



ALBUQUERQUE PUBLIC SCHOOLS INVITATION TO BID

BID # 21-020 RRR

**BID TITLE: LABORATORY ANALYSES OF AIR AND BULK SAMPLING
NIGP CODES 99215, 99255
BID SCHEDULE**

Action	Date & Time
Bid Issued	9/18/2020
Non Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting	N/A
Non-Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting Location	N/A
Deadline for Questions	9/25/2020 @ 5:00 PM (Local MST)
Bid Due Date & Time	10/2/2020 @ 3:00 PM (Local MST)
<i>Proposals must be received by the due date and time. No late proposals will be accepted. The only acceptable evidence to establish the time of receipt is the date/time stamp from electronic bidding system (Vendor Registry) Please See page 22</i>	

BUYER CONTACT INFORMATION

Name	ROBERT RODARTE CPPO, CPPB
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E-Mail	Robert.rodarte@aps.edu
Any inquiries or requests regarding clarification of Bid document shall be submitted to the buyer in writing. Bidders may contact ONLY the buyer regarding the terminology stated in the procurement documents.	

BID SUBMITTAL

Bids must be submitted electronically via electronic bidding system (Vendor Registry) by required date and time as noted on RFP document.

<https://vrapp.vendorregistry.com/vendor/register/signup>

Bidders understand and agree that technical support may not be readily available the day of and or the hours/minutes prior to a bid closing time (10/2/2020 3:00PM Local MST). Bidders also understand and agree that internet access, browsers, and operating systems are not supported by the District and/or its agents. **Bidders are strongly encouraged to review, create, and submit all electronic bid responses several days in advance of the due date and time.**

BID TERM

APS reserves to right to enter into, not to exceed (4) year, indefinite quantity contract with the awarded Bidder(s).

SUBMISSION COVER SHEET

(REQUIRED: Submit with your bid.)

BIDDER ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: By responding to this Bid, the undersigned Bidder (1) acknowledges that he or she agrees to the terms and conditions set forth in this Bid; (2) certifies that the Bidder has not, either directly or indirectly, entered into action in restraint of full competition in connection with the bid submitted to the District; and (3) agrees to furnish the materials, supplies or services as required within the time specified under the conditions imposed at the price indicated.

SIGN
HERE

Signature of Authorized Representative: _____ Contractor's License: _____
(If Applicable)

Type or print Name of above: _____ Address 1: _____

Name of Firm: _____ Address 2: _____

Telephone No.: _____ E-Mail: _____

Resident/Veterans Preference Certification No. (If applicable): _____

Contact information for Sales Department:	Contact information for POs/Invoicing/Etc.:
Name of Contact: _____	Name of Contact: _____
Telephone No.: _____	Telephone No.: _____
Email Address: _____	Email Address: _____

***** IF ANY OF THIS CONTACT INFORMATION CHANGES, IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CONTRACTOR TO IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY APS PROCUREMENT. *****

BID SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS AND CHECKLIST

Please submit your completed bid, including the following items. Note that the requested information is mandatory and **failure to submit these items with your response may deem it non-responsive and may be disqualified.** Submittals must be in the following order and all items must be included in your response to this bid.

SUBMITTALS:

- Submission Cover Sheet, **Completed and SIGNED ***REQUIRED*****
- BID PRICE FORM *****REQUIRED*****
- Specification Exception Form, **Completed ***REQUIRED*****
- Conflict of Interest and Debarment/Suspension Form, **Completed and SIGNED ***REQUIRED*****
- Campaign Contributions Disclosure Form (see Compliance section) **Completed and SIGNED ***REQUIRED*****
- Resident Contractor (or Veteran Resident Contractor) Preference Certificate (if applicable)
Obtain more information:
<http://tax.newmexico.gov/Businesses/in-state-veteran-preference-certification.aspx> **and**
<https://www.generalservices.state.nm.us/statepurchasing/vendorpreferencelist.aspx>
- Addendums (if applicable) – **BEFORE** submitting your bid, please check for addendums here:
<http://www.aps.edu/procurement/current-bids-and-rfps>

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR ALL BIDDERS

1. **READ ALL DOCUMENTS:** Bidders must familiarize themselves with all documents contained herein; it is mandatory that all submitted offers be in compliance with all the provisions contained in the Invitation to Bid. Bidders should promptly notify the buyer of any ambiguity, inconsistency, error, or missing attachments which they may discover upon examination of the BID.
2. **OFFICIAL CONTACT:** Bidders may contact ONLY the Buyer regarding the terminology stated in the procurement documents. Other APS employees do not have the authority to respond on behalf of APS. Bidders **MAY NOT** contact other District departments or employees. Any contact with a district department or employee may result in rejection of any bid.

Any other communication will be considered unofficial and non-binding. Communication directed to parties other than the buyer will have no legal bearing on this BID or the resulting contract(s). Any response made by the District will be provided in writing to all Bidders by addendum, no verbal responses shall be authoritative.

3. **TIMELY SUBMISSION:** Bids must be submitted by the due date and time. Any and all Bids not received by the submission date and time shall be rejected. No late bids will be accepted under any circumstances. It is recommended to submit the bid in early.

Important Information: Albuquerque Public Schools Online Bidding System (Vendor Registry) utilizes the Internet and the World Wide Web which is comprised of systems that are completely out APS's control including but not limited to: the District, its agents, and registered suppliers' respective internet service providers. The District and its agents are not responsible for Internet outages, hardware failures, software failures, downtime, internet slowness, acts of God, power failures, and or user errors. All bids/proposals must be submitted before the due date regardless of your organization's ability to submit proposals online. It is the suppliers' responsibility to ensure that Bid offers arrive before the due date and time.

