative fees, Vendor shall promptly pay NCPA the amount of such underpayment, together with interest on such amount and shall be obligated to reimburse NCPA's costs and expenses for such audit.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CONTRACTOR REQUIREMENTS

National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance
Organization

Name

Title

Address

Address

Signature

Date

Midwest Technology Products
Vendor Name

Sarah Cruz
Name

Contract Manager
Title

2600 Bridgeport Drive
Address

Sioux City IA 51111
Address

Sarah Cruz
Signature

3-15-2023
Date

\$175.00 minimum order for all orders
using this contract pricing.

Tab 3 – Vendor Questionnaire

**TAB 3
VENDOR QUESTIONNAIRE**

Please provide responses to the following questions that address your company's operations, organization, structure, and processes for providing products and services.

Locations Covered

- Bidder must indicate any and all locations where products and services can be offered.
- Please indicate the price co-efficient for each location if it varies.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All 50 States & District of Columbia (Selecting this box is equal to checking all boxes below)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Alabama	<input type="checkbox"/> Illinois	<input type="checkbox"/> Montana	<input type="checkbox"/> Rhode Island
<input type="checkbox"/> Alaska	<input type="checkbox"/> Indiana	<input type="checkbox"/> Nebraska	<input type="checkbox"/> South Carolina
<input type="checkbox"/> Arizona	<input type="checkbox"/> Iowa	<input type="checkbox"/> Nevada	<input type="checkbox"/> South Dakota
<input type="checkbox"/> Arkansas	<input type="checkbox"/> Kansas	<input type="checkbox"/> New Hampshire	<input type="checkbox"/> Tennessee
<input type="checkbox"/> California	<input type="checkbox"/> Massachusetts	<input type="checkbox"/> New Jersey	<input type="checkbox"/> Texas
<input type="checkbox"/> Colorado	<input type="checkbox"/> Michigan	<input type="checkbox"/> New Mexico	<input type="checkbox"/> Utah
<input type="checkbox"/> Connecticut	<input type="checkbox"/> Minnesota	<input type="checkbox"/> New York	<input type="checkbox"/> Vermont
<input type="checkbox"/> Delaware	<input type="checkbox"/> Mississippi	<input type="checkbox"/> North Carolina	<input type="checkbox"/> Virginia
<input type="checkbox"/> D.C.	<input type="checkbox"/> Missouri	<input type="checkbox"/> North Dakota	<input type="checkbox"/> Washington
<input type="checkbox"/> Florida	<input type="checkbox"/> Kentucky	<input type="checkbox"/> Ohio	<input type="checkbox"/> West Virginia
<input type="checkbox"/> Georgia	<input type="checkbox"/> Louisiana	<input type="checkbox"/> Oklahoma	<input type="checkbox"/> Wisconsin
<input type="checkbox"/> Hawaii	<input type="checkbox"/> Maine	<input type="checkbox"/> Oregon	<input type="checkbox"/> Wyoming
<input type="checkbox"/> Idaho	<input type="checkbox"/> Maryland	<input type="checkbox"/> Pennsylvania	

<input type="checkbox"/> All U.S. Territories and Outlying Areas (Selecting this box is equal to checking all boxes below)	
<input type="checkbox"/> American Samoa	<input type="checkbox"/> Northern Marina Island
<input type="checkbox"/> Federated States of Micronesia	<input type="checkbox"/> Puerto Rico
<input type="checkbox"/> Guam	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. Virgin Islands

<input type="checkbox"/> Midway Islands	
<input type="checkbox"/> All Canada Provinces and Territories (Selecting this box is equal to checking all boxes below)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Alberta	<input type="checkbox"/> Prince Edward Island
<input type="checkbox"/> British Columbia	<input type="checkbox"/> Quebec
<input type="checkbox"/> Manitoba	<input type="checkbox"/> Saskatchewan
<input type="checkbox"/> New Brunswick	<input type="checkbox"/> Northwest Territories
<input type="checkbox"/> Newfoundland and Labrador	<input type="checkbox"/> Nunavut
<input type="checkbox"/> Nova Scotia	<input type="checkbox"/> Yukon
<input type="checkbox"/> Ontario	

If awarded a Master Agreement, will your company extend the terms offered in your Proposal to public agencies in Canada? If no or maybe, please explain.

Yes Maybe No

If awarded a Master Agreement, will your company extend the terms offered in your Proposal to private sector customers?

Yes Maybe No

Minority and Women Business Enterprise (MWBE) and (HUB) Participation

It is the policy of some entities participating in NCPA to involve minority and women business enterprises (MWBE) and historically underutilized businesses (HUB) in the purchase of goods and services. Respondents shall indicate below whether or not they are an M/WBE or HUB certified.

Minority/Women Business Enterprise Respondent Certifies that this firm a Minority / Women Business Enterprise Historically Underutilized Business Respondent Certifies that this firm is a Historically Underutilized Business

Small Business, MWBE and HUB Growth

If Proposer is a Large, National or Multinational Organization/Corporation, what programs are in place that partners or supports the growth of small and MWEB and HUB business? If yes, please describe.

N/A, we are a recognized small, MWEB or HUB organization

No, we do not have any programs in place.

Yes, we have programs in place.

Residency

Responding Company's principal place of business is in the city of Sioux City,
State of Iowa.

Felony Conviction Notice

Please Check Applicable Box (If the 3rd box is checked, a detailed explanation of the names and convictions must be attached):

A publicly held corporation; therefore, this reporting requirement is not applicable.

Is not owned or operated by anyone who has been convicted of a felony.

Is owned or operated by the following individual(s) who has/have been convicted of a felony

Distribution Channel

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

Manufacturer Direct Certified education/government reseller

Authorized Distributor Manufacturer marketing through reseller

Value-added reseller Other: _____

Processing Contact Information

Contact Person Sarah Cruz
Title Contract Manager
Company Midwest Technology Products
Address 2600 Bridgeport Drive
City/State/Zip Sioux City, IA 51111
Phone 800-831-5904
Email scruz @ midwest technology.com

Pricing Information

In addition to the current typical unit pricing furnished herein, the Vendor agrees to offer all future product introductions at prices that are proportionate to Contract Pricing. If answer is no, attach a statement detailing how pricing for NCPA participants would be calculated for future product introductions.

Yes No

Pricing submitted includes the required NCPA administrative fee. The NCPA fee is calculated based on the invoice price to the customer.

Yes No

Cooperatives

List any other cooperative or state contracts currently held or in the process of securing.

Cooperative/State Agency	Discount Offered	Expires	Annual Sales Volume
AEPA	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

TAB 4 VENDOR PROFILE

Please provide the following information about your company:

- Company's official registered name.
- Brief history of your company, including the year it was established.
- Company's Dun & Bradstreet (D&B) number.
- Company's organizational chart of those individuals that would be involved in the contract.
- Corporate office location.
 - List the number of sales and services offices for states being bid in solicitation.
 - List the names of key contacts at each with title, address, phone and e-mail address.
- Define your standard terms of payment.
- Who is your competition in the marketplace?
- Provide Annual Sales for last 3 years broken out into the following categories:
 - Cities / Counties
 - K-12
 - Higher Education
 - Other government agencies or nonprofit organizations
- Provide the revenue that your organization anticipates each year for the first three (3) years of this agreement.
 - \$ _____ in year one
 - \$ _____ in year two
 - \$ _____ in year three
- What differentiates your company from competitors?
- Describe how your company will market this contract if awarded.
- Describe how you intend to introduce NCPA to your company.
- Describe your firm's capabilities and functionality of your on-line catalog / ordering website.
- Describe your company's Customer Service Department (hours of operation, number of service centers, etc.)
- Green Initiatives (if applicable)

- As our business grows, we want to make sure we minimize our impact on the Earth's climate. We are taking every step we can to implement innovative and responsible environmental practices throughout NCPA to reduce our carbon footprint, reduce waste, energy conservation, ensure efficient computing and much more. To that effort we ask respondents to provide their companies environmental policy and/or green initiative.
- Anti-Discrimination Policy (if applicable)
 - Describe your organizations' anti-discrimination policy.
- Vendor Certifications (if applicable)
 - Provide a copy of all current licenses, registrations and certifications issued by federal, state and local agencies, and any other licenses, registrations or certifications from any other governmental entity with jurisdiction, allowing respondent to perform the covered services including, but not limited to, licenses, registrations, or certifications. Certifications can include M/WBE, HUB, and manufacturer certifications for sales and service.

