

Anderson County Government

Request for Bids

100 North Main Street, Suite 214
Courthouse
Clinton, Tennessee 37716
(865) 457-6218 Office
(865) 457-6252 Fax

purchasing@andersoncountyttn.gov

Bid No.: 2215

Date Issued: November 8, 2021

**Bids will be received until
2:30 p.m. Eastern Time on November 24, 2021**

Sealed bids are subject to the General Terms and Conditions of this bid, and any other data attached or incorporated by reference. Bids will be received in the Anderson County Purchasing Office until the date and time specified above, and at that time publicly opened and read aloud.

ANDERSON COUNTY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO WAIVE ANY INFORMALITIES
IN OR TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS AND TO ACCEPT THE BID DEEMED
FAVORABLE AND IN THE BEST INTEREST OF ANDERSON COUNTY.


Robert J. Holbrook, Director of Finance

BID DESCRIPTION

Bid for Refrigeration Services for the School Nutrition Program.
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Bidders should note that the Time Clock in the Purchasing runs 5 minutes fast. Bids must be received by the deadline as recorded by the date stamp on this Time Clock.

Questions are to be emailed to purchasing@andersoncountyttn.gov and kajmeri@andersoncountyttn.gov

BID #2215

REPAIR AND PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE WORK FOR SCHOOL NUTRITION REFRIGERATION

GENERAL

Anderson County is seeking bids for repair and preventative maintenance services of Anderson County School Nutrition Program (SNP) refrigeration units. These units are predominately walk in coolers and freezers, but may occasionally be smaller refrigeration units. The bid asks for regular-hour labor rate and for after-hours/holiday labor rates. The Anderson County Schools Maintenance Department will also service units at times, especially during normal 7-3 pm weekday business hours. Bidder must be willing to share duties and communicate with the maintenance personnel. Much of the repair work will be done on an emergency basis. Also, schools may close at 2 pm when school is not in session, so some repair jobs during non-school days might have to cease at that time.

Travel mileage, trip charges, and truck charges are not allowed. Travel time to and from job, round trip, would be allowed at 1 hour and 30 minutes maximum, and would be part of the labor rate per hour on the bid. Example: 1 hour travel, plus 3.5 hours on job=4.5 hours at labor rate bid.

Parts for the repairs shall be purchased by the bidder and marked up to the percentage indicated on bid. Parts will be invoiced to and paid for by the school district after services are rendered and parts are installed and in working order. A receipt or price paid for the part by the vendor must accompany the invoice for payment.

The objective of this bid is to select suppliers in such a manner as to provide for open and free competition and comparability.

CONTRACT PERIOD

The County anticipates issuing a contract that begins *1/01/2022 AND ENDS 06/30/2024*

VENDOR QUALIFICATION

Potential bidders must meet the following criteria:

- Be able to provide a quality product as specified
- Offer reasonable pricing
- Provide dependable service 7 days a week
- Meet specifications and bid conditions. Demonstrate successful past performance
- Have minimum 3 (three) years experience supplying similar product/commodities and services for institutional/commercial refrigeration establishments.

BID TABULATION

Price per hour is 80% of the determining factor for awarding the bid. Parts markup is 20% of the determining factor for awarding the bid.

The Anderson County Purchasing Agent reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. The SNP director will tabulate the bid, recommend the winning bidder to the county purchasing agent, and the county purchasing agent will notify the bidders. The Anderson County School Board will approve the recommendation and the county attorney will sign the contract after receiving county commission

approval. The purchase of products or services should commence after all this has been accomplished. In the case of contradictory terms within the bid document, the most stringent will apply.

BID PREPARATION

Bidders must submit one price for each item on the bid product sheet. Each bidder should bid on all items listed in the bid document. The bottom line total will be adjusted if mathematical conversions and extensions indicate the need for correction.

All bids shall be in accordance with the instructions to bidders and specifications as attached. Specifications are intended to be open and non-restrictive.

Inclusion of items on bid does not guarantee purchase.

All columns of the bid document must be completed in ink or typewritten. No erasures shall be permitted. Errors may be crossed out and corrections printed in ink or typewritten and must be initialed in ink by the person signing the bid. Mathematical calculations involving decimals must be carried to two (2) places.

Should a bidder find discrepancies or omissions from the bidding document or be in doubt as to their meaning, he/she shall at once send questions by email to purchasing@andersoncountytyn.org.

It shall be the sole responsibility of the bidder to make certain that all bids in proper form are submitted by the date due.

Initiating Services

Anderson County School Nutrition will initiate all calls for services. Vendor can provide preference on contact by phone, text, or email. Some preventive maintenance can be prearranged, but all emergency calls will originate from Anderson County School staff. The bidder should contact School Nutrition if she/he will not be available for a certain time span (family, vacation, illness, etc..) so that contingency plans can be developed. A callback or text from vendor with approximate time of expected service should occur within four (4) hours of request. When the vendor will be accompanied by an assistant, verbal notice should be given to the School Nutrition staff.

CONTRACT TERMINATION FOR CAUSE

In the event the contract is terminated for due cause by the school district, the district shall have the option of awarding the contract to the next lowest bidder or bidding again. Poor quality product or late delivered product will be grounds to immediately suspend the contract until a more formal notification can be given.

CONTRACT TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE

The School District(s) may, by written notice to the vendor, terminate this Contract without cause for any reason. Said termination shall not be deemed a Breach of Contract by the School System(s). The School System(s) must give notice of termination to the vendor at least thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of termination. The Contractor shall be entitled to receive compensation for satisfactory, authorized service completed as of the termination date, but in no event shall the school district be liable to the contractor for compensation for any service which has not been rendered. Upon such termination, the contractor shall have no right to any actual general, special, incidental, consequential, or any other damages whatsoever of any description or amount.

INVOICES AND STATEMENTS

All statements are to be issued to include and end with the cut-off date which will be the LAST DAY OF THE MONTH. Two (2) numbered invoices must be furnished at the time of service or within 10 days thereafter. All schools serviced under this contract are tax-exempt.

The invoice should include:

Location of service, hours for project, date of service, detailed description of work, and parts (with model and serial numbers if motors, compressors, or other parts individually priced over \$1500), with a grand total clearly visible. A receipt or price paid for the part by the vendor must accompany the invoice for payment.

