VALENCIA COUNTY STATE OF NEW MEXICO

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

Production and Mailing of Tax Bills and Delinquent Tax Notices



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VALENCIA COUNTY PURCHASING DEPARTMENT 444 Luna Ave., Suite 100A Los Lunas, NM 87031

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I. INTRODUCTION

This section provides general information that applies to this procurement.

A. PURPOSE OF THIS INVITATION FOR BIDS

The County of Valencia seeks sealed bids from qualified bidders to prepare, print and mail tax bills and subsequent tax delinquency notices for the current tax billing period.

B. SUMMARY OF CRITICAL INFORMATION

- 1. Deadline for Receipt of Sealed Bids: July 27, 2017 at 2:00 P.M., Local time
- Address for Delivery of Sealed Bids: 444 Luna Ave., Suite 100A, Los Lunas, NM 87031
- 3. Bid Opening Time and Date: July 27, 2017 at 2:00 P.M. Local time
- Bid Opening Location: 444 Luna Ave., Suite 103 (Commission Room), Los Lunas, NM 87031

Potential Bidders are highly encouraged to read this entire solicitation as important information, including mandatory requirements, is contained in other places within this IFB.

C. SUMMARY SCOPE OF WORK

The scope of work consists of the timely processing and mailing of both property tax bills and subsequent tax delinquency notices consistent with applicable laws and other governing requirements. The contractor shall furnish all labor, materials, transportation and supplies to provide the required services to Valencia County.

D. SCOPE OF PROCUREMENT

The scope of the procurement consists of the preparation, printing and mailing of tax bills and tax delinquency notices. The term of this contract shall be for one (1) year from the date of award. Valencia County reserves the right to extend this contract, on an annual basis and by mutual agreement of the parties, for up to an additional three (3) years. Under no circumstances will the term of this contract, including any extensions thereto, exceed four (4) years. Valencia County will only pay for actual services rendered, in accordance with the prices established in the winning bid. This procurement will <u>not</u> result in a fixed price contract. This procurement will result in a single source award and will be awarded on an all or none basis.

E. PROCUREMENT MANAGER

The County of Valencia has designated a Procurement Manager who is responsible for this procurement and whose name, address, and telephone number are listed below. Any inquiries or requests regarding this procurement should be submitted to the Procurement Manager in writing. Bidders may contact ONLY the Procurement Manager regarding the procurement. Other County employees do not have the authority to respond on behalf of the County of Valencia.

Michelle Romero Procurement Manager Valencia County Purchasing Department

Delivery Address (Including sealed bid delivery):	Mailing Address:	
444 Luna Ave., Suite 100A // Los Lunas, NM 87031	P.O. Box 1119 // Los Lunas, NM 87031	

Phone: (505) 866-2005 Fax: (505) 866-2424 E-mail: Michelle.romero@co.valencia.nm.us

NOTE: All deliveries via express carrier (INCLUDING SEALED BID DELIVERY) should be addressed to Michelle Romero's <u>Delivery Address</u>, above.

F. DEFINITION OF TERMINOLOGY

This section contains definitions that are used throughout this procurement document, including appropriate abbreviations.

"Bidder" is any person, corporation, or partnership who chooses to submit a sealed bid.

"Board of County Commissioners" (also "BCC") means the elected board in whom all powers of the County are vested and who are responsible for the proper and efficient administration of the County government.

"Chief Procurement Officer" means that person within a local public body's central purchasing office who is responsible for the control of procurement of items of tangible personal property, services or construction; section 13-1-38.1 NMSA 1978. The Chief Procurement Officer for Valencia County is Michelle Romero.

"Close of Business" means 5:00 P.M. Mountain Standard Time (MST) or Mountain Daylight Time (MDT), whichever is in effect on the date specified.

"Contract" or "Agreement" means a written agreement for the procurement of items of tangible personal property or services.

"Contractor" means a successful Bidder who enters into a binding contract.

"County" means the County of Valencia, State of New Mexico.

"Determination" means the written documentation of a decision of the procurement manager including findings of fact required to support a decision. A determination becomes part of the procurement file to which it pertains.

"F.O.B. Destination" means goods are to be delivered to the destination designated by the user which is the point at which the user accepts ownership or title of the goods. Laws of New Mexico specifically prohibit acceptance of ownership of goods in transit. Any exception to F.O.B. Destination may cause a bid to be declared nonresponsive.

"Invitation for Bids" or "IFB" means all documents, including those attached or incorporated by reference, used for soliciting sealed bids.

"Local public body" means every political subdivision of the state and the agencies, instrumentalities and institutions thereof, including two-year post-secondary educational institutions, school districts and local school boards and municipalities, except as exempted pursuant to the Procurement Code.

"Mandatory" refers to the terms "must", "shall", "will", "is required" or "are required" which identify a mandatory item. Failure to meet a mandatory item or factor may result in the rejection of the submitted bid.

"MDT" & "MST" mean Mountain Daylight Time (MDT) and Mountain Standard Time (MST). Usage is dependent on which is in effect on the date specified.

"Prime Contractor" means the recipient of an awarded contract or its approved assign.

"Procurement Manager" means the person or designee authorized by the County to manage or administer a competitive procurement.

"Procuring agency of the County" means the department or other subdivision of the County of Valencia that is requesting the procurement of services or items of tangible personal property.

"Product" means an item of tangible personal property which is defined in the New Mexico Procurement Code as tangible property other than real property having a physical existence, including but not limited to supplies, equipment, materials and printed materials.

"Purchase Order" or "PO" means the document which directs a Contractor to deliver items of tangible personal property or services pursuant to an existing, valid Contract.

"Purchasing" means the County of Valencia Purchasing Office or the Valencia County Purchasing Agent. "Purchasing Agent" or "PA" means the Purchasing Agent for the County of Valencia.

"Responsible Bidder" means a Bidder who submits a responsive bid and who has furnished required information and data to prove that their financial resources, production or service facilities, personnel, service reputation and experience are adequate to make satisfactory delivery of the services or items of tangible personal property called for in this Invitation for Bids.

"Responsive Bid" means a timely submitted bid which conforms in all material respects to the requirements set forth in the Invitation for Bids. Material respects of an Invitation for Bids include, but are not limited to, price, quality, quantity and delivery requirements.