Tab 4 – Vendor Profile

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Company's official registered name

Midwest Technology Products

Brief history of your company, including the year it was established

Midwest is a family-owned business that has endured and prospered over the course of four generations and 100 years. We started off as a small hardware store called Peete hardware from 1909-1962. In 1963, the company name was changed to Midwest Shop Supplies and we started offering durable supplies to school shop classes around the United States. Due to the large expansion of product lines to meet the customer demand, the company name was changed to Midwest Technology Products on June 28, 1992. Since then, we have actively solicited bids from school districts nationwide. As the needs of educators change, Midwest strives to offer products that are a cut above.

Company's Dun & Bradstreet (D&B) number

02-232-8637

Company's organizational chart of those individuals that would be involved in the contract

Sarah Cruz – Contract manager

Michael Nichols – Marketing

Cindy Jungers – Sales and Customer Service

Al Ryan – Sales and Customer Service

Steve Krueger – Sales and Customer Service

Tim Owen – Sales and Customer Service

John Eveleth – Sales and Customer Service

Corporate office location

We have one home office and warehouse located at 2600 Bridgeport Drive, Sioux City, Iowa 51111.

Key Contacts

Sarah Cruz – Contract Manager

Sarah has 25 years of experience at Midwest. She is responsible for completing and managing all contracts as well as reporting sales, doing renewals and answering any questions regarding them. She ensures all customers are aware of the contract and that they are receiving the best possible service. She takes sales calls and provides a high level of customer service for whatever the end user may need. She is also our Data Entry Supervisor and does daily order entry, quotes, returns and any issues that may arise. She works with purchasing departments, architects and facility planners nationwide to get schools the items they need. You can reach Sarah by phone at 800-831-5904 ext 3120, by fax at 800-285-7054 or by email at scruz@midwesttechnology.com

Kevin Luft – President

Kevin has worked for Midwest for 32 years. He started as a Sales Associate, then moved up to Bid Department Supervisor, Chief Sales Officer and at the beginning of 2023, he has taken on the role of our company President. Kevin brings a wealth of sales knowledge for what educators need. You can reach Kevin by phone at 800-831-5904 ext 3105, by fax at 800-285-7054 or by email at kluft@midwesttechnology.com

Jody Oldenkamp – General Manager

Jody brings over 20 years work experience at Midwest. He was the Purchasing and Warehouse Manager for most of those years and always ensured we had the products ready to go when we needed them. At the beginning of 2023, he has accepted the role of our General Manager. You can reach Jody by phone at 800-831-5904 ext 3122, by fax at 800-285-7054 or by email at joldenkamp@midwesttechnology.com

Arlene Kennedy – Bid Director

Arlene has worked for Midwest for 26 years. She handles setting up school accounts, filling out school paperwork and other important state forms to keep us up to date. She completes online bids and is in charge of mailing out important documents by their deadlines. You can reach Arlene by phone at 800-831-5904 ext 3127, by fax at 800-285-7054 or by email at akennedy@midwesttechnology.com

Michael Nichols – Content and Marketing

Michael is in charge of updating and creating our website content for all products. He also does our marketing and can quickly create informational flyers for new products, blogs or any other sales content we may need for this contract. You can reach Michael by calling 800-831-5904 ext 3115, by fax at 800-285-7054 or by email at mnichols@midwesttechnology.com

Al Ryan – Sales and Customer Service

Al has worked for Midwest for 45 years. He completes many formal bids, does daily phone quotes and provides all aspects of customer service. You can reach Al by calling 800-831-5904 ext 3130, by fax at 800-285-7054 or by email at aryan@midwesttechnology.com

Cindy Jungers – Sales and Customer Service

Cindy has worked for Midwest for 32 years. She started in the catalog department and then moved into our sales department when we had an opening. It was an easy transition as she had all the product information and was aware of the items we sold. She completes all aspects of sales and customer service. You can reach Cindy by calling 800-831-5904 ext 3107, by fax at 800-285-7054 or by email at cjungers@midwesttechnology.com

Steve Krueger – Sales and Customer Service

Steve has worked for Midwest for 6 years. He completes bids, takes phone calls and provides all aspects of customer service. You can reach Steve by calling 800-831-5904 ext 3103, by fax at 800-285-7054 or by email at skrueger@midwesttechnology.com

John Eveleth – Sales and Customer Service

John has worked for Midwest for 2 years. He completes bids, takes phone calls and provides customer service along with outside the office traveling to do area installations or deliver products. You can reach John by calling 800-831-5904 ext 3118, by fax at 800-285-7054 or by email at jeveleth@midwesttechnology.com

Tim Owen – Sales and Customer Service

Tim has worked for Midwest one year. He is in charge of the website orders and product requests that come in daily along with sales calls. You can reach Tim by calling 800-831-5904 ext 3104, by fax at 800-285-7054 or by email at towen@midwesttechnology.com

Define your standard terms of payment

Net 30 days. We accept checks, ACH, Visa, Mastercard and Discover.

Who is your competition in the marketplace?

As a national distributor for Career and Technical Education we compete against Paxton Patterson and School Specialty. We do compete with Amazon and companies such as Home Depot as schools are able to buy with credit cards. Many states have buying preferences, so we also compete against local and regional companies for business. Having a national contract will enable us to better serve our educational customers in a more efficient manner.

Provide Annual Sales for the last 3 years broken out into the following categories:

	2020	2021	2022
Cities / Counties	[REDACTED]		
K-12	[REDACTED]		
Higher Education	[REDACTED]		
Other government agencies or nonprofit organizations	0	0	0

Provide the revenue that your organization anticipates each year for the first three (3) years of this agreement.

[REDACTED]

(The figures shown above are what we anticipate in new business as a result of a NCPA contract)

What differentiates your company from competitors?

Because we do business almost exclusively in education, we know how their purchasing works. We are uniquely qualified to make it easy for customers to do business with us by providing contracts that allow them to purchase without going through a bid process. We create custom packages so that it saves time shopping for individual tools. By understanding the requisition process, we are able to hold our quotes for a time frame they need. We are dedicated to making purchasing easy for our customers by automatically having open accounts for all public institutions and by finding solutions to problems which do not involve hardship on the customer. Customer Service has been and will always be our focus. We consider our role as that of a partner. Our terms take into consideration the process of approving payment through school boards, and therefore, we do not charge service fees or interest. Sometimes there are delays, so we wait to get paid until we fulfill the order. We know that schools want good quality, value and support, so these are what we believe that we offer.

Describe how your company will market this contract if awarded

Midwest will introduce the contract with an announcement of the award through our website, in blogs and in an email. We have a marketing department to assist with creating content and electronically formatting materials and we will plan occasional flyers to highlight products on the contract. We will present at trade shows and directly through our reps and resellers. We have a value-added referral card which highlights our contracts and NCPA will be front and center as our national contract for educational purposes. We will create a banner to introduce this contract on our website as well as through word of mouth by our entire sales team and at trade shows.

Describe how you intend to introduce NCPA to your company

We have regular sales and marketing meetings. If awarded, we will announce this contract as part of our meeting, taking time to fully explain how to process business that comes in as a result of this new contract, as well as how to market it, what it covers, and where to access pricing and terms. There will also be an emailed announcement which will be company-wide to include our outside sales staff and resellers. Unless individuals know how to sell utilizing this contract, it will not grow into the potential it has.