Bidders understand and agree that technical support may not be readily available the day of and or the hours/minutes prior to a bid closing time (Due Date/Time). Bidders also understand and agree that internet access, browsers, and operating systems are not supported by the District and/or its agents.

Bidders are strongly encouraged to review, create, and submit all electronic bid responses several days in advance of the due date and time. If you have any questions contact the Buyer listed on the Bid/RFP documents for assistance.

4. **BIDDER ACKNOWLEDGMENT:** By responding to the bid, Bidders acknowledge and agrees to the terms and conditions set form in bid. The submission of a bid constitutes a representation by the Bidder that the Bidder has made all appropriate examinations, investigations, and analysis and has made provision as to the cost thereof in his bid. All costs incurred by a Bidder in connection with responding to this bid, the selection process undertaken in connection with this bid, and any negotiations with APS will be borne solely by the Bidder.
5. **ELECTRONIC BID DOCUMENTS:** This bid is being made available by electronic means. In the event of conflict between a version of the bid in the Bidder's possession and the version maintained by APS, the Bidder acknowledges that the version maintained by APS on the APS Procurement website shall govern.
6. **FORMS AND ATTACHMENTS:** It is the responsibility of every Bidder to ensure they have downloaded the latest version of each bid, including any addendum(s) which may have been issued and posted on the APS Procurement Department Website. Bidders should revisit the website (<http://www.aps.edu/procurement> then select "See Current Bids and RFPs") prior to the due date before

submitting their bid to Albuquerque Public Schools. All addendums must be acknowledged in the submitted bid.

7. **ADDENDUM(S)**: No Addendum will be issued later than FIVE (5) days prior to the date for receipt of bids, except an Addendum withdrawing the bid or one which extends the date for receipt of bids.
8. **CORRECTION OR WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS**: Pursuant to NMSA 13-1-106, a bid containing a mistake discovered before bid opening may be modified or withdrawn by bidder prior to the time set for bid opening by delivering written notice to the location designated in the invitation for bids as the place where bids are to be received. After bid opening no modifications in bid prices or other provisions of bids shall be permitted. A low bidder alleging a material mistake of fact which makes his bid nonresponsive may be permitted to withdraw its bid. Any decision by Buyer to permit or deny the withdrawal of bid on the basis of a mistake contained shall be accordance with applicable procurement statutes.
9. **IRREGULARITIES IN BIDS**: Pursuant to NMSA 13-1-132, APS may waive minor informalities in bids submitted provided that such informalities have no effect on price, quality, or quantity.
10. **BIDDERS EXCEPTIONS**: Any exceptions to the Scope of Work and/or Specifications shall be listed separately in the submitted bid and unless otherwise stated, specifications attached are the minimum requirements. The Buyer, after review of the bids may request clarifications on information submitted by any and all bidders in a written format, with a specified deadline for response.
11. **BRAND NAMES**: Pursuant to NMSA 1978, §13-1-168, where a brand-name or equal specification is used in a solicitation, the use of a brand name is for the purpose of describing the standard of quality, performance, and characteristics desired, and is not intended to limit or restrict competition. If a vendor proposes an “equal” to scope of work/specifications, APS is the sole interpreter of the scope of work/specifications and sole judge as to whether the “equal” proposed complies with the scope of work/specifications.
12. **BIDDER SUBMITS MULTIPLE BRAND OR PRICE**: If Bidder offers more than one brand or price per item, APS shall evaluate bids and award the goods that are in APS’s best interest with regards to pricing and quality. Bidders offering other than specified goods must submit complete product data specification information for evaluation purposes.
13. **BID PRICING**: Responses, including bid prices, will be considered firm.
14. **PRICING ESCALATION**: Price escalation may be considered only at the anniversary date of the award. The Contractor must submit written documentation that adequately justifies need for pricing escalation, to include the proposed new pricing structure. APS will review the information and render a Determination accepting or rejecting the new proposed pricing.
15. **BID OPENING**: Pursuant to NMSA 13-1-107, the contents of the bid will be available to the public at bid opening.
16. **BID CANCELLATION OR REJECTION**: This bid may be canceled or may be rejected in whole or in part when it is in the best interest of APS. Any sole response that is received may be rejected by APS depending on available competition and timely needs of APS.
17. **NON RESPONSIVE**: APS reserves the right to eliminate any Bidder who submits incomplete or inadequate responses or is not responsive to the requirements of this Invitation to Bid.

18. **AWARD:** In accordance with NMSA 1978, §13-1-108, the bid will be awarded to the lowest responsible and responsive Bidder that meets or exceeds the specifications/scope of work outlined in the Bid Documents. APS reserves the right to the sole judge to determine “meets or exceeds”.
19. **NEW MEXICO PREFERENCES:** Bids may be awarded preference in compliance with NMSA 1978, §13-1-21 for New Mexico In-State Resident Business and Resident Veteran Business.

Bidders shall include in their bid a copy of the certificate issued by State of New Mexico Taxation & Revenue. If Bid is Joint Venture, Bidder shall state in submitted bid the percentage of work that will be performed by Resident Business and/or Resident Veteran Business. A bid cannot be awarded both a resident preference and a resident veteran business preference. Preferences are not applicable for federal fund purchases.