Anderson County School Nutrition Program

101 S Main Street, Suite 470

Clinton, TN 37716-3610

REGULATION COMPLIANCE

- All contracts awarded in excess of \$10,000.00 by grantees and their contractors or sub-grantees shall comply with Executive Order 11246, entitled "Equal Employment Opportunity," as amended by Executive Order 11375, and supplemented by the Department of Labor regulations (41CFR, Part 60).
- All contracts over \$100,000.00 will require compliance with the Clean Air Act issued under Section 306, Section 508 of the Clean Water Act, Executive Order 11738 and Environmental Protection Agency regulations.
- Bidders must comply with mandatory standards and policies related to energy efficiency which are contained in the State Energy Plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (PL 94-163, 89 Stat. 871).
- A Certificate of Debarment/Suspension must be signed for all contracts over \$25,000.
- All property or services furnished must comply with all applicable Federal, State, and Local laws, codes and regulations. The bidder attests that he has all the insurance, licenses, certifications, certificates, etc... necessary to provide the services for school systems in the State of Tennessee.

RECORDS

All contractors are required to retain all books, records and other documents relative to this agreement for three (3) years after final payment and all other pending matters are closed. Contractors must agree that the School Food Authority, the State Agency, the United States Department of Agriculture, or Comptroller General may have full access to any books, documents, papers, and records of the Contractor which are directly pertinent to all negotiated contracts. If an investigation or audit is in progress, records shall be maintained until stated matter is closed.

CODE OF CONDUCT

The following conduct will be expected of all persons who are engaged in the awarding and administration of contracts supported by School Food and Nutrition Program Funds.

1) No employee, officer or agent of named School Food Authorities shall participate in the selection or in the award or administration of a contract supported by program funds if a conflict of interest, real or apparent, would be involved.

Conflicts of interest arise when one of the following has a financial or other interest in the firm selected for the award:

- a. The employee, officer or agent
- b. Any member of the immediate family
- c. His or her partner

- d. An organization which employs or is about to employ one of the above.
- 2) The School Nutrition Program employees, officers, or agents shall neither solicit nor accept gratuities, favors, or anything of monetary value from contractors, potential contractors, or parties to sub-agreements.
- 3) Penalties for violation of the code of conduct of named School Nutrition Program should be:
 - a.Reprimand by Board of Education
 - b.Any legal action necessary.

Pricing and Escalation or Market Price Information about Specific Bids

Price requests must be in writing 30 days prior and be based on the Consumer Price Index for CPI-U, Other Services.

Sanitation and Safety

The vendor will adhere to all safety regulations for the industry as well as state, local, and school district policies for safety of students and staff.

DELIVERABLES with Bid

1. All required forms for both Anderson County Purchasing and School Nutrition
2. School Nutrition Bid pricing item list

USDA Nondiscrimination Statement

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, (AD-3027) found online at: <https://www.usda.gov/oascr/how-to-file-a-program-discrimination-complaint>, and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

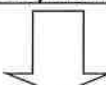
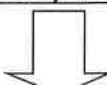
1. mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;
2. fax: (202) 690-7442; or
3. email: program.intake@usda.gov.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider

Bid #2215 Price Sheet

Vendor shall complete right 2 columns.

Vendor Name: _____ Date _____

<u>Item #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Enter Primary Hourly Rate for Licensed Professional</u> <u>Rate/Hour</u> 	<u>Rate for Assistant accompanying Primary when necessary</u> <u>Rate/Hour</u> 
1	Hourly rate for repairs and maintenance of equipment. From 7 am-5pm Monday-Friday.	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Assisting</u>
2	Premium Hourly rate for repairs of equipment. After hours from 5 pm to 7 am on Monday-Friday, all weekends and holidays until the next morning at 7am.	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Assisting</u>
3	<u>Indicate percentage markup on parts. Round to 2 places.</u> <u>Example: 5% markup would be 5.00%</u>	%markup	

Formula for calculating low bid:

Rate per hour (for primary and assistant combined)* multiplied by .8

Markup for parts % multiplied by .2

Total of labor and parts = Lowest number would be successful bidder.

*if bidder does not give an assistant price, the highest bid assistant price will be used to calculate the score.

List of School Sites for School Nutrition Program of Anderson County Schools

Margaret Burrell- Director

Billing and Central Office
101 S Main Street, Suite 470
Clinton, TN 37716-3622
Phone: 865-457-7560
Fax: 865-457-2290

Anderson County High School
130 Maverick Circle
Clinton, TN 37716
Manager: Kim Shetterly
Phone: 865-457-9494
Email: kshetterly@acs.ac

Andersonville Elementary
School
1951 Mountain Road
Andersonville, TN 37705
Manager: Sherry Humphrey
Phone: 865-494-8826
Email: shumphrey@acs.ac

Briceville Elementary School
103 Slatestone Road
Briceville, TN 37710
Manager: Judy Bray
Phone: 865-4264741
Email: judybray@acs.ac

Claxton Elementary School
2218 Clinton Highway
Powell, TN 37849
Manager: Robin Moore
Phone: 865-945-3233
Email: rmoore1@acs.ac

Clinton Middle School
110 North Hicks Street
Clinton, TN 37716
Manager: Kim Phillips
Phone: 865-457-6191
Email: kphillips1@acs.ac

Clinton High School
425 Dragon Drive
Clinton, TN 37716
Manager: Stephanie White
Phone: 865-457-8321
Email: swhite1@acs.ac

Dutch Valley Elementary
1044 Old Dutch Valley Rd.
Clinton, TN 37716
Manager: Louise Elliott
Phone: 865-457-3944
Email: lelliott@acs.ac

Fairview Elementary School
6715 Hickory Valley Road
Heiskell, TN 37754
Manager: Amanda Ogle
Phone: 865-494-8619
Email: aogle1@acs.ac

Grand Oaks Elementary School
1033 Oliver Springs Highway
Clinton, TN 37716
Manager: Melissa Bean
Phone: 865-435-9893
Email: mbean@acs.ac

Lake City Elementary School
402 Lindsay Street
Lake City, TN 37769
Manager: Autumn Huckaby
Phone: 865-426-2109
Email: ahuckaby@acs.ac

Lake City Middle School
1132 South Main Street
Lake City, TN 37769
Manager: Hillary Seiber
Phone: 865-426-0010
Email: hseiber@acs.ac

Norris Elementary School
42 East Circle Drive
Norris, TN 37828
Manager: Melissa Hunley
Phone: 865-494-7422
Email: mhunley@acs.ac

Norris Middle School
5 Norris Square
Norris, TN 37828
Manager: Andrea Shaw
Phone: 865-494-2349
Email: ashaw@acs.ac

Norwood Elementary School
669 Tri-County Boulevard
Oliver Springs, TN 37840
Manager: Tracey Cooper
Phone: 865-435-0552
Email: tcooper@acs.ac

Norwood Middle School
655 Tri-County Boulevard
Oliver Springs, TN 37840
Manager: Velma Crowley
Phone: 865-435-6234
Email: vcrowley@acs.ac

Anderson County PreSchool
708 N Main Street
Clinton, TN 37716
Billed separately than rest of schools
Debbie Silcox
Email: dsilcox@acs.ac

Margaret Burrell, mburrell@acs.ac
Director

Shelia Miracle, smiracle@acs.ac
Field Supervisor

Jennifer Hatmaker,
jhatmaker@acs.ac
Field Supervisor

Amy Leinart, amyl@acs.ac
USDA Manager, Invoices for all
food



**Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion AD-1048
Lower Tier Covered Transactions**

The following statement is made in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. § 552a, as amended). This certification is required by the regulations implementing Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, and 2 C.F.R. §§ 180.300, 180.335, Participants' responsibilities. The regulations were amended and published on August 31, 2005, in 70 Fed. Reg. 51865-51880. Copies of the regulations may be obtained by contacting the Department of Agriculture agency offering the proposed covered transaction.