Describe your firm's capabilities and functionality of your on-line catalog/ordering website

Midwest utilizes Big Commerce for our on-line market place. We also provide a digital catalog for reference. With Big Commerce, we can set up customers with a login and password so that if they are buying through a designated contract, their pricing will show up each time they login. We are prepared to make changes to align with specific requirements of this contract. We have worked with third party order processing software companies such as Equal Level. We will maintain a price list which is a compilation of nearly 10,000 SKU's showing our product number, manufacturer part number, description, price, discount, and net delivered price. We attempt to hold prices to align with our catalog whenever possible. Pricing will always include shipping and handling for NCPA purchases, as well as administrative fees. Please note, minimum order amounts may apply.

Describe your company's Customer Service Department (hours of operation, number of service centers, etc.)

Customer satisfaction is our number one priority. Our representatives are multifaceted individuals who go out of their way to provide a peak experience for every customer.

Address: 2600 Bridgeport Drive, Sioux City, Iowa 51111

Phone: 800-831-5904 Fax: 800-285-7054

Hours of operation: Monday-Friday 8:00AM-4:30PM Central Time

Green Initiatives

We are very aware of environmental considerations and look for products that are safe and environmentally friendly. We share the environmental goals of our customers and know that safety and green initiatives are not only wise, but good for business. Many of the products that we offer have environmental certifications. For example, we promote and sell wood finishes that are VOC compliant, water based, and low odor. We are committed to reducing our carbon footprint and have implemented policies within our organization, such as recycling, reducing electricity usage, installing low energy lighting, and having employee's use washable plates and silverware in our kitchen.

103 Equal Employment Opportunity

Effective Date: 7/1/2009

To give equal employment and advancement opportunities to all people, we make employment decisions at Midwest based on each person's performance, qualifications, and abilities. Midwest does not discriminate in employment opportunities or practices on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, or any other characteristic protected by law.

We will make reasonable accommodations for qualified individuals with known disabilities unless making the reasonable accommodation would result in an undue hardship to Midwest.

Our Equal Employment Opportunity policy covers all employment practices, including selection, job assignment, compensation, discipline, termination, and access to benefits and training.

We also have an affirmative action program. The affirmative action program will promote opportunities for people in certain protected classes throughout Midwest.

If you have a question about any type of discrimination at work, talk with your immediate supervisor or the Human Resources Department. You will not be punished for asking questions about this. Also, if we find out that anyone was illegally discriminating, that person will be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment.

Discrimination and Harassment



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Discrimination and Harassment

Some of us may be familiar with sexual harassment in the workplace. But, when it comes to harassment and discrimination, the fact is that it's not just about sex anymore. Over the years, the courts and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission have expanded what it means to harass or discriminate against someone in the workplace.

We're going to be talking about how harassment and discrimination are inter-related. We're also going to talk about what we need to do as an organization and as individuals to help maintain a positive, productive working environment, as well as minimize the chance that we'll end up facing a costly lawsuit.

Pre-Training Assessment

1. What types of behavior do you believe to be inappropriate at work?
2. The First Amendment allows freedom of speech to all people in all circumstances. **True** **False**
3. Under the law, in order for someone to claim they're being harassed because of their age, they must be 40 years old or older. **True** **False**
4. People need to take responsibility and speak up if they observe someone being a victim of discrimination or harassment. **True** **False**

What's The Difference?

People often use the terms harassment and discrimination interchangeably, however there is a difference. Let's take a moment and identify the difference between discrimination and harassment.

- What is harassment?
- What is discrimination?
- What types of behaviors may be considered discriminatory harassment?
- What behaviors have you experienced that are inappropriate in the workplace and would be considered discriminatory harassment?

Harassment

Harassment means to trouble, worry or torment someone on a persistent basis. The important phrase here is "on a persistent basis". Usually a one-time offense is not considered harassment in the eyes of the law. Types of harassment include:

- Verbal – includes things said, written or inappropriate sounds.
- Physical – includes hitting, pushing, blocking someone's way, inappropriate touching
- Visual – includes calendars, pictures, any inappropriate object that can be clearly seen.

Discrimination

Discrimination occurs when a person or group of people are treated differently from another person or group of people. Discriminatory harassment is harassing and/or discriminating behavior that is severe or pervasive enough to create a hostile working environment and/or results in a tangible employment action.

Civil Rights Act of 1964

Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, sex, religion, national origin, color, pregnancy, etc.

What's The Difference? Cont.

It is illegal to harass and/or discriminate against someone based on:

- Race
- Religion
- Sex
- National Origin
- Age
- Disability (including obesity)
- Military Membership or Veteran Status
- Sexual Orientation
- Marital Status
- Transsexuals or Cross Dressing
- Political Affiliation
- Criminal Record
- Prior Psychiatric Treatment
- Occupation
- Citizenship Status
- Personal Appearance
- Education
- Tobacco Use Outside of Work
- Receipt of Public Assistance
- Dishonorable Discharge from the Military

Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

**Give Form to the
requester. Do not
send to the IRS.**

▶ Go to www.irs.gov/FormW9 for instructions and the latest information.

Print or type.
See Specific instructions on page 3.

1 Name (as shown on your income tax return). Name is required on this line; do not leave this line blank. MIDWEST SHOP SUPPLIES INC	
2 Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above MIDWEST TECHNOLOGY PRODUCTS	
3 Check appropriate box for federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Check only one of the following seven boxes. <input type="checkbox"/> Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC <input type="checkbox"/> Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=Partnership) ▶ _____ <small>Note: Check the appropriate box in the line above for the tax classification of the single-member owner. Do not check LLC if the LLC is classified as a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner unless the owner of the LLC is another LLC that is not disregarded from the owner for U.S. federal tax purposes. Otherwise, a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner.</small> <input type="checkbox"/> Other (see instructions) ▶ _____	4 Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3): Exempt payee code (if any) _____ Exemption from FATCA reporting code (if any) _____ <small>(Applies to accounts maintained outside the U.S.)</small>
5 Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.) See instructions. 2600 BRIDGEPORT DR	Requester's name and address (optional)
6 City, state, and ZIP code SIOUX CITY IA 51111	
7 List account number(s) here (optional)	

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the instructions for Part I, later. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN*, later.

Note: If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1. Also see *What Name and Number To Give the Requester* for guidelines on whose number to enter.

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Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me); and
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding; and
3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and
4. The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions for Part II, later.

Sign Here	Signature of U.S. person ▶	Date ▶ 1-16-2023
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General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Future developments. For the latest information about developments related to Form W-9 and its instructions, such as legislation enacted after they were published, go to www.irs.gov/FormW9.

Purpose of Form

An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) which may be your social security number (SSN), individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN), adoption taxpayer identification number (ATIN), or employer identification number (EIN), to report on an information return the amount paid to you, or other amount reportable on an information return. Examples of information returns include, but are not limited to, the following.

- Form 1099-INT (interest earned or paid)

- Form 1099-DIV (dividends, including those from stocks or mutual funds)
- Form 1099-MISC (various types of income, prizes, awards, or gross proceeds)
- Form 1099-B (stock or mutual fund sales and certain other transactions by brokers)
- Form 1099-S (proceeds from real estate transactions)
- Form 1099-K (merchant card and third party network transactions)
- Form 1098 (home mortgage interest), 1098-E (student loan interest), 1098-T (tuition)
- Form 1099-C (canceled debt)
- Form 1099-A (acquisition or abandonment of secured property)

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN.

If you do not return Form W-9 to the requester with a TIN, you might be subject to backup withholding. See What is backup withholding, later.