20. **MULTI-AWARD:** APS reserves the right to multi-award contracts as necessary for adequate delivery or service in accordance with NMSA 1978, §13-1-153. APS reserves the right to award by item, group of items, or total bids.
21. **AFTER AWARD:** APS reserves the right to increase or decrease the quantity of any item called for, add additional related items as APS deems necessary, or to eliminate any item entirely.
22. **PURCHASE AFTER AWARD:** Any resulting purchases under the bid will be made by APS purchase order or procurement card. Quotes provided to APS personnel will be quoted per the awarded APS Price Agreement and will reference the APS Price Agreement number so verification of pricing can be made.
23. **CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION:** The Procurement Department will not disclose or make public any pages of a bid on which the Bidder has stamped or imprinted “**Proprietary**” or “**Confidential**” subject to the following requirements. Proprietary or Confidential data shall be readily separable from the bid in order to facilitate eventual public inspection of the non-confidential portion of the offer. Confidential data is normally restricted to confidential financial information concerning the Bidder’s organization and data that qualifies as trade secret in accordance with the Uniform Trade Secrets Act, NMSA 1978, §57-3A-1 to §57-3A-7. The price of products offered or the cost of services proposed shall not be designated as proprietary or confidential information.
24. **DEFINITIONS:** Definition of Terminology: This section contains definitions that are used throughout this procurement document, including appropriate abbreviations.

“**Contract**” shall mean an agreement for the procurement of items of tangible personal property or services.

“**Contractor**” shall mean the successful bidder

“**Determination**” shall mean the written documentation of a decision of a procurement manager including findings of fact required to support a decision

“**Desirable**” the terms “**may**”, “**can**”, “**should**”, or “**prefers**” identify a desirable or discretionary item or factor.

“**Invitation to Bid**” or “**Bid**” shall mean all documents, including those attached or incorporated by reference, used for soliciting bids.

“**Mandatory**” the terms “**must**”, “**shall**”, “**will**”, “**is required**”, or “**are required**”, identify a mandatory item or factor. Failure to meet a mandatory item or factor will result in the rejection of the Bidder’s bid.

“**Offeror**”, “**Bidder**”, or “**Proposer**” is any person, corporation, or partnership who chooses to submit a bid.

“**Purchase Order**” shall mean the document, which directs a contractor to deliver items of tangible

personal property or services pursuant to an existing contract.

“Responsible Bidder” shall mean a Bidder who submits a responsive bid and who has furnished, when required, information and data to prove that its financial resources, production or service facilities, personnel, service reputation and experience are adequate to make satisfactory delivery of the services or items of tangible property described in the bid.

“Responsive Bid” shall mean a bid, which conforms in all material respects to the requirements set forth in the Bid.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

1. **TERM:** APS reserves the right to procure the services/goods as described in this Bid and enter into a contract as described on Bid front cover.
2. **REQUEST(S) NOT DEFINED IN SCOPE OF WORK:** Contractor shall be held responsible to **NOT** fill requests which are clearly beyond the defined scope of this contract. Should such requests occur, Contractor has the responsibility of calling such violations to the attention of the APS Procurement Officer.
3. **NO MINIMUM GUARANTEE:** APS does not guarantee a minimum amount of purchases in conjunction with award of this invitation to bid.
4. **PRICING ESCALATION:** Price escalation will be considered only at the anniversary date of the award. The Contractor must submit written documentation that adequately justifies need for pricing escalation, to include the proposed new pricing structure. APS will review the information and render a Determination accepting or rejecting the new proposed pricing.
5. **TAXES:** APS holds a Class 9 Nontaxable Transaction Certificate and is exempt from payment of taxes on tangible personal property. A NTTTC will be issued upon request.
6. **NON-APPROPRIATION:** APS' obligation to make payment under the terms of this bid is contingent upon its appropriation of sufficient funds to make those payments. If APS does not appropriate funds for the continuation of this procurement, this procurement will terminate upon written notice of that effect to the Principal. APS determination that sufficient funds have not been appropriated is firm, binding and not subject to review.
7. **PROCUREMENT CODE:** The Procurement Code, NMSA 1978, Sections 13-1-28 through 13-1-199 imposes civil and misdemeanor criminal penalties for its violation. In addition, the New Mexico Criminal Statutes impose felony penalties for bribes, gratuities, and kickbacks.
8. **PROCUREMENT UNDER EXISTING CONTRACTS:** In accordance with NMSA 1978 13-1-129, Offerors are hereby notified that other governmental entities within the State of New Mexico, or as otherwise allowed by their respective governing directive, may contract for services with the awarded Offeror. Contractual engagements accomplished under this provision shall be solely between the awarded proposer and the contracting entity with no obligation by APS.
9. **TERMINATION:** Either party may terminate this contract as follows:
 - A. Termination by the Contractor
 1. The Contractor may terminate this contract only if APS fails to comply with any provisions of this contract and after receiving notice of the noncompliance APS fails to cure the noncompliance within ten (10) days, or
 2. By written mutual agreement between the Contractor and APS.
 - B. Termination by APS
 1. For Cause
 - a. The occurrence of either one of the following events will justify termination for cause:
 - i. Contractor's persistent failure to perform the work in accordance with the contract documents (including but not limited to, failure to supply sufficient skilled workers or suitable materials or equipment).
 - ii. Contractor's violation(s) in any substantial way of any provisions of this contract.
 - b. If either one of the events identified above occur, the APS notice, terminate the service of Contractor, exclude Contractor from site, and take possession of the work. Contractor shall be paid for project costs incurred up to the date of termination but **SHALL NOT** be paid for loss of profits resulting from such termination.