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 0505-0027. The time required to complete this information collection is estimated to average 15 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. The provisions of appropriate criminal, civil, fraud, privacy, and other statutes may be applicable to the information provided.

(Read instructions on page two before completing certification.)

- A. The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency;
- B. Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

ORGANIZATION NAME	PR/AWARD NUMBER OR PROJECT NAME
NAME(S) AND TITLE(S) OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE(S)	
SIGNATURE(S)	DATE

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity (including gender expression), sexual orientation, disability, age, marital status, family/parental status, income derived from a public assistance program, political beliefs, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity, in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA (not all bases apply to all programs). Remedies and complaint filing deadlines vary by program or incident.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotope, American Sign Language, etc.) should contact the responsible agency or USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program discrimination complaint, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, AD-3027, found online at [How to File a Program Discrimination Complaint \(https://www.ascr.usda.gov/filing-program-discrimination-complaint-usda-customer\)](https://www.ascr.usda.gov/filing-program-discrimination-complaint-usda-customer) and at any USDA office or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by: (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; (2) fax: (202) 690-7442.

Instructions for Certification

- (1) By signing and submitting this form, the prospective lower tier participant is providing the certification set out on page 1 in accordance with these instructions.
- (2) The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into. If it is later determined that the prospective lower tier participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension or debarment.
- (3) The prospective lower tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the person(s) to which this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective lower tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
- (4) The terms "covered transaction," "debarred," "suspended," "ineligible," "lower tier covered transaction," "participant," "person," "primary covered transaction," "principal," "proposal," and "voluntarily excluded," as used in this clause, have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of the rules implementing Executive Order 12549, at 2 C.F.R. Parts 180 and 417. You may contact the department or agency to which this proposal is being submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.
- (5) The prospective lower tier participant agrees by submitting this form that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency with which this transaction originated.
- (6) The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this form that it will include this clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion - Lower Tier Covered Transactions," without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.
- (7) A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that is not debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the System for Award Management (SAM) database.
- (8) Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
- (9) Except for transactions authorized under paragraph (5) of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.

Attachment 1
BID NUMBER: 2215 – Refrigeration Services for School Nutrition Program

SECTION 1 - BID INFORMATION

Acknowledgment of Addenda:
(Write "Yes" if received)

Addenda 1 _____ Addenda 2 _____
Addenda 3 _____ Addenda 4 _____

SECTION 2 - VENDOR INFORMATION

Vendor Name _____

Vendor Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Telephone Number _____

Contact Person *(Please Print)* _____

E-Mail Address _____

Taxpayer Identification Number, Social Security or
Employer Identification Number:

State of Tennessee Business License Number:
License # _____

I agree to abide by all Terms and Conditions of this Invitation to Bid and certify that I am authorized to sign this bid for the vendor. Failure to include any information mentioned in the bid or to comply with these bid instructions may result in rejection of your entire bid. Signing this form affirms that the original Invitation for Bid document has not been altered in any way.

Authorizing Signature: _____

(Please sign original in blue ink)

Attachment 2

Non-Collusion Affidavit

- This Non-Collusion Affidavit is material to any contract awarded pursuant to this bid.
- This Non-Collusion Affidavit must be executed by the member, officer, or employee of the bidder who makes the final decision on prices and the amount quoted in the bid.
- Bid rigging and other efforts to restrain competition and the making of false sworn statements in connection with the submission of bids are unlawful and may be subject to criminal prosecution. The person who signs the affidavit should examine it carefully before signing and assure himself or herself that such statement is true and accurate, making diligent inquiry, as necessary, of all other persons employed by or associated with the bidder with responsibilities for the preparation, approval, or submission of the bid.
- In the case of a bid submitted by a joint venture, each party to the venture must be identified in the bid documents, and an affidavit must be submitted separately on behalf of each party.
- The term "complementary bid" as used in the affidavit has the meaning commonly associated with that term in the bidding process and includes the knowing submission of bids higher than the bid of another firm, an intentionally high or noncompetitive bid, and any other form of bid submitted for the purpose of giving a false appearance of competition.
- Failure to file an affidavit in compliance with these instructions may result in disqualification of the bid.

Non-Collusion Affidavit

STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

I state that I am (Title) _____ of (Name of My Firm) _____ and that I am authorized to make this affidavit on behalf of my firm and its owners, directors, and officers. I am the person responsible in my firm to the price(s) and the amount of this bid.

I STATE THAT:

- The price(s) and amount of this bid have been arrived at independently and without consultation, communication, or agreement with any other contractor, bidder, or potential bidder.
- Neither the price(s) nor the amount of this bid and neither the approximate price(s) nor approximate amount of this bid, have been disclosed to any other firm or person who is a bidder or potential bidder, and they will not be disclosed before bid opening.
- No attempt has been made or will be made to induce any firm or person to refrain from bidding on this contract, or to submit a bid higher than this bid, or to submit any intentionally high or noncompetitive bid or other form of complementary bid.
- The bid of my firm is made in good faith and not pursuant to any agreement or discussion with, or inducement from, any firm or person to submit a complementary or other noncompetitive bid.
- (Name of My Firm) _____, its affiliates, subsidiaries, officers, directors, and employees are not currently under investigation by any governmental agency and have not in the last three years been convicted or found liable for any act prohibited by State or Federal law in any jurisdiction involving conspiracy or collusion with respect to bidding on any public contract, except as follows:

I state that (Name of My Firm) _____ understands and acknowledges that the above representation are material and important and will be relied on by Anderson County in awarding the contract(s) for which this bid is submitted. I understand and my firm understands that any misstatement in this affidavit is and shall be treated as fraudulent concealment from Anderson County of the true facts relating to submission of bids for this contract.

Representative's Signature

Title

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____, _____.

Notary Public

My commission expires: _____



DIVERSITY BUSINESS INFORMATION

Definitions for Determining Minority, Women And Small-Owned Firms

The guidelines for determining minority, women and small-owned firms are defined as follows:

"MINORITY" means a person who is a citizen or lawful permanent resident of the United States and who is:

- o Black (a person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa);
- o Hispanic (a person of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race);
- o Asian American (a person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast
- o Asia, the Indian subcontinent, or the Pacific Islands); or
- o American Indian and Alaskan Native (a person having origins in any of the original peoples of North America).

"MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE" shall mean a minority business:

A continuing, independent, for profit business which performs a commercially useful function, and is at least 51 percent owned and controlled by one or more minority individuals; or, in the case of any publicly owned business, at least 51 percent of the stock of which is owned and controlled by one or more minorities. Whose management and daily business operations are controlled by one or more of minority individuals. "Control" as used in the above clause, means exercising the power to make policy decision. "Operate," as used in the above clause, means being actively involved in the day-to-day management of the business.

"WOMEN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE" shall mean women business:

A continuing, independent, for profit business which performs a commercially useful function, and which is at least 51 percent owned and controlled by one or more women; or, in the case of any publicly owned business, at least 51 percent of the stock of which is owned and controlled by one or more women. Whose management and daily business operations are controlled by one or more of such individuals. "Control" as used in the above clause, means exercising the power to make policy decision. "Operate," as used in the above clause, means being actively involved in the day-to-day management of the business.

**DIVERSITY BUSINESS INFORMATION
ANDERSON COUNTY GOVERNMENT**

NOTE: This form is to be submitted only by those who qualify. Bidders do not have to be a minority business to be considered.

IMPORTANT! NOTARY AND COPY OF CERTIFICATION REQUIRED

SECTION 6 – DIVERSITY INFORMATION

VENDOR/CONTRACTOR NAME: _____

Type of Company: (Check One)

(____) Corporation (____) Partnership (____) Limited Liability (____) Sole Proprietor

Is your company 51% Owned or Operated by a Minority Group? Yes ___ No___

If yes, check the ethnic category and indicate % of ownership:

- American Indian/Alaskan Native ____%
- African American ____%
- Hispanic ____%
- Asian/Pacific Islander ____%
- Other ____% _____ (please indicate)

Please name the entity of certification: _____

Please provide copy of certification letter or certificate

I, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS TRUE AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.

Signature: _____ **OFFICER OF THE COMPANY**

Name: _____ **Title:** _____

NOTARY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

STATE OF _____)

COUNTY OF _____)

ON _____, 20____, BEFORE ME, _____,

PERSONALLY APPEARED _____, PERSONALLY KNOWN TO ME (OR PROVED TO ME ON THE BASIS OF SATISFACTORY EVIDENCE) TO BE THE PERSON(S) WHOSE NAME(S) IS/ARE SUBSCRIBED TO THE WITHIN INSTRUMENT AND ACKNOWLEDGED TO ME THAT HE/SHE/ THEY EXECUTED THE SAME IN HIS/HER/ THEIR AUTHORIZED CAPACITY(IES), AND THAT BY HIS/HER/ THEIR SIGNATURE(S) ON THE INSTRUMENT THE PERSON(S), OR THE ENTITY UPON BEHALF OF WHICH THE PERSON (S) ACTED, EXECUTED THE INSTRUMENT.

WITNESS MY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL.

SIGNATURE OF NOTARY: _____

PRINTED FULL NAME OF NOTARY: _____

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: _____

**Attachment 4
Insurance Requirement Acknowledgment**

The bidder awarded this bid or contract will maintain, at their expense adequate insurance coverage to protect them from claims arising under the Worker's Compensation Act, any and all claims for bodily injury and property damage to the Bidder and to Anderson County Government while delivery and service are being done. A certificate of insurance must be on file in the Purchasing Department before work may begin and must be maintained until work is completed.

Only the items marked with an "X" are applicable to this bid and or contract.

- 1. **Workers Compensation** Statutory limits
Employers Liability 100,000/100,000/500,000

- 2. **Commercial General Liability** \$500,000 per occurrence
\$1,000,000 aggregate
 - Occurrence Form Only
 - Include Premises Liability
 - Include Contractual
 - Include XCU
 - Include Products and Completed Operations
 - Include Personal Injury
 - Include Independent Contractors
 - Include Vendors Liability
 - Include Professional or E&O Liability

- 3. **Business Auto**
 - Include Garage Liability
 - Include Garage Keepers Liability
 - Copy of Valid Driver's License
 - Copy of Current Motor Vehicle Record
 - Copy of Current Auto Liability Declarations Page

- 4. **Crime Coverages**
 - Employee Dishonesty
 - Employee Dishonesty Bond

- 5. **Property Coverages**
 - Builders Risk
 - Inland Marine
 - Transportation

- 6. Performance Bond Required – A One Hundred Percent (100%) performance or an irrevocable letter of credit in favor of Anderson County Government at a federally insured financial institution. This MUST be submitted before purchase order issued.

Certificate Holder Shall Be: Anderson County Government, Clinton, Tennessee, and shall show the bid number and title. Anderson County Government shall be named as an additional insured on all policies except worker's compensation and auto. Insurance carrier ratings shall have a Best's rating of A-VII or better, or its equivalent. Cancellation clause on certificate should strike out "endeavor to" and include a 30-day notice of cancellation where applicable. Any deviations from the above requirements must be disclosed to the Anderson County Purchasing Agent. Any liability deductibles or exclusions must also be disclosed. Exceptions can be granted if applicable.

Bidders Statement and Certification

I understand the insurance requirements of these specifications and will comply in full within 21 (twenty-one) calendar days if awarded this bid and or contract. I agree to furnish the county with proof of insurance for the entire term of the bid and or contract.

Vendor Name

Authorized Signature

Bid Representative Name (Please Print)

Date

The Bidder shall review this sample contract and submit any questions about its content during the Q & A period. A Purchase Order may be used in lieu of this contract.

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Attachment 5 – Sample Contract for Services

This Agreement is made on this the DD of MM YYYY, between Anderson County, Tennessee, a governmental entity and political subdivision of the State of Tennessee (hereinafter, "County") and XXXXXX (hereinafter, "Contractor") and for good and valuable consideration, the sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

Contractor Services. Contractor agrees to provide XXXXX for the County Per XXXXXXX.

Standard of Performance. Contractor agrees to perform the services in a manner consistent with the standard in the industry and to the satisfaction of the County.

Purchase Order. A Purchase Order must in place before services are rendered.

Contractor Compensation. Contractor shall be paid by County for the Contractor's services within thirty (30) days of invoicing and completion of the contracted services. The compensation to Contractor shall be calculated by: XXXXXX. Contractor **shall not** receive additional compensation for expenses including travel, hotel, food, etc.

Term. The term of this agreement shall begin on MM/DD/YYYY and shall end on MM/DD/YYYY **with renewal option of XXXXXXX.**

Release. Contractor hereby agrees to release, indemnify, and hold County harmless from and against any and all claims, lawsuits, or the like associated with County's performance of this agreement, or as it relates to the past, present, or future financial condition of the County or the performance of Contractor's services under this Agreement.