**IOWA SECRETARY OF STATE
PAUL D. PATE**



CERTIFICATE OF EXISTENCE

Issue Date: 4/8/2022

Name: MIDWEST SHOP SUPPLIES, INC. (490 DP - 28146)

Date of Incorporation: 1/2/1963

Duration: PERPETUAL

I, Paul D. Pate, Secretary of State of the State of Iowa, custodian of the records of incorporations, certify the following for the corporation named on this certificate:

- a. The entity is in existence and duly incorporated under the laws of Iowa.
- b. All fees required under the Iowa Business Corporation Act due the Secretary of State have been paid.
- c. The most recent biennial report required has been filed with the Secretary of State.
- d. Articles of dissolution have not been filed.

Certificate ID: CS244337

To validate certificates visit:

sos.iowa.gov/ValidateCertificate

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul D. Pate". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Paul D. Pate, Iowa Secretary of State

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STATE OF IOWA
 DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
 RETAIL SALES TAX
 PERMIT

ISSUED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 422.53 CODE OF IOWA

97-15386 7-1-63
 MIDWEST SHOP SUPPLIES INC.
 2600 BRIDGEPORT
 SIOUX CITY, IOWA 51111
 0305 1 1 3

Is hereby authorized to engage in and transact business as a retailer within this state at the above location. This permit is not transferable and is valid until revoked or cancelled.

Sec. 422.49: *"It shall be unlawful for any retailer to advertise or hold out or state to the public or to any consumer, directly or indirectly, that the tax or any part thereof imposed by this division will be assumed or absorbed by the retailer or that it will not be considered as an element in the price to the consumer, or if added, that it or any part thereof will be refunded."*

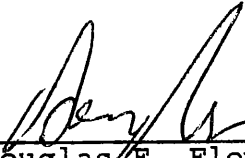


A. D. Briggs

DIRECTOR OF REVENUE

**RESOLUTION OF DOMESTIC CORPORATION
ADOPTING FICTITIOUS NAME IN IOWA**

I, Douglas E. Flom, certify that I am the Secretary of Midwest Shop Supplies Inc., an Iowa corporation subject to the provisions of Iowa Code Chapter 490, and that the following is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the corporation on the 28 day of June, 1992.



Douglas E. Flom, Secretary

**RESOLUTION
OF
MIDWEST SHOP SUPPLIES INC.**

RESOLVED, that the Corporation adopts the name Midwest Technology Products and Services, under which it may operate in the United States of America and elsewhere, and that the Secretary is authorized to certify a copy of this resolution and is directed to deliver the copy of the resolution to the Secretary of State of the State of Iowa for filing, pursuant to Chapter 490 of the Iowa Business Corporation Act.

SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE

The undersigned, Rolf Karlstad, Secretary of Midwest Shop Supplies, Inc. d/b/a Midwest Technology Products, an Iowa corporation, does hereby certify that the following are true and complete resolutions which were UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED, at a duly called and held Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the corporation on the 28th day of August, 2013 and that such resolutions have not been amended or modified and continue to be in full force and effect as of this date:

RESOLVED, that the Corporation may execute and deliver any and all contracts which it deems to be necessary or appropriate to carry out its business; and

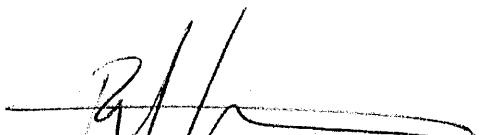
FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief Executive Officer, President, Vice-President, all Sales Associates and all Bid Agents of the corporation be and are each individually hereby authorized to execute Contracts and bid proposals on behalf of the corporation in connection with the sale or proposed sale of products to any third parties, and the signature of such Officer, Sales Associate or Bid Agent shall bind the corporation in connection therewith; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that such Officers, Sales Associates and Bid Agents are authorized to do and perform all acts and things which he/she deems to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such contracts, including but not limited to, executing and delivering all agreements and documents contemplated by such contracts.

The undersigned, Rolf Karlstad, hereby certifies that the undersigned is the duly appointed, qualified and acting Secretary of Midwest Shop Supplies, Inc. d/b/a Midwest Technology Products, an Iowa Corporation, and that as such secretary the undersigned is familiar with its Officers, Sales Associates and Bid Agents.

The undersigned further certifies that Sarah Cruz now holds the office of Sales Associate and she has held that office since at least February 7, 2023.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this Certificate this 6th day of March, 2023.


Rolf Karlstad, Secretary

TAB 5 PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

Respondent shall perform and provide these products and/or services under the terms of this agreement. The supplier shall assist the end user with making a determination of their individual needs.

Warranty

Proposal should address the following warranty information:

- Applicable warranty and/or guarantees of equipment and installations including any conditions and response time for repair and/or replacement of any components during the warranty period.
- Availability of replacement parts
- Life expectancy of equipment under normal use
- Detailed information as to proposed return policy on all equipment

Products

- Vendor shall provide equipment, materials and products that are new unless otherwise specified, of good quality and free of defects

Construction

- Vendor shall perform services in a good and workmanlike manner and in accordance with industry standards for the service provided.

The following is a list of suggested (but not limited to) Instructional and Educational Resources categories. List all categories along with manufacturer that you are responding with:

- Arts and Craft Supplies
- Active Play
- Audio-Visual Technology
- Early Childhood
- Educational Software
- Furniture & Equipment
- Games & Puzzles
- Literature
- Mathematics
- Calculators
- Music
- Instructional Solutions
- Storage
- Physical Education & Sport
- Special Education & Needs

- Classroom & Office Supplies
- Science
- Health and Nutrition
- Language and Reading
- Farm and Ranch Supplies
- Agricultural Science
- Lab Sampling

Tab 5 – Products and Services/Scope

ONE YEAR WARRANTY

Midwest Technology Products makes every effort to ensure that the products we sell meet high quality and durability standards, and warrants to the original purchaser of our products that each product to be free of defects in materials and workmanship as follows:

1-year limited warranty on all products unless the original manufacturer's standard warranty exceeds this time period.

This warranty does not apply to defects due directly or indirectly to misuse, abuse, negligence or accidents.

Please contact Midwest Technology Products at 712.252.3601 if you have any questions regarding this warranty statement.

Tab 5 – Products and Services / Scope

Returns or Exchanges:

If you are unhappy with any item for any reason, you may return it for a full refund or exchange as long as it is still in new condition and in the original packaging. If you need assistance with any order, simply contact our Customer Service department at 800-831-5904. We will get delivery issues or damages handled quickly. Small supplies will ship from our location by UPS ground and items over 80 pounds will ship by a truck carrier. Any shortages, damages or mis-shipped items will need to be reported to our Customer Service staff within 7 days of delivery so we can get a freight claim filed with the carrier.

Product Availability and Delivery:

Midwest works very hard to keep supply items stocked in our warehouse and available for immediate delivery. Every item we sell is new, of good quality and free of defects. If there is a backorder, we won't bill or invoice you until that item is shipped and we understand most schools will not pay until the entire order is fulfilled. From the date we receive your order, you should receive standard supply items within 7-10 working days. For large orders and orders that contain Equipment, Machinery or Furniture, it can vary from 2-6 weeks for delivery. We work closely with the manufacturer's warehouse to get the items to you as quickly as possible. Some large items are never kept in stock, but rather put in line for assembly once the order is received.

Midwest is happy to offer the following product lines for the Instructional and Educational Resources bid # 04-23:

Arts & Crafts	Hand Tools/Building Trades
Educational Software	Hardware/Fasteners
Furniture & Equipment	Industrial Tech/Vocational Supplies
Storage	Metalworking
Classroom & Office Supplies	Portable Power Tools
Abrasives & Finishing	Safety Products
Automotive	Small Engine
Electrical	Welding & Foundry
Fab Lab/Makerspace/STEM	Woodworking

TAB 6 REFERENCES

Provide at least ten (10) customer references for products and/or services of similar scope dating within the past three (3) years. Please provide a range of references across all eligible government entity groups including K-12, higher education, city, county, or non-profit entities.