- c. Where Contractor's services have been so terminated by APS, the termination will not affect any rights or remedies of District against contractor then existing or which may thereafter accrue. Any retention or payment of moneys due the Contractor by APS will not release the Contractor from liability.

2. For Convenience

- a. Upon ten (10) days written notice to Contractor, APS may without cause and without prejudice to any other right or remedy of APS elect to terminate the contract.
- b. In such case, Contractor shall be paid (without duplication of any items):
 - i. For completed and acceptable work executed in accordance with the contract documents prior to the effective date of termination,
 - ii. For expenses sustained prior to the effective date of termination in performing services and furnishing labor, materials or equipment as required by the contract document in connection with uncompleted work.
- c. Contractor **SHALL NOT** be paid on account of loss of anticipated profits or revenue or other economic loss arising out of or resulting from such termination.

10. INDEMNIFICATION: The Bidder shall be responsible for damage to persons or property that occurs as a result of his/her fault or negligence, or that of any of his/her employees, agents or subcontractors. Bidder shall save and hold harmless APS against any and all loss, cost, damage, claims, expense or liability in connection with the performance of the contract. Any equipment or facilities damaged by the Bidders' operation shall be repaired and/or restored to their original condition at the Bidder's expense.

11. INSURANCE (If Applicable): The successful Bidder shall (if applicable) purchase and maintain statutory limits of Worker's Compensation, and Public Liability and Automobile Liability insurance approved by APS at the time of contract award. APS shall be included as a loss payee and/or additional insured. Public Liability and Automobile Liability insurance shall include at least the following coverage:

General Liability Insurance – per occurrence	\$1,000,000
General Aggregate - \$2,000,000	
Product/completed operations aggregate \$1,000,000	
Professional Liability Insurance (E&O)-per occurrence	\$2,000,000
Professional Aggregate - \$2,000,000	
Bodily injury, per occurrence	\$1,000,000
Medical and medically-related expenses	\$10,000
Vehicle bodily injury, each occurrence, excluding medical and medically related expenses	\$750,000
Property Damage, per occurrence	\$1,000,000
Workers Compensation and Employer's liability	\$1,000,000

Contractor shall furnish Owner with certificates of insurance with the contract documents and prior to the commencement of work.

NOTE: Certificate holder shall be: Albuquerque Public Schools.

Certificate of Insurance forwarded to: Albuquerque Public Schools
Procurement Department
6400 Uptown Blvd. NE, Suite 500E
Albuquerque, NM 87110

12. **AUDIT:** APS reserves the right to audit the Contractor's records associated with this contract at any time during the contract period and for a period of up to three years following the expiration or termination of the agreement. Such audit may be conducted by APS personnel or a third party under contract with APS. APS shall give the contractor reasonable notice prior to the conduct of any audit and upon receiving the notice from APS the Contractor agrees to fully cooperate with the auditors. If Contractor subcontracts any portion of its obligation to another party, Contractor shall guarantee APS' access to books and records of such party.
13. **GOVERNING LAW:** This Bid and any contract with a Bidder which may result from this procurement shall be governed by the laws of the State of New Mexico.
14. **INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR:** The Contractor is an Independent Contractor performing services for APS. The Contractor shall not accrue leave, retirement, insurance, or any other benefits afforded to employees of APS as a result of this procurement.
15. **DEBARMENT OR SUSPENSION:** A business (Contractor, Subcontractor or Supplier) that has either been debarred or suspended pursuant to the requirements of NMSA 1978, §13-1-177 through §13-1-180, and §13-4-11 through §13-4-17, as amended, shall not be permitted to do business with APS and shall not be considered for award of the contract during the period for which it is debarred or suspended with APS.
16. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** By submitting a bid, the Bidder certifies that no relationship exists between the Bidder and APS that interferes with fair competition or is a conflict of interest; and no relationship exists between such propose and another person or firm that constitutes a conflict of interest that is adverse to APS.
17. **NON-DISCLOSURE:** The Bidder shall not disclose any information relating to students, and employees of APS other than such information that may be authorized by the individual student or employee. Vendor agrees to indemnify and hold harmless APS from any damages, claims, liabilities, and costs including reasonable attorney fees and costs in the event any unauthorized release of such information occurs.
18. **DELIVERY:** The goods shall be delivered free of the rightful claim of any third person, any security interest or other lien. Unless otherwise agreed all goods called for in this Bid shall be tendered in a single delivery and payment is due only upon such delivery (NET 30).
19. **FOB:** Unless stated otherwise, the price for goods is FOB: Destination (District's designated address).
20. **DELAYS IN DELIVERY:** Time is of the essence and this purchase may be subject to termination for failure to deliver on time, unless delay was caused by APS. If delay in delivery is foreseen, Seller must notify the APS Requesting Department of late delivery, cause of late delivery and remedy for late delivery.
21. **INSPECTION:** Final inspection will be made at the destination upon completion of delivery of goods/services. Final inspection shall include any testing or inspection procedures required by the specifications.
22. **ACCEPTANCE:** Acceptance of delivery of goods/services shall not be considered acceptance of the goods/services furnished. Acceptance occurs when the APS Requesting Department, after a reasonable opportunity to inspect the goods/services, signifies to the Seller that are goods/services are conforming and fails to make an effective rejection.
23. **BUYERS REVOCATION OF ACCEPTANCE:** The APS Requesting Department can revoke acceptance of goods when it is discovered, in a reasonable time, that the Sellers nonconforming goods substantially impair the value of the goods.
24. **SELLERS RIGHT TO CURE A NONCONFORMING DELIVERY OF GOODS:** The