Default. In the event of default by the Contractor hereto, the County may bring suit against the Contractor to enforce the terms of this Agreement. In such event, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover any remedies available at law and/or equity including reasonable attorney's fees and costs associated with the default.

No Oral Modification. No modification, amendment, supplement to or waiver of this Agreement or any of its provisions shall be binding upon the parties hereto unless made in writing and duly signed by all the parties.

Waiver. A failure of any party to exercise any right provided for herein, shall not be deemed to be a waiver of any right hereunder.

Entire Agreement. This Agreement sets forth the entire understanding of the parties as to the subject matter and may not be modified except in a writing executed by all parties.

Severability. In the event any one or more of the provisions of this Agreement is invalid or otherwise unenforceable, the enforceability of the remaining provisions shall be unimpaired.

Cancellation. In the event any party materially breeches, defaults or fails to perform hereunder, this Agreement may be cancelled by the other party with cause on thirty (30) days written notice to the other, if the event constituting the breach, default, or failure is not cured during that time.

Termination: Anderson County reserves the right to terminate this contract in whole or in part with thirty (30) days written notification to the contractor. In the event of termination, the County shall not be liable for any costs other than the cost of services performed and materials delivered and accepted prior to termination date.

The Bidder shall review this sample contract and submit any questions about its content during the Q & A period. A Purchase Order may be used in lieu of this contract.

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Exhibits. Any Exhibits attached hereto or incorporated herein are made a part of this Agreement for all purposes. The expression "this Agreement" means the body of this Agreement and the Exhibits.

Multiple Counterparts: Effectiveness. This Agreement may be executed in multiple counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original for all purposes and all of which shall be deemed, collectively, one Agreement. This Agreement shall become effective when executed and delivered by all the parties.

Jurisdiction. Each party hereby irrevocably consents to the jurisdiction of all state courts sitting in Tennessee or all federal courts sitting in Knoxville, Tennessee and agrees that venue for any legal action brought in connection with this Agreement shall lie exclusively in such courts.

Binding Effect. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties and upon their respective successors, heirs, or assigns.

Choice of Law. This Agreement shall be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Tennessee. The Contractor certifies that in performing this contract they will comply with all applicable provisions of the federal, state, and local laws, regulations, rules, and orders.

Appropriated Funds. The County's obligation to pay under this Contract is contingent upon funds appropriated in the current fiscal year's budget as approved by the County Board of Commissioners. Any contract requiring appropriated funds beyond the current fiscal year may be cancelled without notice in the event that funding to support the contract are unavailable in the subsequent fiscal year.

Payment Terms. The County's payment terms are net 30. All invoices shall be addressed to Anderson County Director of Finance, Room 210, 100 North Main Street, Clinton, TN 37716, and must include Contractor's name, address and phone number, and clearly list quantities, item description and units of measure.

Warranty. The Contractor warrants to the County that all goods and services furnished hereunder shall be free of defects in materials, workmanship, and from defect in design. In addition, Contractor warrants the goods and services are suitable for and will perform in accordance with the purposes for which they were intended.

Insurance Requirement: Vendors awarded bids or contracts are required to maintain, at their expense adequate insurance coverage to protect them from claims arising under the Worker's Compensation Act, any and all claims for bodily injury and property damage to the Vendor and to Anderson County Government while completing delivery and services. A certificate of insurance may be required before work begins and be maintained until work is completed. Certificate Holder Shall Be: Anderson County Government, Clinton, Tennessee. Anderson County Government shall be named as an additional insured on all policies except worker's compensation and auto. Insurance carrier ratings shall have a Best's rating of A-VII or better, or its equivalent. Cancellation clause on certificate should strike out "endeavor to" and include a 30-day notice of cancellation where applicable. Any deviations from the above requirements must be disclosed to the Anderson County Purchasing Agent. Any liability deductibles or exclusions must also be disclosed.

Non-discrimination. The Contractor shall comply with the Tennessee Human Rights Act, T. C. A. §4-21-101 et. seq., as amended and any rules and regulations promulgated in accordance therewith.

Equal Employment Opportunity. It shall also be an unlawful employment practice for the Contractor (1) to fail or refuse to hire or to discharge any individual or otherwise to discriminate against any individual with respect to their compensation, or the terms, conditions, or privileges of their employment,

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because of such individual's race, color, religion, sex, age, handicap or national origin; or (2) to limit, segregate, or classify their employees or applicants for employment in any way which would deprive or tend to deprive any individual of employment opportunities or otherwise adversely affect their status as an employee, because of such individual's race, color, religion, sex, age, handicap or national origin. Contractor shall comply with The Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. sec. 2000 et seq. (2000), as amended.

Notice. Any notice required or provided pursuant to this Agreement shall be in writing and sent or delivered to the parties.

Titles and Subtitles. Titles of paragraphs and subparagraphs are for convenient reference only and shall not have the effect of modifying, amending, or changing the express terms of this Agreement.

Assignment. This Agreement shall be assignable only upon the written consent of the non-assigning party. Consent to an assignment shall not be unreasonably withheld. In the event of assignment or succession, the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall be binding upon the parties and their successors, assigns, heirs, executors, and/or administrators.

Further Documentation. The parties agree for themselves and their successors and assigns to execute any and all instruments in writing which are or may become necessary or proper to carry out the purpose and intent of this Agreement.

Vendor/Supplier:

Signature Date

Printed Name

Title

Name of Company

Address

City, State Zip

Anderson County Government
Administrative Approval:

Robert J. Holbrook, Interim Finance Director Date

Anderson County Department Head
Approval:

Date

Approved as to Form

Law Director Date

BACKGROUND CHECK COMPLIANCE FORM**ANDERSON COUNTY GOVERNMENT**

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT
 100 N. MAIN STREET, ROOM 214 or 218
 CLINTON, TN 37716
 (865) 457-6251
 (865) 457-6252 (Fax)

BID NUMBER _____

CONTRACT NUMBER _____

BACKGROUND CHECKS Contractors shall comply with Public Chapter 587 of 2007, as codified in Tennessee Code Annotated Section 49-5-413, which requires all contractors to facilitate a criminal history records check conducted by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Bureau of Investigation for each employee prior to permitting the employee to have contact with students or enter school grounds when students are present.

Any person, corporation or other entity who enters or any employee of any person, corporation or entity who enters into or renews a contract with a local board of education or child care program on or after September 1, 2007, must:

- (1) Provide a fingerprint sample
- (2) Submit to a criminal history records check to be conducted by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigations and the Federal Bureau of Investigations.

Contact the Anderson County School's Human Resources Department at (865) 463-2800 ext. 2811 for fingerprint instructions.