"Services" means the furnishing of labor, time or effort by a Contractor not involving the delivery of a specific end product other than reports and other materials which are merely incidental to the required performance. "Services" does not include construction.

"State agency" means any department, commission, council, board, committee, institution, legislative body, agency, government corporation, educational institution or official of the executive, legislative or judicial branch of the government of the State of New Mexico.

"Successful Bidder" means the lowest priced Responsible Bidder to whom Valencia County, on the basis of the County's evaluation, makes an award. A Successful Bidder does not become a Contractor until the County signs the Contract signed and submitted by the Bidder. One or more Purchase Orders will accompany or follow the approval. **Successful Bidders should not provide products or services prior to their receipt of an approved Purchase Order.**

G. RESIDENT/VETERAN BUSINESS PREFERENCE

1. Resident Business Preference

The New Mexico Procurement Code provides for preference for resident businesses and Contractors under certain conditions. If applicable, the preference will be provided to those Offerors that have provided a valid resident business preference certificate with their bid, as required by 13-1-22 NMSA 1978.

In order for a Bidder to receive preference as a resident business, that Bidder <u>must</u> submit a copy of their resident business preference certificate with their bid. The preference certificate <u>must</u> have been issued by the New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department. Providing only a preference number or a copy of the application is not acceptable.

For more information, reference Sections 13-1-21 and 13-1-22 of the New Mexico Procurement Code. Preference applications are available for download at:

http://www.tax.newmexico.gov/Businesses/Pages/In-StatePreferenceCertification.aspx

2. Veteran Preference

Effective July 1, 2012, certain preferences are available to Resident Veteran Businesses. [Please see Section V.C.4 for more information and especially note Appendix F.] In order for a Bidder to receive preference as a resident veteran business, that Bidder <u>must</u> submit a copy of their resident veteran business preference certificate with their bid. The preference certificate <u>must</u> have been issued by the New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department. Providing only a preference number or a copy of the application is not acceptable.

For more information and application forms, go to:

http://www.tax.newmexico.gov/Businesses/Pages/In-StatePreferenceCertification.aspx

H. PROCUREMENT LIBRARY

The Procurement Library consists of the following documents which may be accessed by their associated Internet links:

- New Mexico Procurement Code

http://law.justia.com/codes/new-mexico/2006/nmrc/jd_ch13art1-755d.html

- Valencia County Procurement Policy

http://www.co.valencia.nm.us/DocumentCenter/View/497

(Specific references to the New Mexico Procurement Code or the Valencia County Procurement Policy, found in this IFB, may be reviewed by following the appropriate link above.)

II. CONDITIONS GOVERNING THE PROCUREMENT

This section contains the schedule for the procurement, describes the major procurement events, and contains the general conditions and requirements that the Bidder agrees to by submitting a bid in response to this IFB.

A. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

The Procurement Manager will make every effort to adhere to the following schedule:

ACTION	RESPONSIBILITY	DATE
1. Issue IFB	Procurement Manager (PM)	Wednesday July 12, 2017
2. Return of "Acknowledgment of	Potential Bidders (PB)	
Receipt" Form (Appendix A)		Monday July 17, 2017
3. Pre-Bid Conference *	PB and PM	Monday July 17, 2017
		2:00 pm Local time
4. Deadline to Submit Questions	PB	Wednesday July 19, 2017
5. Response to Written Questions/	PM	Monday July 24, 2017
IFB Amendments		
6. Submission of Sealed Bids	Bidders	Thursday July 27, 2017
		No later than 2:00 pm
		local time
7. Public Opening	Purchasing, Bidders,	Thursday July 27, 2017
	General Public	2:00 pm
8. Bid Tabulation	Purchasing	Friday July 28, 2017
9. Contract Award**	Purchasing Agent/BCC*	Wednesday August 16,
		2017
10. Protest Deadline	Bidders	August 31, 2017

*Pre-Bid location Commission Chambers, 444 Luna Ave., Los Lunas NM 87031 **Contract award may be subject to approval of the Board of County Commissioners.

B. EXPLANATION OF EVENTS

The following paragraphs further detail the activities listed in the sequence of events shown in Section II, Paragraph A.

1. Issue IFB

This IFB is being issued by the Valencia County Purchasing Agent on behalf of the Valencia County Treasurer.

2. Return of "Acknowledgment of Receipt" Form

Potential Bidders should hand deliver or return by facsimile or e-mail or registered or certified mail the "Acknowledgement of Receipt" form that accompanies this document (See Appendix A). Potential Bidders that return the form will be notified of the posting of any questions and answers regarding the procurement and will be notified of any amendments to the IFB that might be issued. The form should be returned by the close of business on the date indicated in Section II.A (Sequence of Events), above. Failure to return this form shall constitute a presumption of receipt and rejection of the IFB and the potential Bidder may not receive any update notifications.

3. Pre-Bid Conference

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held on July 17, 2017 at 2:00 pm Local time in the Valencia County Commission Chambers at 444 Luna Ave., Los Lunas, NM 87031.

4. Deadline to submit written questions

Potential Bidders may submit written questions as to the intent or clarity of this IFB until the close of business on the date indicated in Section II.A (Sequence of Events), above. All written questions must be sent by e-mail to the Procurement Manager (See Section I, Paragraph E.)

5. Response to written questions/IFB Amendments

Written responses to written questions and any IFB amendments will be posted to the Valencia County Purchasing Department web site (<u>http://www.co.valencia.nm.us/</u>, via the ("Purchasing" link, Bid Opportunities). Notification of such posting shall be provided to all potential Bidders that have returned the "Acknowledgement of Receipt" Form found at Appendix A.

6. Submission of Bids

BIDS MUST BE <u>RECEIVED</u> BY THE PROCUREMENT MANAGER OR DESIGNEE **NO LATER THAN 2:00 PM LOCAL TIME ON THE DATE INDICATED** IN SECTION II.A (SEQUENCE OF EVENTS), ABOVE. **BIDS RECEIVED AFTER THIS DEADLINE FOR ANY REASON** <u>WILL BE RETAINED UNOPENED AND</u> <u>NOT CONSIDERED.</u>

The date and time of receipt will be recorded on each bid. Bids must be addressed and delivered to the Procurement Manager at the <u>delivery address</u> listed in Section I, Paragraph E. Bids must be sealed and should be labeled on the outside bottom left-hand corner of the package to clearly indicate that they are in response to the "Production and Mailing of Tax Bills and Delinquent Tax Notices" bid, should reference "#VCB-FY18-001" and should show the opening date and time. Bids submitted by facsimile or other

electronic means **WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.** A public log will be kept of the names of all persons or companies submitting bids.

