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Maintenance, Repair and Operations (MRO) Supplies & Related Services Executive Summary

Lead Agency: Region 4 ESC

Solicitation: 19-20

RFP Issued: October 28, 2019

Pre-Proposal Date: November 12, 2019

Response Due Date: December 9, 2019

Proposals Received: 9

Awarded to: 
MEMBER OF THE WURTH GROUP

Contract # R1920XX

The Board of Directors of Region 4 Education Service Center (ESC) issued RFP 19-20 on October 28, 2019, to establish a national cooperative contract for Maintenance, Repair and Operations (MRO) Supplies & Related Services.

The solicitation included cooperative purchasing language in Section I. Scope of Work:

NATIONAL CONTRACT

Region 4 ESC, as the Principal Procurement Agency, defined in Appendix D, has partnered with OMNIA Partners to make the resultant contract (also known as the “Master Agreement” in materials distributed by OMNIA Partners) from this solicitation available to other public agencies nationally, including state and local governmental entities, public and private primary, secondary and higher education entities, non-profit entities, and agencies for the public benefit (“Public Agencies”), through OMNIA Partners’ cooperative purchasing program. The Region 4 is acting as the contracting agency for any other Public Agency that elects to utilize the resulting Master Agreement. Use of the Master Agreement by any Public Agency is preceded by their registration with OMNIA Partners (a “Participating Public Agency”). Appendix D contains additional information about OMNIA Partners and the cooperative purchasing agreement.

Notice of the solicitation was sent to potential offerors, as well as advertised in the following:

- Region 4 ESC website
- OMNIA Partners, Public Sector website
- USA Today, nationwide
- Arizona Business Gazette, AZ
- San Bernardino Sun, CA
- Honolulu Star-Advertiser, HI
- The Advocate – New Orleans, LA
- New Jersey Herald, NJ
- Times Union, NY
- Daily Journal of Commerce, OR
- The State, SC
- Houston Community Newspapers, Cy Creek Mirror, TX
- Deseret News, UT
- Richmond Times, VA
- Seattle Daily Journal of Commerce, WA
- Helena Independent Record, MT

On December 9, 2019 proposals were received from the following offerors:

- Facility Solutions Group
- Fastenal Company
- W.W. Grainger, Inc.
- Hi-Line Electric., Inc.
- Kimball Midwest
- Lawson Products
- Lowe's Home Centers, LLC
- Northern Safety & Industrial
- Wesco Distribution, Inc.

The proposals were evaluated by an evaluation committee. Using the evaluation criteria established in the RFP, the committee determined that Northern Safety & Industrial demonstrated the ability to provide the products and services outlined in the solicitation while offering competitive pricing to members.

Region 4 ESC executed agreements with a contract effective date of April 1, 2020.

Contract Highlights:

Offers over 100,000 core products of safety and industrial products in stock and ready to ship. Products from manufacturers whose reputation for quality and reliability has been proven over time such as but not limited to 3M, Uvex, Justrite, Carhartt Johnson & Johnson, Shop Vac, Master Lock, Miller, Ridgid, Valeo, and DeWALT . In addition to national brands, NSI is the exclusive distributors of their own line *NSI Products* designed and manufactured exact specifications. Have nineteen 19 distribution locations stocked with the safety and industrial products to serve participating agencies.

Contract includes:

- Safety Products
- Industrial Supplies
- First Aid
- Signs
- Janitorial
- Material Handling
- Facility Maintenance
- Inventory Solutions (Vending, Bin Systems Shelving & Racking)

Term:

Initial three-year agreement from April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2023 with the option to renew for two (2) additional one-year periods through March 31, 2025.

Pricing/Discount:

Offers a variety of discounts up to 65%

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