All references should include the following information from the entity:

- Entity Name
- Contact Name and Title
- City and State
- Phone
- Email
- Years Serviced
- Description of Services
- Annual Volume

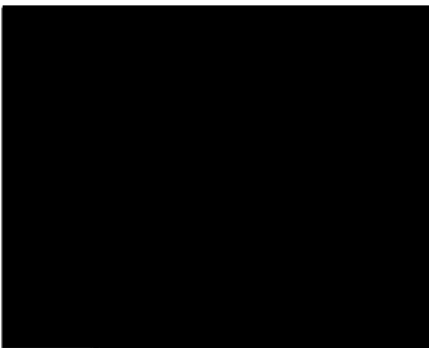
NCPA also accepts Procurated review scores to evaluate relationships with their customers. Vendors without a current Procurated score will be rated based solely on the references provided, and will not be penalized for lack of Procurated scoring. To find out your company's Procurated score please go to <https://www.procurated.com>.

Tab 6 - References

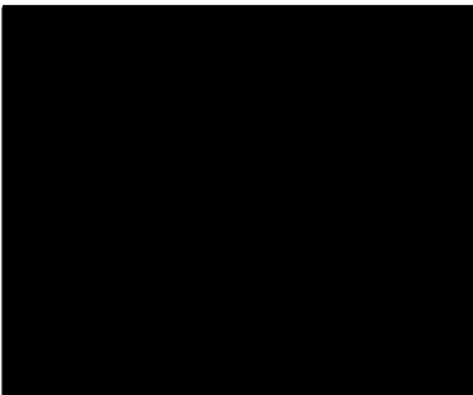
Tab 6 – References

Fulton County Schools

Dustin Davis – Austin, CTAE Director



Sioux Falls School District



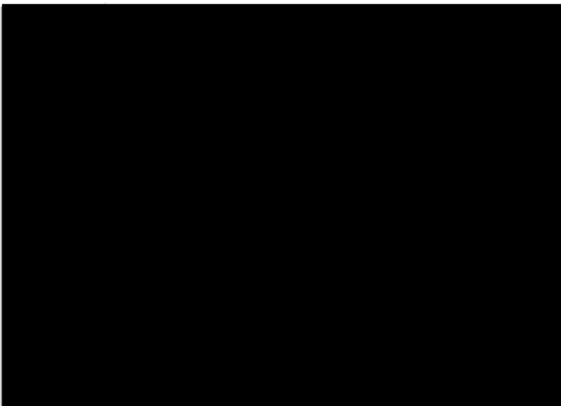
Rio Rancho Public Schools



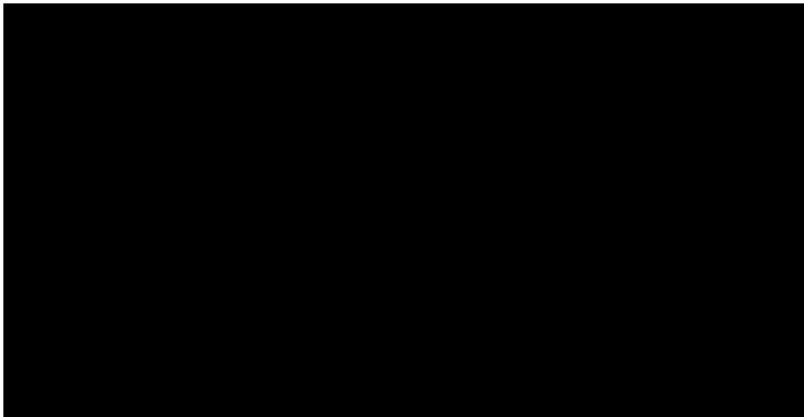
Sioux City Community Schools



Poudre School District

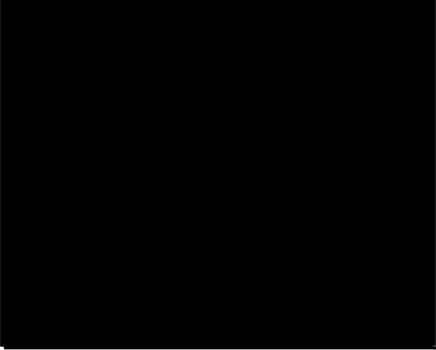


Miami-Dade County Public Schools

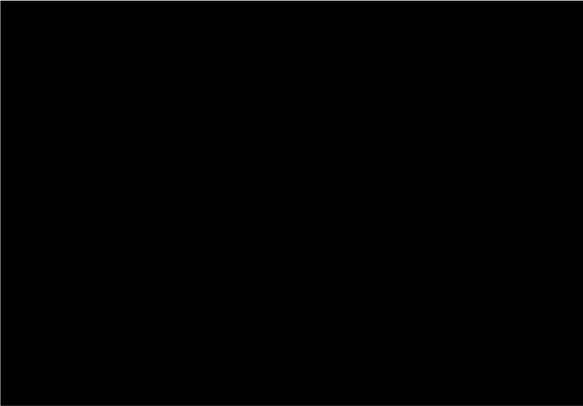


Virginia Beach City Schools

Charles Hurd, Technology Education Coordinator



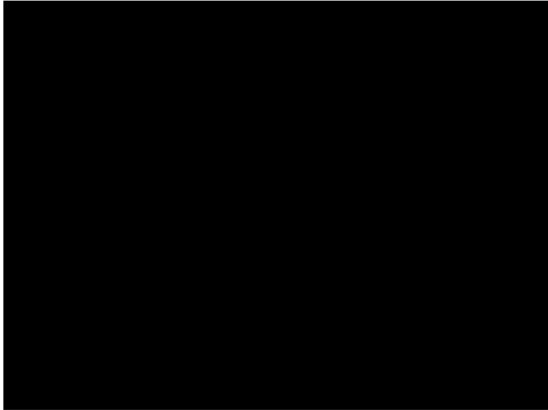
Freeport Public Schools



Cypress – Fairbanks ISD



Solanco School District



TAB 7 PRICING

Please submit price list electronically via our online Bonfire portal (pricing can be submitted as Discount off MSRP, cost plus, etc). Products, services, warranties, etc. should be included in price list. Prices submitted will be used to establish the extent of a respondent's products and services (Tab 5) that are available and also establish pricing per item.

Price lists must contain the following:

- Product name and part number (include both manufacturer part number and respondent part number if different from manufacturers).
- Description
- Vendor's List Price
- Percent Discount to NCPA participating entities

Not To Exceed Pricing

- NCPA requests pricing be submitted as "not to exceed pricing" for any participating entity.
- The awarded vendor can adjust submitted pricing lower but cannot exceed original pricing submitted for solicitation.
- NCPA requests that vendor honor lower pricing for similar size and scope purchases to other members.

Tab 7 - Pricing

TAB 8
VALUE ADDED PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

Include any additional products and/or services available that vendor currently performs in their normal course of business that is not included in the scope of the solicitation that you think will enhance and add value to this contract for Region 14 ESC and all NCPA participating entities.

Tab 8 – Value Added Products and Services

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We offer a variety of value added products and services because we sell almost exclusively to schools. We offer flexible payment schedules, custom kits, and a full service approach so that our customers do not need to buy from several different vendors. If we do not have what they are looking for, we find it. We can price and provide white glove delivery and installation if needed. We will find solutions to meet any budget the customer may have. We can assist customers with not only sourcing products, but we also offer extra's such as design services, proposals, quick quotes.

Our experienced sales staff is always here to help. We provide expertise that is hard to find and customer service that is second to none.