7. Public Opening

All bids timely received will be opened and read aloud in a public forum at the Valencia County Commission Room (Room #103), 444 Luna Ave., Los Lunas, New Mexico on the date and time indicated in Section II.A (Sequence of Events), per NMSA 1978, Section 13-1-107 (1984). Bidders are encouraged to attend.

At the bid opening, the amount of each bid and each bid item, if appropriate, and such other relevant information as may be specified by the Purchasing Agent, together with the name of each bidder, will be recorded, and the record and each bid will be open to public inspection.

If you are an individual with a disability and you require accommodations such as a hearing interpreter to attend our Public Bid Opening, please contact the Procurement Manager (see Section I.E, above.) at least seven (7) days prior to the scheduled bid opening.

8. Bid Tabulation

After the public opening, the bids will be assessed for responsiveness. Responsive bids will be tabulated (price compared) to identify the lowest price(s) submitted. During this time, the Procurement Manager may, at his or her option, initiate discussions with Bidders for the purpose of clarifying aspects of the bids, but bids may be accepted and considered without such discussion. Discussions SHALL NOT be initiated by the Bidders.

9. Contract Award

The Purchasing Agent anticipates contract award on the date indicated in Section II.A (Sequence of Events), above. This date is subject to change at the discretion of the Purchasing Agent or the Board of County Commissioners.

10. Protest Deadline

Any protest by a Bidder must be timely, in conformance with, and will be governed by Sections 13-1-172 through 13-1-176 NMSA 1978 and Valencia County Procurement Policy #401-01-3, Section 24. The fifteen (15) day protest period for timely Bidders shall begin on the day following contract award and will end at 5:00 PM MDT on the date indicated in Section II.A (Sequence of Events), above. Protests must be written and must include the name and address of the protestor and the Invitation for Bids number. It must also contain a statement of grounds for protest including appropriate supporting exhibits, and it must specify the ruling requested from the Purchasing Agent. The protest must be delivered to the Purchasing Agent.

Valencia County Purchasing Department Attn. Michelle Romero, County Purchasing Agent 444 Luna Avenue, Suite 100A Los Lunas, New Mexico 87031

NOTE: Protests received after the deadline will not be accepted.

C. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

This procurement will be conducted in accordance with the New Mexico Procurement Code (13-1-28 NMSA 1978) and Valencia County Procurement Policy (#401-01-3, Resolution 2005-68).

1. Acceptance of Conditions Governing the Procurement

Bidders must indicate their acceptance of the Conditions Governing the Procurement in the Letter of Transmittal Form (see Appendix C).

2. Incurring Cost

Any cost incurred by the bidder in preparation, transmittal, presentation of any bid or material or negotiation associated with their response to this IFB shall be borne solely by the bidder.

3. Prime Contractor Responsibility

Any Contract that may result from this IFB shall specify that the prime Contractor is solely responsible for fulfillment of the Contract with the County. The County will only make Contract payments to the prime Contractor.

4. Subcontractors

The use of subcontractors, in the performance of the required services, is not allowed.

5. Amended Bids

A Bidder may submit an amended bid before the deadline for receipt of bids. Such amended bids must be complete replacements for a previously submitted bid and must be clearly identified as such in the transmittal letter. County personnel will not merge, collate, or assemble bid materials.

6. Bidders' Rights to Withdraw Bid

Bidders will be allowed to withdraw their bids at any time prior to the deadline for receipt of bids. The Bidder must submit a written withdrawal request signed by the Bidder's duly authorized representative addressed to the Procurement Manager. A low Bidder alleging a material mistake of fact after bids have been opened may be permitted to withdraw the bid upon written request prior to award at the discretion of the County.

7. Bid Offer Firm

Responses to this IFB will be considered firm for ninety (90) days after the due date for receipt of bids.

8. No Obligation

This procurement in no manner obligates Valencia County or any of its departments or other subdivisions to the eventual lease, purchase, etc., of any tangible personal property offered or services proposed until a valid written contract is approved by the Purchasing Agent and other required approval authorities and one or more valid Purchase Orders are issued.

9. Termination

This IFB may be canceled at any time and any and all bids may be rejected in whole or in part when the County determines such action to be in the best interest of the County.

10. Sufficient Appropriation

Any contract awarded as a result of this IFB process may be terminated if sufficient appropriations or authorizations do not exist. Such termination will be effected by sending written notice to the Contractor. The County's decision as to whether sufficient appropriations and authorizations are available will be accepted by the Contractor as final.

11. Legal Review

The County requires that all bidders agree to be bound by the General Requirements contained in this IFB. Any bidder's concerns must be promptly brought to the attention of the Procurement Manager.

12. Governing Law

This procurement and any Agreement with bidders that may result shall be governed by the laws of the State of New Mexico.

13. Basis for Bid

Only information supplied by the County in writing through the Procurement Manager or in this IFB should be used as the basis for the preparation of bids.

14. Contract Terms and Conditions

The Contract between the County and the Contractor is contained at Appendix B, Contract.

15. Bidder Qualifications

The County may make such investigations as necessary to determine the ability of the Bidder to adhere to the requirements specified within this IFB. The County will reject the bid of any Bidder who is not a responsible Bidder or fails to submit a responsive bid as defined in Sections 13-1-82 and 13-1-84 NMSA 1978.

Bidders must, upon request of the County, provide information and data to prove that the financial resources, production or service facilities, service reputation and experience are adequate to make satisfactory delivery of the materials and/or services. The County reserves the right to require a Bidder to furnish a Performance Bond prior to award, where the Bidder is unable to furnish the required information or data, or for other reasons which would insure proper performance by the Bidder.

16. Right to Waive Minor Irregularities

The County reserves the right to waive minor irregularities. The County also reserves the right to waive mandatory requirement(s) provided that all of the otherwise responsive bids failed to meet the same mandatory requirement(s) or doing so does not otherwise materially affect the procurement. This right is at the sole discretion of the County.