Seller, upon notice of revocation of acceptance, shall correct without charge and deliver conforming goods in a reasonable time

25. **ASSIGNMENTS:** The awarded Contractor shall not assign nor delegate specific duties as part of this Bid nor transfer any interest nor assign any claims for money due or to become due under this Bid without the written consent of APS.
26. **PROMOTIONAL GIFTS AND ACTIVITIES:** APS policy prohibits the distribution of jackets, shirts, caps, or any other clothing items with company or product logo or any other form of advertising to its employees. Furthermore, APS employees are prohibited from entering drawings, contests, or other promotional/advertising activities with vendors or potential vendors in connection with a procurement action.
27. **PAYMENT:** Any invoice receive and payment made shall be subject to APS' terms and conditions (NET 30) unless specifically waived by APS in a separate written document.
28. **DISPUTE RESOLUTION:** In the event the Parties do not agree to mediate the dispute or unable to resolve the dispute through mediation, then the dispute shall be resolved by binding arbitration. Such arbitration shall be governed by the New Mexico Uniform Arbitration Act, NMSA §44-7A-1, et seq. as amended.

PROTEST

Any Offeror who is aggrieved in connection with a solicitation or award of an Agreement may protest to the Purchasing Office in accordance with the requirements of the Contracting Procurement Regulations and the State Procurement Code. The protest should be made in writing within 24 hours after the facts or occurrences giving rise thereto, but in no case later than 15 calendar days after the facts or occurrences giving rise thereto (NMSA 1978, §13-1-172). The protest must be in writing and delivered to the Executive Director - Procurement Department, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

In the event of a timely protest under this section, the Purchasing Agent and the Contracting Agency shall not proceed further with the procurement unless the Purchasing Agent makes a determination that the award of Agreement is necessary to protect substantial interests of the Contracting Agency (NMSA 1978, §13-1-173).

The Purchasing Agent or his designee shall have the authority to take any action reasonably necessary to resolve a protest of an aggrieved Offeror concerning a procurement. This authority shall be exercised in accordance with adopted regulations, but shall not include the authority to award money damages or attorneys' fees (NMSA 1978, §13-1-174).

The Purchasing Agent or his/her Designee shall promptly issue a determination relating to the protest.

The determination shall:

- I. State the reasons for the action taken; and
- II. Inform the protestant of the right to judicial review of the determination pursuant to NMSA 1978, §13-1-183.

A copy of the determination issued under NMSA 1978, §13-1-175 shall immediately be mailed to the protestant and other Bidders involved in the procurement (NMSA 1978, §13-1-176).

SPECIFICATIONS

BID NO. 21-020 RRR
LABORATORY ANALYSES OF AIR AND BULK SAMPLES

SPECIFICATIONS

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- 1. SCOPE OF WORK** - The purpose of this bid is to establish pricing for laboratory analyses of air and bulk samples on demand for the Albuquerque Public Schools. Rates will include all sample preparation fees, analytical services, administration/clerical support services and shipping fees. Contractor will provide express or overnight carrier account number if such shipping is required. APS reserves the right to negotiate with the successful contractor at any time during the life of the contract should it become necessary to add additional similar testing services which are not now known or required. **PLEASE DO NOT BID UNLESS YOU ARE LICENSED IN THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO TO PROVIDE LABORATORY ANALYSES AND ARE A LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ITEMS REQUESTED.**

Bidding Laboratories shall be an approved laboratory and enrolled in the National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program (NVLAP) through the National Institute of Standards and Technology. Bidding Laboratories will submit documentation to verify compliance. Bidding Laboratories will comply with their city and state governments for their business and corporation licenses and submit such documents. The laboratory must be enrolled and listed as "PROFICIENT" for asbestos fiber counting in the NIOSH Proficiency Achievement Testing Program as administered by the American Industrial Hygiene Association.

All analysts performing Phase Contract Microscopy pursuant to the NIOSH 7400 method will have attended and been certified in the NIOSH 582 course or equivalent.

- 2. CONTRACT PERIOD:** The duration of this contract may be for up to a four (4) year period after award of the contract. Price escalation will be considered only at yearly observance of award and only upon receipt of written request from contractor stating reason for the escalation request and the amount being requested. Justifying documents must accompany price escalation request. Escalation will not be allowed for any reason not related to market conditions related to the scope of work. If prices should decrease in the market, APS should benefit from any market fluctuation which would derive savings.
- 3. REQUEST(S) NOT DEFINED:** Contractor shall be held accountable to **NOT** fill requests which are clearly beyond the defined scope of this contract. Should such requests occur, Contractor has the responsibility of calling such violations to the attention of APS Procurement Officer.
- 4. SAMPLE DELIVERY AND PICK UP:** The Board of Education will deliver samples to laboratory or express shipping facility as required. The analytical results shall be delivered (hand, mail, e-mailed or faxed) from the laboratory to the Supervisor of the Environmental Management Department, 915 Locust St. SE, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87106.

Work or analysis cannot be subcontracted out to another laboratory for preparation or analysis. Subcontracting is not acceptable. APS may make exception for an unusual test or analysis.

- 5. ESTIMATED QUANTITY:** An estimated quantity and weighted value is stated on the proposal page for the Bidder's convenience and for award purposes; however, it should be clearly understood that this is **not** an order, and APS may or may not use the estimated quantities.
- 6. CHAIN OF CUSTODY:** The work to be performed under this contract shall be executed as a Series of individual chain of custody orders initiated by APS. The Chain of Custody forms (see attached) will be utilized for each job. APS will list samples taken and needing analysis and authorize Contractor to proceed.