Company or Individuals (Name) _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

Telephone Number _____

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Contractor License Number (If Applicable) _____

I agree to abide by Public Chapter 587 of 2007, as codified in Tennessee Code Annotated Section 49-5-413, and certify that I am authorized to sign. The undersigned further agrees if this bid or contract is accepted, to furnish any and all of the Background Check Information on himself and all of his employees as required by law, at the request of Anderson County Government. I hereby agree to release all criminal history and other required information to Anderson County Government, the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Bureau of Investigation in accordance with Tennessee law and I further certify that all information supplied by me regarding this inquiry is true and accurate. I agree to release and hold harmless the above-mentioned governmental entities for the use of this information related to the purposes mandated under Tennessee law. I further certify that I have obtained acceptable criminal history information on all current employees and will obtain said information on future employees associated with the performance of the work defined in this bid or contract, pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated 49-5-413 and that neither I nor any employee of mine is prohibited from direct contact with school children for the reasons enumerated in Tennessee Code annotated Section §§ 49-5-401 et seq.

Signature _____ Title _____

Printed Name: _____ Date _____
(Please Print Clearly) (Month, Day, Year)

INTERNAL OFFICE USE ONLY

Notes _____

Attachment 7
ANDERSON COUNTY GOVERNMENT
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

CONFLICT OF INTEREST AFFIDAVIT/STATEMENT

NOTE: PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN PAGE TWO IN YOUR BID PACKET.

T. C. A. 5-14-114. Conflicts of interest -- Illegal payments.

(a) Neither the county purchasing agent, nor members of the county purchasing commission, nor members of the county legislative body, nor other officials of the county, shall be financially interested, or have any personal beneficial interest, either directly or indirectly, in any contract or purchase order for any supplies, materials, equipment or contractual services used by or furnished to any department or agency of the county government.

(b) Nor shall any such persons accept or receive, directly or indirectly, from any person, firm or corporation to which any contract or purchase order may be awarded, by rebate, gift or otherwise, any money or anything of value whatsoever, or any promise, obligation or contract for future reward or compensation.

(c) A violation of this section is a Class D felony.

T. C. A. 12-4-101 Personal interest of officers prohibited.

(a) (1) It is unlawful for any officer, committee member, director, or other person whose duty it is to vote for, let out, overlook, or in any manner to superintend any work or any contract in which any municipal corporation, county, state, development district, utility district, human resource agency, or other political subdivision created by statute shall or may be interested, to be directly interested in any such contract. "Directly interested" means any contract with the official personally or with any business in which the official is the sole proprietor, a partner, or the person having the controlling interest. "Controlling interest" includes the individual with the ownership or control of the largest number of outstanding shares owned by any single individual or corporation. This subdivision (a)(1) shall not be construed to prohibit any officer, committee person, director, or any person, other than a member of a local governing body of a county or municipality, from voting on the budget, appropriation resolution, or tax rate resolution, or amendments thereto, unless the vote is on a specific amendment to the budget or a specific appropriation or resolution in which such person is directly interested.

(2) (A) Subdivision (a)(1) shall also apply to a member of the board of directors of any not-for-profit corporation authorized by the laws of Tennessee to act for the benefit or on behalf of any one (1) or more counties, cities, towns and local governments pursuant to title 7, chapter 54 or 58.

(B) Subdivision (a)(2)(A) does not apply to any county with a metropolitan form of government and having a population of four hundred thousand (400,000) or more, according to the 1980 federal census or any subsequent federal census.

(b) It is unlawful for any officer, committee member, director, or other person whose duty it is to vote for, let out, overlook, or in any manner to superintend any work or any contract in which any municipal corporation, county, state, development district, utility district, human resource agency, or other political subdivision created by statute shall or may be interested, to be indirectly interested in any such contract unless the officer publicly acknowledges such officer's interest. "Indirectly interested" means any contract in which the officer is interested but not directly so, but includes contracts where the officer is directly interested but is the sole supplier of goods or services in a municipality or county.

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(c) (1) Any member of a local governing body of a county or a municipality who is also an employee of such county or municipality and whose employment predates the member's initial election or appointment to the governing body of the county or municipality may vote on matters in which the member has a conflict of interest if the member informs the governing body immediately prior to the vote as follows: "Because I am an employee of (name of governmental unit), I have a conflict of interest in the proposal about to be voted. However, I declare that my argument and my vote answer only to my conscience and to my obligation to my constituents and the citizens this body represents." The vote of any such member having a conflict of interest who does not so inform the governing body of such conflict shall be void if challenged in a timely manner. As used in this subdivision (c)(1), "timely manner" means during the same meeting at which the vote was cast and prior to the transaction of any further business by the body.

(2) Any member of a local governing body of a county or a municipality who is also an employee of such county or municipality and whose employment began on or after the date on which the member was initially elected or appointed to serve on the governing body of the county or municipality shall not vote on matters in which the member has a conflict of interest.

(3) (A) In the event a member of a local governing body of a county or a municipality has a conflict of interest in a matter to be voted upon by the body, such member may abstain for cause by announcing such to the presiding officer.

(B) (i) Any member of a local governing body of a municipality who abstains from voting for cause on any issue coming to a vote before the body shall not be counted for the purpose of determining a majority vote.

(ii) This subdivision (c)(3)(B) shall in no way be construed to apply to any county having a metropolitan form of government and having a population in excess of five hundred thousand (500,000), according to the 1990 federal census or any subsequent federal census.

(d) This section shall apply to a member of the board of directors or officer of any nonprofit corporation required under § 8-44-102(b)(1)(E) to conduct all meetings of its governing body as open meetings.

I have read and understand both T.C. A. 5-14-114 and T. C. A. 12-4-101, and will comply.

NOTE: PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN PAGE TWO IN YOUR BID PACKET.

Contractor or Company Owner (signature)

Date

Contractor or Company Name (print)

General Terms and Conditions

BID ENVELOPE SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS:

Bids are to be received in a sealed envelope/package with the bid number, company name and opening date clearly marked. Failure to comply may result in rejection of the entire bid. Anderson County will not be responsible for any lost or misdirected mail. Late bids, e-mailed bids and faxed bids will not be considered nor returned. It is the sole responsibility of the bidder to ensure their bid is delivered to the Purchasing Department.

Please note that Anderson County Government does not receive a guaranteed delivery time for express mail and/or packages. PLEASE MAIL ACCORDINGLY.

ANDERSON COUNTY FINANCE DEPARTMENT
100 NORTH MAIN STREET, SUITES 214 AND 218
CLINTON, TN 37716

Email: purchasing@andersoncountyttn.gov

Website: <http://andersontn.org/purchasing>

(865) 457-6218 Phone

(865) 457-6252 Fax

**Bid documents must be completed in ink or typed, signed in ink,
and free from alterations, erasures or mark-throughs.**

SECTION 1 - GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1.1 ALTERATIONS OR AMENDMENTS: Alterations, amendments, changes, modifications or additions to this solicitation shall not be binding on Anderson County without prior written approval.