17. Change in Contractor Representatives

The County reserves the right to require a change in Contractor representatives if the assigned representatives are not, in the opinion of the County, meeting its needs adequately.

18. Notice

The Procurement Code, Sections 13-1-28 through 13-1-199 NMSA 1978, imposes civil and misdemeanor criminal penalties for its violation. The State of New Mexico criminal statutes also impose felony penalties for bribes, gratuities and kick-backs.

19. County Rights

Not applicable.

20. Ownership of Bids

All documents submitted in response to the IFB shall become the property of the County. However any technical or user documentation submitted with the bids of non-selected Bidders may be returned after the expiration of the protest period, by request, and at the expense of the Bidder.

21. Ambiguity, Inconsistency or Errors in IFB

Bidders shall promptly notify the Procurement Manager, in writing, of any ambiguity, inconsistency or error which they discover upon examination of the IFB.

22. Competition

By submitting a bid, bidder certifies that they have not, either directly or indirectly, entered into any action in restraint of full competition in connection with the bid submitted to the County.

23. Use by Other Government Agencies

By submitting a bid, Bidder indicates that they understand and agree that other local public bodies and state agencies within the State of New Mexico, if allowed by their governing directives, may contract for the goods or services included in this procurement document with the awarded Contractor(s). Contractual engagements accomplished under this provision shall be solely between the awarded Contractor and the contracting government entity with no obligation or liability by Valencia County.

24. Confidentiality

Any confidential information provided to, or developed by, the Contractor in the performance of any Agreement resulting from this IFB shall be kept confidential and shall not be made available to any individual or organization by the Contractor without the prior written approval of the County of Valencia.

25. Delivery and Failure to Meet Order Provisions

a. No Delivery Before Purchase Order is Issued: No Bidder, including a Bidder to whom an award is made, shall deliver any item of tangible personal property, commence services or start construction prior to the issuance of a Purchase Order or Notice to Proceed issued by the Valencia County Purchasing Department.

b. Failure to Meet Order Provisions: The County reserves the right to cancel all or any part of an order without cost to the County, if the Contractor fails to meet the provisions of that order and, except as otherwise provided herein, to hold the Contractor liable for any excess cost occasioned by the County due to the Contractor's default.

26. County Furnished Property

County furnished property shall be returned to the County upon request in the same condition as received except for ordinary wear, tear and modifications ordered hereunder.

27. Discounts

The Bid Form provides a space for the Bidder to identify prompt payment terms the Bidder is offering, if any. Prompt payment discounts will not be considered in computing the low bid. Discounts for payment within twenty (20) days will be considered after the award of the Contract. Discounted time will be computed from the date of receipt of the merchandise, invoice or billing for services, whichever is later.

28. Packing, Shipping and Invoicing

a. The County's Purchasing Order number and the Contractor's name, user's name and location shall be shown on each packing and delivery ticket, package, bill of lading and other correspondence in connection with the shipments. The user's count will be accepted by the Contractor as final and conclusive on all shipments not accompanied by a packing ticket.

b. The Contractor's invoice shall be submitted and shall contain the following information: order number, description of supplies or services, quantities, unit price and extended totals. Separate invoices shall be rendered for each and every complete shipment.

c. Invoices must be submitted to the Valencia County Finance Department, Attn. Accounts Payable and NOT to the using agency.

29. Electronic mail address required

A large part of the communication regarding this procurement will be conducted by electronic mail (e-mail). Bidder must have a valid e-mail address to receive this correspondence.

30. Use of Electronic Versions of this IFB

This IFB is being made available by electronic means. If accepted by such means, the potential Bidder acknowledges and accepts full responsibility to insure that no changes are made to the IFB. In the event of conflict between a version of the IFB in the potential Bidder's possession and the version maintained by the County, the version maintained by the County shall govern.

31. Samples

Unless otherwise indicated in the bid specifications, samples of the items, when required, shall be free of expense to the County. Samples not destroyed or mutilated in testing will be returned upon request, at Bidder's expense. Each sample must be labeled to clearly show the bid number and item number to which it pertains. Unsolicited bid samples or descriptive literature, which is submitted at the Bidder's risk, will not be returned.

32. Award Rights

The County reserves the right to award this Invitation to Bid in total; by groups of items; on the basis of individual items; any combination of these which could result in a multiple award; or as otherwise specified in bid specifications; whichever, in its judgment, best serves the interest of the County.

33. Delivery

All deliveries must be F.O.B. Destination – Freight Pre-Paid, unless otherwise indicated by the Purchasing Agent

34. New Materials

All bid items are to be NEW and of most current production, unless otherwise specified.

35. Addenda

Changes or amendments to specifications, conditions or provisions herein may be initiated ONLY through the Purchasing Department in the form of a written addendum. Any addenda shall become a part of this bid.

It is the responsibility of all persons or businesses considering submitting a bid in response to this solicitation to ensure that they have received all addenda prior to making a bid. Addenda will be posted to the Purchasing Department web site (http://www.co.valencia.nm.us/, via the "Purchasing" link under Bid Opportunities) prior to the due date for the receipt of bids. All potential Bidders that have submitted the Acknowledgement of Receipt Form (at Appendix A) will be notified of the availability of such addenda.

36. Disclosure of Proprietary or Confidential Materials

Upon bid opening all bids and documents pertaining to the bids will be made available to the public, except for material which is proprietary or confidential. The Procurement Manager 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 public inspection of the remaining portions of the bid. Confidential data is normally restricted to confidential financial information concerning the Bidder's organization and data that qualifies as a trade secret in accordance with the Uniform Trade Secrets Act, 57-3A-I to 57-3A-7 NMSA 1978. The price of products offered or the cost of services proposed shall not be designated as proprietary or confidential information.

If a request is received for disclosure of data for which a Bidder has made a written request for confidentiality, the Purchasing Agent shall examine the Bidder's request and make a written determination that specifies which portions of the bid should be disclosed. Unless the Bidder takes legal action to prevent the disclosure, the bid will be so disclosed. The bid shall be open to public inspection subject to any continued prohibition on the disclosure of confidential data. (See also section III.F, below.)

III. RESPONSE REQUIREMENTS

This section tells prospective Bidders how to prepare and submit their bid in response to this IFB.

A. NUMBER OF RESPONSES

Bidders may submit only one (1) response to this IFB.