7. **CHAIN OF CUSTODY FORMS:** The work to be performed under this contract shall be executed as a series of individual projects initiated by APS utilizing chain of Custody Forms (sample attached) when submitting air monitoring cassettes or bulk samples. The Chain of Custody Form(s) will be included in the box with the cassettes. APS will inform Contractor of time by which results are needed.
8. **REPORTING:** Reports completed by the laboratory will be specific as to dates, methods, and services performed. The following information will be required on the report:
 - 1) **Reporting** Report Date
 - 2) Sample Date
 - 3) Client
 - 4) Project Name (School Name and Location #)
 - 5) Sample Identification
 - 6) Method of Test
 - 7) Results
 - 8) Date Analyzed
 - 9) Maximum Concentration Levels with conversions (mg/I to %) if needed
 - 10) Client Sample Number (If different from Sample ID)
 - 11) Sample Location
 - 12) Sample Volume-liters(PCM) (I-120)
 - 13) Asbestos Content (PLM)
 - 14) Detection Limit
 - 15) Asbestos Type (PLM)
 - 16) QA/QC Summary
 - 17) Analysts Name & Signature

Results for “3 Hr.” and “Same Day” turnaround requests will be telephoned in to the APS Environmental Management Department immediately after analysis is complete. In addition, a copy of the results with a copy of count sheet will be faxed or e-mailed to the Environmental Management Department immediately with a hard copy or email original and computer disk with data in Excel or Access capability being mailed to APS EMD within five (5) working days of completion of analyses for all requests.

9. **PROMPT RESPONSE:** The awarded Laboratory will be expected to respond promptly to each request made. APS will require results from the Laboratory at a specified turnaround time from the time the samples are received, except for (3) hour turnaround results, which must be received within three (3) hours from the time the samples are submitted for analysis by an APS representative. Turnaround times will be specified on the Chain of Custody Form(s). **Analysis may require evenings, weekends, and holidays. A surcharge will not be added for night, weekend, or holiday analysis results.**

BID NO. 21-020 RRR
LABORATORY ANALYSES OF AIR AND BULK SAMPLES
SPECIFICATIONS

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

AHERA Regulated Polarized Light Microscopy/Phase Contrast Microscopy:

This contract is to provide laboratory services of polarized light microscopy (PLM) analysis of bulk samples collected and phase contrast microscopy (PCM) analysis of air samples collected and submitted by the Albuquerque Board of Education. All analyses shall be done in accordance with applicable OSHA and EPA regulations, current NIOSH 7400, and the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA). Air samples will be collected on 25 mm, mixed cellulose ester, 0.45 or 0.8 micron cassettes by certified APS personnel. Bulk material will be submitted in zip lock plastic bags provided by the laboratory. Bulk samples shall be analyzed using EPA Interim Method for the Determination of Asbestos in Bulk Insulation Samples (EPA-600/M4-82-020).

PLM & PCM services will include the following:

1. Preparation of air filters collected
2. Analyses of air samples for fiber counts per NIOSH 7400 and AHERA
3. Preparation of bulk samples collected
4. Analyses of bulk samples for asbestos content and type Point Count when requested
5. Completion of analytical reports and EPA record keeping
6. Storage of prepared air samples
7. Disposal of sampled 25mm cassettes
8. Return of bulk samples to APS

**Turnaround time for PLM and PCM will be four (4) hours to three (3) days,
(See pricing schedule on page 14)**

Laboratories shall use protocol described in Appendix A to Subpart E of the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act 40 CFR Part 763, Vol. 52, No. 210 "Asbestos- Containing Materials in schools; Final Rule and Notice" and must be accredited through the National Institute of Standards and Technology's National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program for PLM analysis of building materials. Analysis of air samples shall be performed using the protocol describes in 29 CFR 1926.1101, appendix A and appendix B, and must be enrolled and listed as "Proficient" in the NIOSH PAT program for PCM analysis of air filter.

BID PRICE FORM

No. Description	Result Turnaround	Weight (Points)	Price
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**BILLING WILL BE DIRECTLY TRACEABLE TO THE FEES QUOTED
ON THESE PRICING SHEETS.**

SECTION 1- AHERA POLARIZED LIGHT AND PHASE CONTRAST MICROSCOPY

Report hard estimate % (i.e. no ranges)

1.	Bulk Sample-Polarized Light Microscopy	3 Hrs.	10	
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Report hard estimate % (i.e. no ranges)

2.	Bulk Sample-Polarized Light Microscopy	Same Day	20	
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Report hard estimate % (i.e. no ranges)

3.	Bulk Sample-Polarized Light Microscopy	3 Days	10	
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4.	Bulk Sample-Polarized Light Microscopy Microscopy-Point Count EPA 600/M4-82-020	Same Day	10	
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5.	Bulk Sample-Polarized Light Microscopy Microscopy-Point Count EPA 6001M4-82-020	3 Days	10	
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6.	Air Sample-Phase Contrast Microscopy	3 Hrs.	20	
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7.	Air Sample-Phase Contrast Microscopy	Same Day	10	
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8.	Air Sample-Phase Contrast Microscopy	3 Days	5	
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9.	Offerors Submission Offerors following RFP instructions for submission and comply with solicitation format explicitly.		5	
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COMPLIANCE

(REQUIRED LEGAL FORMS)

All of the following forms must be signed and submitted with your bid or your bid may be rejected.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST, NON-COLLUSION AND DEBARMENT/SUSPENSION CERTIFICATION FORM

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

As utilized herein, the term "Vendor" shall mean that entity submitting a proposal to Albuquerque Public Schools in response to the above referenced bids/request for proposals.