TAB 9
REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- Federal Funds Certifications
- Clean Air and Water Act & Debarment Notice
- Contractors Requirements
- Required Clauses for Federal Assistance by FTA
- Federal Required Signatures
- Antitrust Certification Statements Texas Government Code § 2155.005
- State Notice Addendum

Tab 9 – Required Documents

FEDERAL FUNDS CERTIFICATIONS

Participating Agencies may elect to use federal funds to purchase under the Master Agreement. The following certifications and provisions may be required and apply when a Participating Agency expends federal funds for any purchase resulting from this procurement process. Pursuant to 2 C.F.R. § 200.326, all contracts, including small purchases, awarded by the Participating Agency and the Participating Agency's subcontractors shall contain the procurement provisions of Appendix II to Part 200, as applicable.

APPENDIX II TO 2 CFR PART 200

(A) Contracts for more than the simplified acquisition threshold currently set at \$250,000, which is the inflation adjusted amount determined by the Civilian Agency Acquisition Council and the Defense Acquisition Regulations Council (Councils) as authorized by 41 U.S.C. 1908, must address administrative, contractual, or legal remedies in instances where contractors violate or breach contract terms, and provide for such sanctions and penalties as appropriate.

- Pursuant to Federal Rule (A) above, when a Participating Agency expends federal funds, the Participating Agency and Offeror reserves all rights and privileges under the applicable laws and regulations with respect to this procurement in the event of breach of contract by either party.

(B) Termination for cause and for convenience by the grantee or subgrantee including the manner by which it will be effected and the basis for settlement. (All contracts in excess of \$10,000)

- Pursuant to Federal Rule (B) above, when a Participating Agency expends federal funds, the Participating Agency reserves the right to terminate any agreement in excess of \$10,000 resulting from this procurement process in the event of a breach or default of the agreement by Offeror as detailed in the terms of the contract

(C) Equal Employment Opportunity. Except as otherwise provided under 41 CFR Part 60, all contracts that meet the definition of "federally assisted construction contract" in 41 CFR Part 60-1.3 must include the equal opportunity clause provided under 41 CFR 60-1.4(b), in accordance with Executive Order 11246, "Equal Employment Opportunity" (30 CFR 12319, 12935, 3 CFR Part, 1964-1965 Comp., p. 339), as amended by Executive Order 11375, "Amending Executive Order 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity," and implementing regulations at 41 CFR part 60, "Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor."

- Pursuant to Federal Rule (C) above, when a Participating Agency expends federal funds on any federally assisted construction contract, the equal opportunity clause is incorporated by reference herein.

(D) Davis-Bacon Act, as amended (40 U.S.C. 3141-3148). When required by Federal program legislation, all prime construction contracts in excess of \$2,000 awarded by non-Federal entities must include a provision for compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 3141-3144, and 3146-3148) as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5, "Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Covering Federally Financed and Assisted Construction"). In accordance with the statute, contractors must be required to pay wages to laborers and mechanics at a rate not less than the prevailing wages specified in a wage determination made by the Secretary of Labor. In addition, contractors must be required to pay

wages not less than once a week. The non-Federal entity must place a copy of the current prevailing wage determination issued by the Department of Labor in each solicitation. The decision to award a contract or subcontract must be conditioned upon the acceptance of the wage determination. The non-Federal entity must report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency. The contracts must also include a provision for compliance with the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act (40 U.S.C. 3145), as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 3, "Contractors and Subcontractors on Public Building or Public Work Financed in Whole or in Part by Loans or Grants from the United States"). The Act provides that each contractor or subrecipient must be prohibited from inducing, by any means, any person employed in the construction, completion, or repair of public work, to give up any part of the compensation to which he or she is otherwise entitled. The non-Federal entity must report all suspected or reported violations to the Federal awarding agency.

- Pursuant to Federal Rule (D) above, when a Participating Agency expends federal funds during the term of an award for all contracts and subgrants for construction or repair, offeror will be in compliance with all applicable Davis-Bacon Act provisions
- Any Participating Agency will include any current and applicable prevailing wage determination in each issued solicitation and provide Offeror with any required documentation and/or forms that must be completed by Offeror to remain in compliance the applicable Davis-Bacon Act provisions.

(E) Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 3701-3708). Where applicable, all contracts awarded by the non-Federal entity in excess of \$100,000 that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers must include a provision for compliance with 40 U.S.C. 3702 and 3704, as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5). Under 40 U.S.C. 3702 of the Act, each contractor must be required to compute the wages of every mechanic and laborer on the basis of a standard work week of 40 hours. Work in excess of the standard work week is permissible provided that the worker is compensated at a rate of not less than one and a half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in the work week. The requirements of 40 U.S.C. 3704 are applicable to construction work and provide that no laborer or mechanic must be required to work in surroundings or under working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous. These requirements do not apply to the purchases of supplies or materials or articles ordinarily available on the open market, or contracts for transportation or transmission of intelligence.

- Pursuant to Federal Rule (E) above, when a Participating Agency expends federal funds, offeror certifies that offeror will be in compliance with all applicable provisions of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act during the term of an award for all contracts by Participating Agency resulting from this procurement process.

(F) Rights to Inventions Made Under a Contract or Agreement. If the Federal award meets the definition of "funding agreement" under 37 CFR §401.2 (a) and the recipient or subrecipient wishes to enter into a contract with a small business firm or nonprofit organization regarding the substitution of parties, assignment or performance of experimental, developmental, or research work under that "funding agreement," the recipient or subrecipient must comply with the requirements of 37 CFR Part 401, "Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements," and any implementing regulations issued by the awarding agency.

- Pursuant to Federal Rule (F) above, when federal funds are expended by Participating Agency, the offeror certifies that during the term of an award for all contracts by Participating Agency resulting from this procurement process, the offeror agrees to comply with all applicable requirements as referenced in Federal Rule (F) above

(G) Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q.) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251-1387), as amended— Contracts and subgrants of amounts in excess of \$150,000 must contain a provision that requires the non- Federal award to agree to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401- 7671q) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251- 1387). Violations must be reported to the Federal awarding agency and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

- Pursuant to Federal Rule (G) above, when federal funds are expended by Participating Agency, the offeror certifies that during the term of an award for all contracts by Participating Agency member resulting from this procurement process, the offeror agrees to comply with all applicable requirements as referenced in Federal Rule (G) above

(H) Debarment and Suspension (Executive Orders 12549 and 12689)—A contract award (see 2 CFR 180.220) must not be made to parties listed on the government wide exclusions in the System for Award Management (SAM), in accordance with the OMB guidelines at 2 CFR 180 that implement Executive Orders 12549 (3 CFR part 1986 Comp., p. 189) and 12689 (3 CFR part 1989 Comp., p. 235), "Debarment and Suspension." SAM Exclusions contains the names of parties debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded by agencies, as well as parties declared ineligible under statutory or regulatory authority other than Executive Order 12549.

- Pursuant to Federal Rule (H) above, when federal funds are expended by Participating Agency, the offeror certifies that during the term of an award for all contracts by Participating Agency resulting from this procurement process, the offeror certifies that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation by any federal department or agency. If at any time during the term of an award the offeror or its principals becomes debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation by any federal department or agency, the offeror will notify the Participating Agency

(I) Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. 1352)—Contractors that apply or bid for an award exceeding \$100,000 must file the required certification. Each tier certifies to the tier above that it will not and has not used Federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. 1352. Each tier must also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the non-Federal award.

- Pursuant to Federal Rule (I) above, when federal funds are expended by Participating Agency, the offeror certifies that during the term and after the awarded term of an award for all contracts by Participating Agency resulting from this procurement process, the

offeror certifies that it is in compliance with all applicable provisions of the Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. 1352). The undersigned further certifies that:

- No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid for on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of a Federal contract, the making of a Federal grant, the making of a Federal loan, the entering into a cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of a Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
- If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal grant or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying", in accordance with its instructions.
- The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all covered sub-awards exceeding \$100,000 in Federal funds at all appropriate tiers and all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

RECORD RETENTION REQUIREMENTS FOR CONTRACTS INVOLVING FEDERAL FUNDS

When federal funds are expended by Participating Agency for any contract resulting from this procurement process, offeror certifies that it will comply with the record retention requirements detailed in 2 CFR § 200.334. The offeror further certifies that offeror will retain all records as required by 2 CFR § 200.334 for a period of three years after grantees or subgrantees submit final expenditure reports or quarterly or annual financial reports, as applicable, and all other pending matters are closed.

CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE ENERGY POLICY AND CONSERVATION ACT

When Participating Agency expends federal funds for any contract resulting from this procurement process, offeror certifies that it will comply with the mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency which are contained in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6321 et seq.; 49 C.F.R. Part 18).

CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH BUY AMERICA PROVISIONS

To the extent purchases are made with Federal Highway Administration, Federal Railroad Administration, or Federal Transit Administration funds, offeror certifies that its products comply with all applicable provisions of the Buy America Act and agrees to provide such certification or applicable waiver with respect to specific products to any Participating Agency upon request. Participating Agencies will clearly identify whether Buy America Provisions apply in any issued solicitation. Purchases made in accordance with the Buy America Act must still follow the applicable procurement rules calling for free and open competition.

CERTIFICATION OF ACCESS TO RECORDS

Offeror agrees that the Inspector General of the Agency or any of their duly authorized representatives shall have access to any non-financial documents, papers, or other records of offeror that are pertinent to offeror's discharge of its obligations under the Contract for the purpose of making audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcriptions. The right also includes timely and reasonable access to offeror's personnel for the purpose of interview and discussion relating to such documents. This right of access will last only as long as the records are retained.

CERTIFICATION OF APPLICABILITY TO SUBCONTRACTORS

Offeror agrees that all contracts it awards pursuant to the Contract shall be bound by the foregoing terms and conditions.

CLEAN AIR AND WATER ACT AND DEBARMENT NOTICE

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

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

CONTRACTOR REQUIREMENTS

Contractor Certification

Contractor's Employment Eligibility

By entering the contract, Contractor warrants compliance with the Federal Immigration and Nationality Act (FINA), and all other federal and state immigration laws and regulations. The Contractor further warrants that it is in compliance with the various state statutes of the states it is will operate this contract in.

Participating Government Entities including School Districts may request verification of compliance from any Contractor or subcontractor performing work under this Contract. These Entities reserve the right to confirm compliance in accordance with applicable laws.

Should the Participating Entities suspect or find that the Contractor or any of its subcontractors are not in compliance, they may pursue any and all remedies allowed by law, including, but not limited to: suspension of work, termination of the Contract for default, and suspension and/or debarment of the Contractor. All costs necessary to verify compliance are the responsibility of the Contractor.

The offeror complies and maintains compliance with the appropriate statutes which requires compliance with federal immigration laws by State employers, State contractors and State subcontractors in accordance with the E-Verify Employee Eligibility Verification Program.

Contractor shall comply with governing board policy of the NCPA Participating entities in which work is being performed.

Fingerprint & Background Checks

If required to provide services on school district property at least five (5) times during a month, contractor shall submit a full set of fingerprints to the school district if requested of each person or employee who may provide such service. Alternately, the school district may fingerprint those persons or employees. An exception to this requirement may be made as authorized in Governing Board policy. The district shall conduct a fingerprint check in accordance with the appropriate state and federal laws of all contractors, subcontractors or vendors and their employees for which fingerprints are submitted to the district. Contractor, subcontractors, vendors and their employees shall not provide services on school district properties until authorized by the District.

The offeror shall comply with fingerprinting requirements in accordance with appropriate statutes in the state in which the work is being performed unless otherwise exempted.

Contractor shall comply with governing board policy in the school district or Participating Entity in which work is being performed.

Business Operations in Sudan, Iran

In accordance with A.R.S. 35-391 and A.R.S. 35-393, the Contractor hereby certifies that the contractor does not have scrutinized business operations in Sudan and/or Iran.

REQUIRED CLAUSES FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY FTA

ACCESS TO RECORDS AND REPORTS

Contractor agrees to:

- a) Maintain all non-financial books, records, accounts and reports required under this Contract for a period of not less than two (2) years after the date of termination or expiration of this Contract or any extensions thereof except in the event of litigation or settlement of claims arising from the performance of this Contract, in which case Contractor agrees to maintain same until the FTA Administrator, the U.S. DOT Office of the Inspector General, the Comptroller General, or any of their duly authorized representatives, have disposed of all such litigation, appeals, claims or exceptions related thereto.
- b) Permit any of the foregoing parties to inspect all non-financial work, materials, and other data and records that pertain to the Project, and to audit the non-financial books, records, and accounts that pertain to the Project and to reproduce by any means whatsoever or to copy excerpts and transcriptions as reasonably needed for the purpose of audit and examination. The right of access detailed in this section continues only as long as the records are retained.

FTA does not require the inclusion of these requirements of Article 1.01 in subcontracts.

CIVIL RIGHTS / TITLE VI REQUIREMENTS

- 1) Non-discrimination. In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d, Section 303 of the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 6102, Section 202 of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 12132, and Federal Transit Law at 49 U.S.C. § 5332, Contractor or subcontractor agrees that it will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, creed, national origin, sex, marital status age, or disability. In addition, Contractor agrees to comply with applicable Federal implementing regulations and other applicable implementing requirements FTA may issue that are flowed to Contractor from Awarding Participating Agency.
- 2) Equal Employment Opportunity. The following Equal Employment Opportunity requirements apply to this Contract:
 - a. Race, Color, Creed, National Origin, Sex. In accordance with Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 2000e, and Federal Transit Law at 49 U.S.C. § 5332, the Contractor agrees to comply with all applicable Equal Employment Opportunity requirements of U.S. Dept. of Labor regulations, "Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor, 41 CFR, Parts 60 *et seq.*", and with any applicable Federal statutes, executive orders, regulations, and Federal policies that may affect construction activities undertaken in the course of this Project. Contractor agrees

to take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, creed, national origin, sex, marital status, or age. 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. In addition, Contractor agrees to comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue that are flowed to Contractor from Awarding Participating Agency.

- b. Age. In accordance with the Age Discrimination in Employment Act (ADEA) of 1967, as amended, 29 U.S.C. Sections 621 through 634, and Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) implementing regulations, "Age Discrimination in Employment Act", 29 CFR Part 1625, prohibit employment discrimination by Contractor against individuals on the basis of age, including present and prospective employees. In addition, Contractor agrees to comply with any implementing requirements FTA may issue that are flowed to Contractor from Awarding Participating Agency.
 - c. Disabilities. In accordance with Section 102 of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended (ADA), 42 U.S.C. Sections 12101 *et seq.*, prohibits discrimination against qualified individuals with disabilities in programs, activities, and services, and imposes specific requirements on public and private entities. Contractor agrees that it will comply with the requirements of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), "Regulations to Implement the Equal Employment Provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act," 29 CFR, Part 1630, pertaining to employment of persons with disabilities and with their responsibilities under Titles I through V of the ADA in employment, public services, public accommodations, telecommunications, and other provisions.
 - d. Segregated Facilities. Contractor certifies that their company does not and will not maintain or provide for their employees any segregated facilities at any of their establishments, and that they do not and will not permit their employees to perform their services at any location under the Contractor's control where segregated facilities are maintained. As used in this certification the term "segregated facilities" means any waiting rooms, work areas, restrooms and washrooms, restaurants and other eating areas, parking lots, drinking fountains, recreation or entertainment areas, transportation, and housing facilities provided for employees which are segregated by explicit directive or are in fact segregated on the basis of race, color, religion or national origin because of habit, local custom, or otherwise. Contractor agrees that a breach of this certification will be a violation of this Civil Rights clause.
- 3) Solicitations for Subcontracts, Including Procurements of Materials and Equipment. In all solicitations, either by competitive bidding or negotiation, made by Contractor for work to be performed under a subcontract, including procurements of materials or leases of equipment, each potential subcontractor or supplier shall be notified by Contractor of Contractor's obligations under this Contract and the regulations relative to non-discrimination on the grounds of race, color, creed, sex, disability, age or national origin.