Bidders are required to bid on all items within the BID LOT(s) to this IFB. In the event exceptions are taken, the Bidder must state any exception to the specifications and/or scope of work. It is the responsibility of the Bidder to certify that the materials provided under any resulting purchase order shall meet the specification requirements of this IFB. Each Bidder must provide with their return bid the written certification and/or exceptions as provided for on Appendix B of this IFB. Failure to provide this certification with your return bid shall serve as a basis for rejecting your bid without further consideration.

B. NUMBER OF COPIES

Bidders shall deliver one (1) signed and sealed bid to the location specified in Section I.E on or before the closing date and time for receipt of bids.

C. BID CONTENTS

<u>All</u> bids **MUST** contain the following four (4) items:

- 1. **<u>COMPLETED AND SIGNED Letter of Transmittal Form</u> (Found at Appendix C)**
- 2. <u>SIGNED Contract</u> (Found at Appendix B)
- 3. <u>**COMPLETED AND SIGNED BID FORM**</u> WITH PRICE(S) (Found at Appendix B, Attachment 1)

4. <u>COMPLETED AND SIGNED RESIDENT VETERAN PREFERENCE</u> <u>REVENUE CERTIFICATTION</u> (Appendix G).

Some bids **MUST** contain the following items, <u>if required in Section IV</u>, <u>SPECIFICATIONS</u> <u>AND REQUIREMENTS:</u>

5. Bid bond in proper format

6. Licenses/certifications or compliance forms

7. Any other items REQUIRED in Section IV, SPECIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS.

Bids MAY contain the following OPTIONAL item:

- 8. Resident Business Preference Certificate (See Section I.G.)
- 9. Veteran Preference Certificate (See Section I.G.)

Failure of Bidder to complete and submit required bidding documents, in accordance with all instructions provided, is cause for rejection of their bid. (A Bid Submittal Checklist is provided at Appendix E to assist Bidders in insuring they are submitting a complete and proper bid.)

D. BID FORMAT

1. To preclude any possible errors or misrepresentations, bid prices must be affixed legibly in ink or typewritten. Corrections or changes must be signed or initialed by Bidder prior to the scheduled bid opening. Failure to comply will be just cause for rejection of the bid.

2. The unit price(s) shall exclude all state and local taxes.

E. BID SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope. The bid title, the bid number and the opening date and time should be clearly indicated on the bottom left hand side of the front of the envelope. The Bidder's name shall also appear on the envelope. Failure to properly label the bid envelope may necessitate the premature opening of the bid in order to identify the bid number.

F. PROPRIETARY OR TRADE SECRET MATERIAL; EXCESSIVE MARKINGS

Any proprietary or trade secret material submitted shall be identified by some distinct method such as highlighting or underlining and must indicate only the specific words, figures, or paragraphs that the bidder feels constitute trade secret or proprietary information. (See also section II.C.36, above.)

THE CLASSIFICATION OF AN ENTIRE BID DOCUMENT, LINE ITEM PRICES AND/OR TOTAL BID PRICES AS PROPRIETARY OR TRADE SECRETS IS NOT ACCEPTABLE AND WILL RESULT IN THE REJECTION OF THE BID.

IV. SPECIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

This section details the minimum specifications for products or services sought by the County. It also provides information on the County's use and intent in providing the specifications, as well as instructions for potential Bidders that may not feel the specifications are fair, achievable or are otherwise unacceptable.

A. INFORMATION

1. Use of Brand Names and Numbers

Brand names and numbers are for reference only; equivalents will be considered. Where a brand name or equal is indicated, it is for the purpose of describing the standard of quality, performance and characteristics desired and is not intended to limit or restrict competition. "No substitute" specifications may be authorized ONLY if required to match existing equipment.

2. Equivalent Items Bid

If the Bidder offers an item other than the one specified, which the Bidder considers comparable, the manufacturer's name and model number of that item must be specified in the bid and sufficient performance specifications and descriptive data provided to permit a thorough evaluation. A separate sheet(s) may be attached for this purpose. Failure to provide the appropriate information may result in disqualification of the bid.

3. Restrictive Specifications

Specifications stated in this request are not intended to exclude any Bidder. If any Bidder is of the opinion that the specifications as written preclude them from submitting a response to this IFB, it is requested that their opinion be made known to the Purchasing Agent, in writing, as soon as possible but preferably at least three (3) days prior to the bid opening date.

4. No Bid Form

We request that any potential Bidder that reviews this IFB and chooses not to respond complete and return the No Bid Form found at Appendix D prior to the deadline for the receipt of bids. Unlike an actual bid submittal, this form MAY be sent electronically, if desired, since the potential Bidder will not be participating in the procurement. This is NOT a requirement but will assist us in insuring the quality of this procurement and in improving the quality of future procurements. No Bid Forms will become a part of the procurement file and are subject to public release. No Bid Forms may be sent anonymously, if desired.

B. MANDATORY SPECIFICATIONS

1. Agreement to Fulfill Scope of Work and Specifications

Bidder must agree to fulfill the Scope of Work and Specifications (found at Appendix B, Attachment 2) without exception.

2. Minimum Experience

Bidder must have a minimum of five (5) years of experience providing tax bill and delinquent notice printing and mailing, at the county or municipal level.

3. Completion of Bid Form (Appendix B, Attachment 1)

Bidder must complete and submit the Bid Form. Price calculations must be based on the quantities stated in the Bid Form.

4. Cost to County

Bidder must agree to charge the County only for the actual number of items processed and services rendered (in unit quantities of one thousand (1,000)) at the prices stated on the Bid Form submitted with their bid.

5. Agreement to Collaborate

Bidder must agree to work collaboratively with Valencia County personnel and the provider of our computerized financial system (Tyler Technologies "Eagle") to facilitate efficient processing and accounting at no cost to the County.

6. Cost Escalation

Bidder must expressly agree to the cost escalation provision of the contract, found at Appendix B, Section 36.

7. Property Tax Obligations

Bidders/Proposers are required to certify that they are not delinquent in the payment of their property tax obligations and that they will not become delinquent in the payment of their property tax obligations during the term of any contract that may be awarded pursuant to this solicitation. Failure to maintain compliance, or to timely cure defects, may be cause for termination of a contract or initiation of debarment proceedings against the non-compliant contractor. Bids/Proposals that fail to comply with the certification requirements will be considered non-responsive and excluded from further consideration.