The authorized Person, Firm and/or Corporation states that to the best of his/her belief and knowledge: No employee or board member of Albuquerque Public Schools (or close relative), with the exception of the person(s) identified below, has a direct or indirect financial interest in the Vendor or in the proposed transaction. Vendor neither employs, nor is negotiating to employ, any Albuquerque Public Schools employee, board member or close relative, with the exception of the person(s) identified below. Vendor did not participate, directly or indirectly, in the preparation of specifications upon which the quote or offer is made. If the Vendor is a New Mexico State Legislator or if a New Mexico State Legislator holds a controlling interest in Vendor, please identify the legislator: _____ List below the name(s) of any Albuquerque Public Schools employee, board member or close relative who now or within the preceding 12 months (1) works for the Vendor; (2) has an ownership interest in the Vendor (other than as an owner of less than 1% of Vendor's stock, if Vendor is a publicly traded corporation); (3) is a partner, officer, director, trustee or consultant to the Vendor; (4) has received grant, travel, honoraria or other similar support from Vendor; or (5) has a right to receive royalties from the vendor.

CERTIFICATION OF NON-COLLUSION STATEMENT

Vendor certifies under penalty of perjury that its response to this procurement solicitation is in all respects bona fide, fair, and made without collusion or fraud with any person, joint venture, partnership, corporation or other business or legal entity.

Does vendor agree? **YES** Initials of Authorized Representative of vendor _____

DEBARMENT/SUSPENSION STATUS

The Vendor certifies that it is not suspended, debarred or ineligible from entering into contracts with the Federal Government, or any State agency or local public body, or in receipt of a notice or proposed debarment from any Federal or State agency or local public body. The vendor agrees to provide immediate notice to Albuquerque Public School's Purchasing Department in the event of being suspended, debarred or declared ineligible by any department or agency of the Federal government, or any agency of local public body of the State of New Mexico, or upon receipt of a notice of proposed debarment that is received after the submission of the quote or offer but prior to the award of the purchase order or contract.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned hereby certifies that he/she has read the above CONFLICT OF INTEREST, NON-COLLUSION and DEBARMENT/SUSPENSION Status requirements and that he/she understands and will comply with these requirements. The undersigned further certifies that they have the authority to certify compliance for the vendor named **and that the information contained in this document is true and accurate to the best of their knowledge.**



Signature: _____ Date _____

Name of Person Signing (typed or printed) _____

Title: _____

Email: _____

Name of Company (typed or printed): _____

Address: _____ City/State: _____

CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION DISCLOSURE FORM

Pursuant to the Procurement Code, Sections 13-1-28, et seq., NMSA 1978 and NMSA 1978, § 13-1-191.1 (2006), as amended by Laws of 2007, Chapter 234, any prospective contractor seeking to enter into a contract with any state agency or local public body **for professional services, a design and build project delivery system, or the design and installation of measures the primary purpose of which is to conserve natural resources** must file this form with that state agency or local public body. This form must be filed even if the contract qualifies as a small purchase or a sole source contract. The prospective contractor must disclose whether they, a family member or a representative of the prospective contractor has made a campaign contribution to an applicable public official of the state or a local public body during the two years prior to the date on which the contractor submits a proposal or, in the case of a sole source or small purchase contract, the two years prior to the date the contractor signs the contract, if the aggregate total of contributions given by the prospective contractor, a family member or a representative of the prospective contractor to the public official exceeds two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250) over the two year period.

Furthermore, the state agency or local public body may cancel a solicitation or proposed award for a proposed contract pursuant to Section 13-1-181 NMSA 1978 or a contract that is executed may be ratified or terminated pursuant to Section 13-1-182 NMSA 1978 of the Procurement Code if: 1) a prospective contractor, a family member of the prospective contractor, or a representative of the prospective contractor gives a campaign contribution or other thing of value to an applicable public official or the applicable public official's employees during the pendency of the procurement process or 2) a prospective contractor fails to submit a fully completed disclosure statement pursuant to the law.

The state agency or local public body that procures the services or items of tangible personal property shall indicate on the form the name or names of every applicable public official, if any, for which disclosure is required by a prospective contractor.

THIS FORM MUST BE INCLUDED IN THE INVITATION TO BIDS AND MUST BE FILED BY ANY PROSPECTIVE CONTRACTOR WHETHER OR NOT THEY, THEIR FAMILY MEMBER, OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVE HAS MADE ANY CONTRIBUTIONS SUBJECT TO DISCLOSURE.

The following definitions apply:

- “**Applicable public official**” means a person elected to an office or a person appointed to complete a term of an elected office, who has the authority to award or influence the award of the contract for which the prospective contractor is submitting a competitive sealed proposal or who has the authority to negotiate a sole source or small purchase contract that may be awarded without submission of a sealed competitive proposal.
- “**Campaign Contribution**” means a gift, subscription, loan, advance or deposit of money or other thing of value, including the estimated value of an in-kind contribution, that is made to or received by an applicable public official or any person authorized to raise, collect or expend contributions on that official's behalf for the purpose of electing the official to statewide or local office. “Campaign Contribution” includes the payment of a debt incurred in an election campaign, but does not include the value of services provided without compensation or unreimbursed travel or other personal expenses of individuals who volunteer a portion or all of their time on behalf of a candidate or political committee, nor does it include the administrative or solicitation expenses of a political committee that are paid by an organization that sponsors the committee.
- “**Family member**” means spouse, father, mother, child, father-in-law, mother-in-law, daughter-in-law or son-in-law of (a) a prospective contractor, if the prospective contractor is a natural person; or (b) an owner of a prospective contractor.
- “**Pendency of the procurement process**” means the time period commencing with the public notice of the request for proposals and ending with the award of the contract or the cancellation of the request for proposals.
- “**Prospective contractor**” means a person or business that is subject to the competitive sealed proposal process set forth in the Procurement Code or is not required to submit a competitive sealed proposal because that person or business qualifies for a sole source or a small purchase contract.
- “**Representative of a prospective contractor**” means an officer or director of a corporation, a member or manager of a limited liability corporation, a partner of a partnership or a trustee of a trust of the prospective contractor.