1.2 NO CONTACT POLICY: After vendor receives a copy of this bid, any contact initiated by any vendor with any Anderson County representative, other than the Purchasing Department, concerning this invitation for bid is prohibited and agreements made thereto will not be considered binding on Anderson County. Any such unauthorized contact may cause the disqualification of the bidder from this procurement transaction.

1.3 QUESTIONS: Pursuant to TCA §12-4-113, questions regarding the specifications or bid procedures must be received by the Purchasing Agent and/or designer no less than ninety-six (96) hours before the bid opening date. No addenda within less than forty-eight (48) hours of the bid opening date shall be permitted. Any questions concerning the bid document must be submitted to purchasing@andersontn.org no less than ninety-six (96) hours before bid opening date.

1.4 BID CLOCK: The bid/time clock in the Anderson County Purchasing office will be the time of record.

1.5 TAXES: Anderson County is not liable for Federal excise or State sales tax. Tax exemption certificates will be provided upon request.

1.6 CONFLICT OF INTEREST: If requested by the Purchasing Agent, vendors must complete and submit a "Conflict of Interest Affidavit Statement" prior to contract award, see T.C.A. 5-14-114 and T. C. A. 12-4-101.

1.7 NON-COLLUSION: Vendors, by submitting a signed bid, certify that the accompanying bid is not the result of, or affected by, any unlawful act of collusion with any other person or company engaged in the same line of business or commerce, or any other fraudulent act punishable under Tennessee or United States law.

1.8 NON-DISCRIMINATION: Contracted vendors will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, sex, national origin or disability except where religion, sex, national origin or disability is a bona fide occupational qualification reasonably necessary to the normal operation of the contractor.

1.9 SAME AS OR EQUIVALENT TO: Vendors are to bid as specified herein or propose an approved equal. Determination of equality is solely Anderson County's responsibility. Any designated brands are for reference purpose only, not a statement of preference. When an alternate manufacturer, brand, model or make is bid, Anderson County will determine if the item bid meets or exceeds the items as specified. If the bidder does not indicate that an alternate manufacturer, brand, model or make is being bid, it is understood that the item(s) bid are the same manufacturer, brand, model or make as requested in the Invitation to Bid. Comparable products of other manufacturers will be considered if proof of comparability is contained in the bid submission. It shall be the responsibility of the vendors, including vendors whose product is referenced to furnish upon request catalog pages, brochures or other data to provide an adequate basis for determining the quality and functional capabilities of the product offered. Failure to provide this data may be considered valid justification for rejection of bid.

1.10 MULTIPLE BIDS/AWARDS: Anderson County may consider multiple bid awards.

1.11 STATE OF TENNESSEE CONTRACTORS' LICENSE LAW (T.C.A. 62-6-119) b): Bids for which the total cost of the project is twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) or more, the outside of the sealed bid envelope/package containing the bid provides the following information: the Company Name, the Contractor's license number, license classification, the date of the license expiration and that part of each license classification applying to the bid. In addition, each heating ventilation or air conditioning, plumbing and electrical subcontractor's license number, date of the license expiration and that part of each classification applying to the bid if the value of the work is \$25,000 or greater, must be notated. If the value of either the contractor or the subcontractor's work is less than \$25,000, the bid envelope/package containing the bid is to be notated with the phrase "Contractor or Subcontractor's Bid is Less than \$25,000" after each appropriate heading. In the case of joint ventures, each party submitting the bid must provide this information. If no subcontractors are being used, the outside of the envelope/package containing the bid must state, "No Subcontractors are being used on this project."

1.12 ACCEPTANCE: Vendors shall hold their price firm and subject to acceptance by Anderson County for a minimum period of sixty (60) working days from the date of the bid opening, unless otherwise indicated in their bid. Any or all bids may be rejected for good cause.

1.13 BID AWARDS: Bids will be awarded to the lowest and best bidder, taking into consideration the qualities of the articles to be supplied, their conformity with specifications and their suitability to the requirements of Anderson County and the delivery terms. Anderson County also reserves the right to not award this bid.

1.14 BIDDER'S MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Bidders must have the resources and capability to provide the materials and services as described in the solicitation. Anderson County reserves the right to request additional information and/or material not specified as a bid requirement from any bidder to confirm qualifications.

1.15 DEBARMENT: By submitting a response to this solicitation, bidders are certifying that bidder is not currently debarred from doing business with any local or state Government or the Federal Government. Bidders shall provide documentation relating to any and all debarments that occurred within the last ten

years. The County will search the "System for Award Management" for federally excluded vendors before awarding a bid.

1.16 PROTEST: Any vendor wishing to protest the bid award shall notify in writing the Anderson County Purchasing Agent and the County Law Director, 101 S. Main Street, Suite 310, Clinton, TN 37716. No protest will be accepted, except those protests made in writing and received within (10) ten calendar days of the bid award. Protests must be in writing and envelopes/package containing protest must be clearly marked with bid number and words "BID PROTEST". The Purchasing Agent, in conjunction with the Purchasing Committee, and with the advice and counsel of the County Law Director, shall review and make a final decision as to any bid protest. Appeals shall be filed in the Circuit or Chancery Courts of Anderson County within sixty (60) days of the final decision.

VENDORS PLEASE NOTE: ANDERSON COUNTY WILL NOT STOP THE PURCHASE PROCESS. THE PURCHASE MAY BE COMPLETED OR THE PROJECT MAY BE RE-BID WHILE THE PROTEST PROCEDURE IS STILL IN OPERATION. IF A RE-BID IS MADE, THE PROTESTING VENDOR SHOULD SUBMIT A NEW BID. OTHERWISE, THEY WILL BE WITHOUT A BID ON THE RE-BID. FURTHER, THE RE-BIDDING WILL NOT END THE APPEALS PROCESS. IT WILL CONTINUE UNTIL A FINAL DECISION IS REACHED OR THE COMPLAINANT WITHDRAWS THE APPEAL.

1.17 DELIVERY: Bid pricing is to include complete supply and delivery to Anderson County, Tennessee. Vendors are to state the delivery time in the bid. Anderson County requires that vendors deliver all products "free on board" to final destination unless indicated otherwise in the bid requirements.

1.18 PROOF OF FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS CAPABILITY: Bidders must, upon the request of Anderson County, provide satisfactory evidence of their ability to furnish products or services in accordance with the terms and conditions of these specifications. Anderson County will make the final determination as to the bidder's ability.

1.19 VENDOR'S DEFAULT: Anderson County reserves the right, in case of vendor default, to procure the articles or services from other sources and hold the defaulting vendor responsible for any excess costs occasioned thereby.