8. Business Presence

Bidder must have a business presence, consisting at a minimum of a functional and operating office, within the State of New Mexico at the time of bid submittal.

C. OTHER REQUIREMENTS, PRODUCT RELATED

Not applicable.

D. OTHER REQUIREMENTS, SERVICES RELATED

Not applicable.

E. OTHER REQUIREMENTS, CONSTRUCTION RELATED

Not applicable.

V. BID OPENING, PROCESSING AND AWARD

This section describes how bids received are handled and assessed. It also describes how the award process works as well as the role of the Contract provided in Appendix B and the role of Purchase Orders that may follow Contract award.

A. BID RECEIPT

Bids shall be accepted unconditionally per NMSA 1978, Section 13-1-105 (2005). Only those bids received before the deadline for the receipt of bids will be considered. Bids received after the deadline ("late bids") will be retained in the procurement file, unopened, and shall not be considered for award.

B. BID OPENING

Bids will be opened and read in public in accordance with Section 13-1-107 of the New Mexico Procurement Code. See Section II.B.7, above, for specific information.

C. EVALUATION PROCESS

1. Compliance Review

After the required public opening and reading, all timely receive bids will be reviewed for compliance with the requirements and specifications stated within the IFB. Bids deemed non-responsive to any mandatory requirement or specification may be disqualified.

2. Clarifications

The Procurement Manager or Purchasing Agent may contact the Bidder for clarification of the response as specified in Section II.B.8.

3. Other Information Sources

The County may use other sources of information to confirm the validity of bids submitted and the ability of the Bidder to perform as specified in Section II.C.15.

4. Bid Tabulation

The bid price(s) on the Bid Form from timely received and responsive bids will be tabulated (price compared) to identify the lowest price(s) bid. If applicable, the price(s)

bid will be adjusted (for comparison and award purposes only) for those Bidders that have submitted a valid Preference Certificate with their bid.

5. Discrepancies in Price(s)

In case of an error in the Extended Price and Unit Price, the Unit Price shall govern.

6. Determination of Lowest Price

After completion of the bid tabulation, the County will examine the results to determine which Bidder offers the lowest price to the County in accordance with the specifications and terms and conditions set forth in the Invitation for Bids.

7. Public Notification of Bid Tabulations and Contract Awards

Bid tabulations and awarded Contracts will be posted to our website within approximately two (2) weeks after the bid opening date. To access go to http://www.co.valencia.nm.us and select the "Purchasing" link at the bottom of the page then select "Bid Opportunities".

8. N/A

D. AWARD AND ORDER PROCESS

1. Contract Award

Upon selection for possible Contract award, the County will add the Contractor's name and signatory information to the signed Contract (Appendix B) submitted by the Bidder and it will be submitted to the appropriate approving authority with a recommendation for award.* Once approved and signed by that approving authority the Contract is officially awarded.

*Bidders may place their company name and signatory information in the highlighted areas of the signed Contract they submit, if desired.

2. Order(s)

A successful Bidder <u>SHOULD NOT</u> begin to deliver products or begin performance based solely on Contract award as detailed above. A successful Bidder may only deliver products or begin performance AFTER the receipt of an approved Purchase Order issued by the Valencia County Purchasing Department. Failure to comply is <u>AT THE</u> <u>CONTRACTOR'S RISK</u> and the County shall not be liable to pay for any products delivered or services performed prior to the issuance of an approved Purchase Order.

APPENDIX A

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT FORM

Invitation for Bids

Production and Mailing of Tax Bills and Delinquent Tax Notices

Valencia County IFB #VCB-FY18-001

In acknowledgment of receipt of this Invitation for Bids, the undersigned agrees that he/she has received a complete copy, beginning with the title page and table of contents, and ending with Appendix G.

The acknowledgment of receipt should be signed and returned (by fax, e-mail, courier or hand delivery) to the Procurement Manager no later than July 17, 2017.

The firm listed below does/does not (circle one) intend to respond to this Invitation for Bids.

FIRM:	
	TITLE:
E-MAIL ADDRESS:	
PHONE NO.:	FAX NO.:
ADDRESS:	
CITY:	_ STATE: ZIP CODE:
SIGNATURE:	DATE:

This name and address will be used for all correspondence related to the Invitation for Bids.

Please return to:

Michelle Romero Valencia County Purchasing

444 Luna Ave, Suite 100A Los Lunas, NM 87031 Phone: (505) 866-2005 Fax: (505) 866-2424 E-mail: michelle.romero@co.valencia.nm.us

APPENDIX B

CONTRACT

VALENCIA COUNTY

CONTRACT #VCB-FY18-001

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into by and between the Board of County Commissioners of Valencia County, State of New Mexico, hereinafter referred to as the "County" and **NAME OF CONTRACTOR**, hereinafter referred to as the "Contractor", and is effective as of the date set forth below upon which it is executed by the Purchasing Agent, the Valencia County Manager and the Board of County Commissioners.

IT IS AGREED BETWEEN THE PARTIES:

1. <u>Scope of Work.</u>

The Contractor shall deliver products or perform the work outlined in <u>Attachment 2</u> in accordance with, and at the prices indicated in, <u>Attachment 1</u> or, for prices not specifically addressed in Attachment 1, at the prices indicated in the Contractor provided cost schedule. Product(s) shall be delivered or work performed only upon receipt of a valid Purchase Order issued by the County that specifically identifies the products or services to be provided by the Contractor.

2. <u>Compensation.</u>

A. The County shall pay to the Contractor in full payment for product(s) accepted or services satisfactorily performed based on the price(s) found in the Bid Form at <u>Attachment 1</u> or, if not included therein, according to the rate schedule provided with the Contractor's bid.

B. Payment is subject to availability of funds pursuant to the Appropriations Paragraph set forth below. All invoices MUST BE received by the County no later than fifteen (15) days after the termination of the Fiscal Year in which the services were delivered. Invoices received after such date WILL NOT BE PAID.

C. The Contractor shall submit an accurate invoice for actual services rendered not more frequently than once per month. Any reimbursement of taxes due to the Contractor shall be shown as a separate item. Invoices shall refer to the Purchase Order Number and shall be itemized unless otherwise specified by the County. Invoices are to be mailed to: Valencia County, Finance Department/Accounts Payable, P.O. Box 1119, Los Lunas, New Mexico 87031.