Name(s) of Applicable Public Official(s) if any: _____
(Completed by State Agency or Local Public Body)

DISCLOSURE OF CONTRIBUTIONS BY PROSPECTIVE CONTRACTOR:

Contribution Made By: _____

Relation to Prospective Contractor: _____

Date Contribution(s) Made: _____

Amount(s) of Contribution(s) _____

Nature of Contribution(s) _____

Purpose of Contribution(s) _____

(Attach extra pages if necessary)

Signature

Date

Title (Position)

--OR--

NO CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE AGGREGATE TOTAL OVER TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250) WERE MADE to an applicable public official by me, a family member or representative.

Signature

Date

Title (Position)

**SIGN
WHERE
APPLICABLE**

ALBUQUERQUE PUBLIC SCHOOLS COVID-19 HEALTH AND SAFETY PROCEDURES

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Albuquerque Public Schools has modified its normal operating procedures to protect the health and safety of the APS community. In accordance with Contractor's agreement to perform services in compliance with applicable law and APS policies and procedures, Contractor shall comply with the following requirements, as implemented and directed by APS, when present, entering or performing services at APS locations

1. **Compliance with Federal Guidelines Concerning Continued Operations.**

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") has provided guidance concerning prevention measures to be implemented in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. Current guidance from the CDC may be found at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/guidance-business-response.html>. APS requires Contractor to comply with all guidance set forth by the CDC, including but not limited to social distancing, screening measures, hygiene practices, provision of personal protective equipment for all Contractor personnel at APS location, and education of all Contractor personnel regarding CDC guidance on prevention and compliance.

Current CDC guidance includes, but is not limited to:

- Maintaining a social distance of at least six feet between individuals.
- Washing hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Using hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.
- Cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched objects and surfaces such as workstations, keyboards, telephones, handrails, tools and doorknobs (to properly disinfect surfaces, refer to <https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2> for products that meet the EPA criteria for use).
- Avoiding use of other persons' phones, tools or other equipment.
- Ensuring persons who are sick stay home and do not return to work until CDC criteria for return are met (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/disposition-in-home-patients.html>). Also ensuring that persons who are in close contact with someone who is sick also stay home and not return until CDC guidelines are met.
- Requiring all Contractor personnel to wear masks while present at APS locations
- Follow any state directives required for out of state visitors

Contractor is responsible for its personnel's compliance with CDC guidelines, including but not limited to provision of personal protective equipment. Contractor shall ensure current compliance with CDC guidelines and maintain compliance if such guidelines are updated.

2. **Notification to APS in Event of Positive COVID-19 Case.**

In the event that any of Contractor's personnel is or has been present or performing services at APS locations.

- a) tests positive for COVID-19, or
- b) has been in close contact with someone that tests positive for COVID-19, then Contractor shall immediately notify APS Chief Operations Officer, the department/school they are performing services for, and the Purchasing Department, take immediate action to quarantine such person and any other Contractor personnel who may have come in contact with the person testing positive for COVID-19, and assist APS in identifying any other persons on APS location who may have come in contact with such person..

3. **Compliance with Further Guidelines.** Due to the changing nature of the COVID-19 pandemic, Contractor will monitor and comply with further CDC and other federal, state, and local guidance; modifications to APS operating procedures; and directives of APS relating to protection of the health and safety of APS's community.

ATTENTION:

Proposals must be submitted electronically via Vendor Registry by required date and time as noted on Bid/RFP documents.



<https://vrapp.vendorregistry.com/Vendor/Register/Index/albuquerque-public-schools-nm-vendor-registration>

Important Information: Albuquerque Public Schools Online Bidding System (Vendor Registry) utilizes the Internet and the World Wide Web which is comprised of systems that are completely out APS's control including but not limited to: the District, its agents, and registered suppliers' respective internet service providers. The District and its agents are not responsible for Internet outages, hardware failures, software failures, downtime, internet slowness, acts of God, power failures, and or user errors. All bids/proposals must be submitted before the due date regardless of your organization's ability to submit proposals online. It is the suppliers' responsibility to ensure that Bid/RFP offers arrive before the due date and time.

Proposers understand and agree that technical support may not be readily available the day of and or the hours/minutes prior to a bid closing time (Due Date/Time). Proposers also understand and agree that internet access, browsers, and operating systems are not supported by the District and/or its agents.

Suppliers are strongly encouraged to review, create, and submit all electronic bid responses several days in advance of the due date and time. Please Note: There is no fee to submit a bid/RFP response, contact Vendor Registry Customer Service for assistance if you see a fee is required.

The Offeror is particularly encouraged to address all evaluation criteria that will be evaluated as described herein. If a factor of evaluation is not adequately responded to by the Offeror, the Offeror may be determined to be non-responsive.

PLEASE UPLOAD ONE FILE THAT CONTAINS ALL DOCUMENTATION IN VENDOR REGISTRY