1.20 DUPLICATE COPIES: Vendors are to submit one original and at least one exact copy of their bids, including brochures; unless additional copies are requested in bid specifications.

1.21 DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE: Under the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated §50-9-113 enacted by the General Assembly effective 2001, all employers with five (5) or more employees who contract with either the state or a local government to provide construction services are required to submit an affidavit stating that they have a drug free workplace program that complies with Title 50, Chapter 9, in effect at the time of submission of a bid at least to the extent required of governmental entities. The statute imposes other requirements on the contractor and contractors should consult private legal counsel if legal questions arise under this section or any other provision of this document. All contractors with five (5) or more employees that will be providing construction services are to return the provided written affidavit signed by the principal officer of a covered employer acknowledging that the contracting entity is in compliance with the Drug Free Workplace laws of State of Tennessee.

1.22 COMPETITION INTENDED: It is the responsibility of the bidder to review the entire Invitation to Bid document and to notify the Purchasing Department if the Invitation to Bid is formulated in a manner that would unnecessarily restrict competition or if it is ambiguous in what is being requested. The Purchasing Agent must receive questions regarding the specifications or bid procedures no less than ninety-six (96) hours prior to the time set for the bid opening.

1.23 SCHOOL CAFETERIA BIDS: If this bid is for Anderson County School's Cafeteria Food Service Department, bidders must be in compliance with Section 104(d) of the William F. Goodling Child Nutrition Reauthorization Act of 1998 which requires school and institutions participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) to "Buy American" to the maximum extent practicable.

1.24 TERMINATION: Anderson County reserves the right to terminate contracts in whole or in part with thirty (30) days written notification to the contractor. In the event of termination, the County shall not be liable for any costs other than the cost of services performed and materials delivered and accepted prior to termination date.

1.25 OSHA SAFETY: The Vendor is responsible for training their employees in Safety and Health Regulations for the job, assuring compliance with Tennessee Occupational Safety and Health regulations and any other Regulatory Agency.

1.26 PERFORMANCE BOND: A standard surety or performance bond or an irrevocable letter of credit in favor of Anderson County Government at a federally insured financial institution will be required to be submitted with bid, if indicated in section four, item six insurance requirement checklist.

1.27 BACKGROUND CHECKS: Contractors shall comply with Public Chapter 587 of 2007, as codified in Tennessee Code Annotated Section 49-5-413, which requires all contractors to facilitate a criminal history records check conducted by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Bureau of Investigation for each employee prior to permitting the employee to have contact with students or enter school grounds when students are present.

1.28 AWARD RESULTS: As soon as practicable after proposal or bid evaluations, Anderson County shall post the award decision to Vendor Registry at www.vendorregistry.com. Individual notices are normally not mailed or e-mailed except to the successful vendor.

1.29 INDEMNIFICATION/HOLD HARMLESS: Vendor shall indemnify, defend, save and hold harmless Anderson County and, its officers, agents and employees from all suits, claims, actions or damages of any nature brought because of, arising out of, or due to breach of the agreement by Vendor, its subcontractors, suppliers, agents, or employees or due to any negligent act or occurrence or any omission or commission of Vendor, its subcontractors, suppliers, agents or employees.

1.30 DECLARATIVE STATEMENT: Any statement or words (i.e.: must, shall, will, etc.) are declarative statements and the proposer must comply with the condition. Failure to comply with any such condition may result in their bid being non-responsive and disqualified.

1.31 WAIVING OF INFORMALITIES: Anderson County reserves the right to waive minor informalities or technicalities when it is in the best interest of Anderson County.

1.32 APPROPRIATION: Funding for multi-year contracts are subject to budget appropriations. In the event no funds are appropriated by Anderson County for the goods or services in any fiscal year or insufficient funds exist to purchase the goods or services of a contract, then that contract shall expire upon the expenditure of previously appropriated funds or the end of the current fiscal year, whichever occurs first, with no further obligations owed to or by either party.

1.33 ASSIGNMENT: Vendor shall not assign or sub-contract any agreement, its obligations or rights hereunder to any party, company, partnership, incorporation or person without the prior written specific consent of Anderson County.

1.34 QUANTITIES: Anderson County does not guarantee quantities to be purchased off this bid.

1.35 UNIT PRICE: In case of discrepancy between any unit price and an extended price, the unit price will be presumed to be correct, subject, however, to correction to the same extent and in the same manner as any other mistake.

1.36 MODIFICATION OR WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS: When it is certain that a mistake has been made in the preparation of the bid, a request will be made to the bidder to confirm the bid. Provisions must be made so that mistakes can be taken care of and the ambiguity resolved satisfactorily. Bids may be modified or withdrawn by written notice received in the Purchasing Department prior to the time and date set for the bid

opening. The changes or withdrawal of the bids shall be in writing and signed by an official of the company. The envelope containing the modification should clearly state "modification to bid." Either the entire bid or a particular item may be withdrawn or modified in this manner.

1.37 PRE-BID CONFERENCES: Attendance at Pre-bid Conferences is strongly encouraged. When deemed necessary a Mandatory Pre-bid Conference will be held. A company representative **MUST** be in attendance and sign the Pre-bid sign-in sheet in order to be considered for bid award.

1.38 ADDENDUM: § T.C.A. 12-14-113 Anderson County Government reserves the right to amend this solicitation by addendum. Addenda will be posted to the vendor registry up to 48 hours in advance of the bid/proposals due date and time. It is the bidder's responsibility to check the website for addendum. If in the County's opinion revisions are of such a magnitude, the deadline for this solicitation may be extended in an addendum. Addenda may change specifications, reply sheets, and times and dates for pre-bid meetings as well as due dates/deadlines for questions and bids/proposals.

1.39 OWNERSHIP: All bids, once received, become property of Anderson County Government and will not be returned.

1.40 WEATHER AND COURTHOUSE CLOSINGS: In the event of a situation severe enough to necessitate the closing of Anderson County Government offices during a planned bid opening, vendors will receive notification of the new date and time upon re-opening of county government offices. No bids will be opened until the rescheduled date for bid opening and all bidders/proposers whose submissions meet the extended deadline will be given equal consideration at that time. Anderson County shall not be liable for any commercial carrier's decision regarding deliveries during inclement weather.

1.41 IRAN DIVESTMENT ACT OF 2014: Pursuant to the Iran Divestment Act of 2014, Tenn. Code Ann. § 12-12-106 requires the State of Tennessee Chief Procurement Officer to publish, using creditable information freely available to the public, a list of persons it determines engage in investment activities in Iran, as described in § 12-12-105. Inclusion on this list makes a person ineligible to contract with Anderson County; if a person ceases its engagement in investment activities in Iran, it may be removed from the list. The State of Tennessee list is available here: <http://tennessee.gov/generalservices/article/Public-Information-library>.