D. The payment of taxes due for any money received under this Agreement shall be the Contractor's sole responsibility and shall be reported under the Contractor's Federal and State tax identification number(s).

3. <u>Term.</u>

This Agreement shall become effective on the date of approval by the Valencia County Board for County Commissioners and shall be in force for one (1) year unless terminated pursuant to paragraph 4 (Termination), infra. Unless either party gives the other party a minimum of a thirty (30) day notice to the contrary, this agreement shall automatically renew on the anniversary date of the agreement for a second, third and fourth term. Under no circumstances shall the duration of this agreement, including all automatic term extensions, exceed four (4) years in duration.

4. <u>Termination.</u>

Termination. This Agreement may be terminated by either of the parties hereto A. upon written notice delivered to the other party at least thirty (30) days prior to the intended date of termination. Except as otherwise allowed or provided under this Agreement, the County's sole liability upon such termination shall be to pay for product(s) delivered and accepted or work performed prior to the Contractor's receipt of the notice of termination, if the County is the terminating party, or the Contractor's sending of the notice of termination, if the Contractor is the terminating party; provided, however, that a notice of termination shall not nullify or otherwise affect either party's liability for pre-termination defaults under or breaches of this Agreement. The Contractor shall submit an invoice for product(s) delivered or such work performed within thirty (30) days of receiving or sending the notice of termination. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Agreement may be terminated immediately upon written notice to the Contractor if the Contractor becomes unable to perform the services contracted for, as determined by the County or if, during the term of this Agreement, the Contractor or any of its officers, employees or agents is indicted for fraud, embezzlement or other crime due to misuse of government funds or due to the Appropriations paragraph herein. THIS PROVISION IS NOT EXCLUSIVE AND DOES NOT WAIVE THE COUNTY'S OTHER LEGAL RIGHTS AND REMEDIES CAUSED BY THE CONTRACTOR'S DEFAULT/BREACH OF THIS AGREEMENT.

B. Termination Management. Immediately upon receipt by either the County or the Contractor of notice of termination of this Agreement, the Contractor shall: 1) not incur any further obligations for salaries, services or any other expenditure of funds under this Agreement without written approval of the County; 2) comply with all directives issued by the County in the notice of termination as to the performance of work under this Agreement; and 3) take such action as the County shall direct for the protection, preservation, retention or transfer of all property titled to the County and records generated under this Agreement. Any non-expendable personal property or equipment provided to or purchased by the Contractor with Contract funds shall become property of the County upon termination and shall be submitted to the County as soon as practicable.

5. <u>Appropriations.</u>

The terms of this Agreement are contingent upon sufficient appropriations and authorization being made by the Board of County Commissioners for the performance of this Agreement. If sufficient appropriations and authorization are not made by the Board of County Commissioners, this Agreement shall terminate immediately upon written notice being given by the County to the Contractor. The County's decision as to whether sufficient appropriations are available shall be accepted by the Contractor and shall be final. If the County proposes an amendment to the Agreement to unilaterally reduce funding, the Contractor shall have the option to terminate the Agreement or to agree to the reduced funding, within thirty (30) days of receipt of the proposed amendment

6. <u>Status of Contractor.</u>

The Contractor and its agents and employees are independent contractors providing product(s) or performing services for the County and are not employees of the County of Valencia. The Contractor and its agents and employees shall not accrue leave, retirement, insurance, bonding, use of county vehicles, or any other benefits afforded to employees of the County of Valencia as a result of this Agreement. The Contractor acknowledges that all sums received hereunder are reportable by the Contractor for tax purposes, including without limitation, self-employment and business income tax. The Contractor agrees not to purport to bind the County of Valencia unless the Contractor has express written authority to do so, and then only within the strict limits of that authority.

7. <u>Assignment.</u>

The Contractor shall not assign or transfer any interest in this Agreement or assign any claims for money due or to become due under this Agreement without the prior written approval of the County. No such assignment or transfer shall relieve the Contractor from the obligations and liabilities under this Agreement.

8. <u>Subcontracting.</u>

Not applicable.

9. <u>Release.</u>

Final payment of the amounts due under this Agreement shall operate as a release of the procuring agency of the County, its officers and employees, and the County of Valencia from all liabilities, claims and obligations whatsoever arising from or under this Agreement.

10. <u>Confidentiality.</u>

Any confidential information provided to or developed by the Contractor in the performance of this Agreement shall be kept confidential and shall not be made available to any individual or organization by the Contractor without the prior written approval of the County.

11. <u>Product of Service -- Copyright.</u>

All materials developed or acquired by the Contractor under this Agreement shall become the property of the County of Valencia and shall be delivered to the County no later than the termination date of this Agreement. Nothing developed or produced, in whole or in part, by the Contractor under this Agreement shall be the subject of an application for copyright or other claim of ownership by or on behalf of the Contractor.

12. <u>Conflict of Interest; Governmental Conduct Act.</u>

A. The Contractor represents and warrants that it presently has no interest and, during the term of this Agreement, shall not acquire any interest, direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance or services required under the Agreement.

B. The Contractor further represents and warrants that it has complied with, and, during the term of this Agreement, will continue to comply with, and that this Agreement complies with all applicable provisions of the Governmental Conduct Act, Chapter 10, Article 16 NMSA 1978. Without in anyway limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Contractor specifically represents and warrants that:

1. in accordance with Section 10-16-4.3 NMSA 1978, the Contractor does not employ, has not employed, and will not employ during the term of this Agreement any County employee while such employee was or is employed by the County and participating directly or indirectly in the County's contracting process;

2. this Agreement complies with Section 10-16-7(B) NMSA 1978 because (a) the Contractor is not a public officer or employee of the County; (b) the Contractor is not a member of the family of a public officer or employee of the County; (c) the Contractor is not a business in which a public officer or employee or the family of a public officer or employee has a substantial interest; or (d) if the Contractor is a public officer or employee of the County, a member of the family of a public officer or employee of the County, or a business in which a public officer or employee of the County, or a business in which a public officer or employee of the County or the family of a public officer or employee of the County has a substantial interest, public notice was given as required by Section 10-16-7(B) NMSA 1978 and this Agreement was awarded pursuant to a competitive process;

3. in accordance with Section 10-16-8(C) NMSA 1978, (a) the Contractor is not, and has not been represented by, a person who has been a public officer or employee of the County within the preceding year and whose official act directly resulted in this Agreement and (b) the Contractor is not, and has not been assisted in any way regarding this transaction by, a former public officer or employee of the County whose official act, while in County employment, directly resulted in the County's making this Agreement;

4. in accordance with Section 10-16-13 NMSA 1978, the Contractor has not directly participated in the preparation of specifications, qualifications or evaluation criteria for this Agreement or any procurement related to this Agreement; and

5. in accordance with Section 10-16-3 and Section 10-16-13.3 NMSA 1978, the Contractor has not contributed, and during the term of this Agreement shall not contribute, anything of value to a public officer or employee of the County.