- 4) Sanctions of Non-Compliance. In the event of Contractor's non-compliance with the non-discrimination provisions of this Contract, Public Agency shall impose such Contract sanctions as it or the FTA may determine to be appropriate, including, but not limited to: 1) Withholding of payments to Contractor under the Contract until Contractor complies, and/or; 2) Cancellation, termination or suspension of the Contract, in whole or in part.

Contractor agrees to include the requirements of this clause in each subcontract financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA, modified only if necessary to identify the affected parties.

DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS PARTICIPATION

This Contract is subject to the requirements of Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 26, "Participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in Department of Transportation Financial Assistance Programs", therefore, it is the policy of the Department of Transportation (DOT) to ensure that Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs), as defined in 49 CFR Part 26, have an equal opportunity to receive and participate in the performance of DOT-assisted contracts.

- 1) Non-Discrimination Assurances. Contractor or subcontractor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the performance of this Contract. Contractor shall carry out all applicable requirements of 49 CFR Part 26 in the award and administration of DOT-assisted contracts. Failure by Contractor to carry out these requirements is a material breach of this Contract, which may result in the termination of this Contract or other such remedy as public agency deems appropriate. Each subcontract Contractor signs with a subcontractor must include the assurance in this paragraph. (See 49 CFR 26.13(b)).
- 2) Prompt Payment. Contractor is required to pay each subcontractor performing Work under this prime Contract for satisfactory performance of that work no later than thirty (30) days after Contractor's receipt of payment for that Work from public agency. In addition, Contractor is required to return any retainage payments to those subcontractors within thirty (30) days after the subcontractor's work related to this Contract is satisfactorily completed and any liens have been secured. Any delay or postponement of payment from the above time frames may occur only for good cause following written approval of public agency. This clause applies to both DBE and non-DBE subcontractors. Contractor must promptly notify public agency whenever a DBE subcontractor performing Work related to this Contract is terminated or fails to complete its Work, and must make good faith efforts to engage another DBE subcontractor to perform at least the same amount of work. Contractor may not terminate any DBE subcontractor and perform that Work through its own forces, or those of an affiliate, without prior written consent of public agency.
- 3) DBE Program. In connection with the performance of this Contract, Contractor will cooperate with public agency in meeting its commitments and goals to ensure that DBEs shall have the maximum practicable opportunity to compete for subcontract work, regardless of whether a contract goal is set for this Contract. Contractor agrees to use good faith efforts to carry out a policy in the award of its subcontracts, agent agreements, and procurement contracts which will, to the fullest extent, utilize DBEs consistent with the efficient performance of the Contract.

ENERGY CONSERVATION REQUIREMENTS

Contractor agrees to comply with mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency which are contained in the State energy conservation plans issued under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. Sections 6321 *et seq.* and 41 CFR Part 301-10.

FEDERAL CHANGES

Contractor shall at all times comply with all applicable FTA regulations, policies, procedures and directives, listed directly or by reference in the Contract between Public Agency and the FTA, and those applicable regulatory and procedural updates that are communicated to Contractor by Public Agency, as they may be amended or promulgated from time to time during the term of this contract. Contractor's failure to so comply shall constitute a material breach of this Contract.

INCORPORATION OF FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA) TERMS

The provisions include, in part, certain Standard Terms and Conditions required by the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), whether or not expressly set forth in the preceding Contract provisions. All contractual provisions required by the DOT and applicable to the scope of a particular Contract awarded to Contractor by a Public Agency as a result of solicitation, as set forth in the most current FTA Circular 4220.1F, published February 8th, 2016, are hereby incorporated by reference. Anything to the contrary herein notwithstanding, all FTA mandated terms shall be deemed to control in the event of a conflict with other provisions contained in this Contract. Contractor agrees not to knowingly perform any act, knowingly fail to perform any act, or refuse to comply with any reasonable public agency requests that would directly cause public agency to be in violation of the FTA terms and conditions.

NO FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OBLIGATIONS TO THIRD PARTIES

Agency and Contractor acknowledge and agree that, absent the Federal Government's express written consent and notwithstanding any concurrence by the Federal Government in or approval of the solicitation or award of the underlying Contract, the Federal Government is not a party to this Contract and shall not be subject to any obligations or liabilities to agency, Contractor, or any other party (whether or not a party to that contract) pertaining to any matter resulting from the underlying Contract.

Contractor agrees to include the above clause in each subcontract financed in whole or in part with federal assistance provided by the FTA. It is further agreed that the clause shall not be modified, except to identify the subcontractor who will be subject to its provisions.

PROGRAM FRAUD AND FALSE OR FRAUDULENT STATEMENTS

Contractor acknowledges that the provisions of the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986, as amended, 31 U.S.C. §§ 3801 *et seq.* and U.S. DOT regulations, "Program Fraud Civil Remedies," 49 CFR Part 31, apply to its actions pertaining to this Contract. Upon execution of the underlying Contract, Contractor certifies or affirms, to the best of its knowledge, the truthfulness and accuracy of any statement it has made, it makes, it may make, or causes to me

made, pertaining to the underlying Contract or the FTA assisted project for which this Contract Work is being performed.

In addition to other penalties that may be applicable, Contractor further acknowledges that if it makes, or causes to be made, a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim, statement, submission, or certification, the Federal Government reserves the right to impose the penalties of the Program Fraud Civil Remedies Act of 1986 on Contractor to the extent the Federal Government deems appropriate.

Contractor also acknowledges that if it makes, or causes to be made, a false, fictitious, or fraudulent claim, statement, submission, or certification to the Federal Government under a contract connected with a project that is financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance originally awarded by FTA under the authority of 49 U.S.C. § 5307, the Government reserves the right to impose the penalties of 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and 49 U.S.C. § 5307 (n)(1) on the Contractor, to the extent the Federal Government deems appropriate.

Contractor agrees to include the above clauses in each subcontract financed in whole or in part with Federal assistance provided by FTA. It is further agreed that the clauses shall not be modified, except to identify the subcontractor who will be subject to the provisions.

FEDERAL REQUIRED SIGNATURES

Offeror certifies compliance with all provisions, laws, acts, regulations, etc. as specifically noted in the pages above. It is further acknowledged that offeror agrees to comply with all federal, state, and local laws, rules, regulations and ordinances as applicable.

Offeror Midwest Technology Products

Address 2600 Bridgeport Drive

City/State/Zip Sioux City IA 51111

Authorized Signature Janell Cuy

Date 3-15-2023

ANTITRUST CERTIFICATION STATEMENTS
TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE § 2155.005

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

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

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

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

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

Company Name Midwest Technology Products

Address 2600 Bridgeport Drive

City/State/Zip Sioux City IA 51111

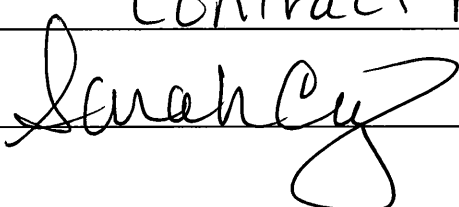
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Printed Name Sarah Cruz

Title Contract Manager

Authorized Signature 

STATE NOTICE ADDENDUM

The National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance (NCPA), on behalf of NCPA and its current and potential participants to include all county, city, special district, local government, school district, private K-12 school, higher education institution, state, tribal government, other government agency, healthcare organization, nonprofit organization and all other Public Agencies located nationally in all fifty states, issues this Request for Proposal (RFP) to result in a national contract.

For your reference, the links below include some, but not all, of the entities included in this proposal:

http://www.usa.gov/Agencies/State_and_Territories.shtml

<https://www.usa.gov/local-governments>