C. Contractor's representations and warranties in Paragraphs A and B of this Article 12 are material representations of fact upon which the County relied when this Agreement was entered into by the parties. Contractor shall provide immediate written notice to the County if, at any time during the term of this Agreement, Contractor learns that Contractor's representations and warranties in Paragraphs A and B of this Article 12 were erroneous on the effective date of this Agreement or have become erroneous by reason of new or changed circumstances. If it is later determined that Contractor's representations and warranties in Paragraphs A and B of this Article 12 were erroneous on the effective date of this Agreement or have become erroneous by reason of new or changed circumstances. If it is later determined that Contractor's representations and warranties in Paragraphs A and B of this Article 12 were erroneous on the effective date of this Agreement or have become erroneous by reason of new or changed circumstances, in addition to other remedies available to the County and notwithstanding anything in the Agreement to the contrary, the County may immediately terminate the Agreement.

D. All terms defined in the Governmental Conduct Act have the same meaning in this Article 12(B).

13. <u>Amendment.</u>

This Agreement shall not be altered, changed or amended except by instrument in writing executed by the parties hereto and all other required signatories.

14. Merger.

This Agreement incorporates all the Agreements, covenants and understandings between the parties hereto concerning the subject matter hereof, and all such covenants, Agreements and understandings have been merged into this written Agreement. No prior Agreement or understanding, oral or otherwise, of the parties or their agents shall be valid or enforceable unless embodied in this Agreement.

15. <u>Penalties for violation of law.</u>

The Procurement Code, Sections 13-1-28 through 13-1-199, NMSA 1978, imposes civil and criminal penalties for its violation. In addition, the New Mexico criminal statutes impose felony penalties for illegal bribes, gratuities and kickbacks.

16. Equal Opportunity Compliance.

The Contractor agrees to abide by all federal, state and county laws and rules and regulations, pertaining to equal employment opportunity. In accordance with all such laws, the Contractor assures that no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, age, physical or mental handicap, or serious medical condition, spousal affiliation, sexual orientation or gender identity, be excluded from employment with or participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity performed under this Agreement. If Contractor is found not to be in compliance with these requirements

during the life of this Agreement, Contractor agrees to take appropriate steps to correct these deficiencies.

17. <u>Applicable Law.</u>

In any action, suit or legal dispute arising from this Agreement, the Contractor agrees that the laws of the State of New Mexico shall govern and that venue will lie in the Thirteenth Judicial District Court in Valencia County. By execution of this Agreement, Contractor acknowledges and agrees to the jurisdiction of the courts of the State of New Mexico over any and all lawsuits arising under or out of any term of this Agreement.

18. <u>Workers Compensation.</u>

The Contractor agrees to comply with state laws and rules applicable to workers compensation benefits for its employees. If the Contractor fails to comply with the Workers Compensation Act and applicable rules when required to do so, this Agreement may be terminated by the County.

19. <u>Records and Financial Audit.</u>

The Contractor shall maintain detailed time and expenditure records that indicate the date; time, nature and cost of product(s) delivered or services rendered during the Agreement's term and effect and retain them for a period of three (3) years from the date of final payment under this Agreement. The records shall be subject to inspection by the County, the Department of Finance and Administration and the State Auditor. The County shall have the right to audit billings both before and after payment. Payment under this Agreement shall not foreclose the right of the County to recover excessive or illegal payments

20. Disclaimer and Hold Harmless.

The Valencia County shall not be liable to the Contractor, or the Contractor's successors, heirs, administrators, or assigns, for any loss, damage, or injury, whether to Contractor's person or property, occurring in connection with Contractor's performance of Contractor's duties according to this Agreement. Contractor shall hold the Valencia County harmless from all loss, damage, and injury, including court costs and attorney fees, incurred by Valencia County in connection with the performance by Contractor of Contractor's duties according to this Agreement.

21. <u>Indemnification.</u>

The Contractor shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the County of Valencia from all actions, proceeding, claims, demands, costs, damages, attorneys' fees and all other liabilities and expenses of any kind from any source which may arise out of the performance of this Agreement, caused by the negligent act or failure to act of the Contractor, its officers, employees, servants, subcontractors or agents, or if caused by the actions of any client of the Contractor resulting in injury or damage to persons or property during the time when the Contractor or any officer, agent, employee, servant or subcontractor thereof has or is performing services pursuant to this Agreement. In the event that any action, suit or proceeding related to the services performed by the Contractor or any officer, agent, employee, servant or subcontractor under this Agreement is brought against the Contractor, the Contractor shall, as soon as practicable but no later than two (2) days after it receives notice thereof, notify the legal counsel of the County of Valencia and the New Mexico Association of Counties by certified mail.

22. Invalid Term or Condition.

If any term or condition of this Agreement shall be held invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Agreement shall not be affected and shall be valid and enforceable.

23. <u>Enforcement of Agreement.</u>

A party's failure to require strict performance of any provision of this Agreement shall not waive or diminish that party's right thereafter to demand strict compliance with that or any other provision. No waiver by a party of any of its rights under this Agreement shall be effective unless express and in writing, and no effective waiver by a party of any of its rights shall be effective to waive any other rights.

24. <u>Authority.</u>

If Contractor is other than a natural person, the individual(s) signing this Agreement on behalf of Contractor represents and warrants that he or she has the power and authority to bind Contractor, and that no further action, resolution, or approval from Contractor is necessary to enter into a binding contract.

25. <u>Lobbying.</u>

No federal appropriated funds can be paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the CONTRACTOR, or any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any County, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, or the making of any Federal grant, the making of any federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement. If any funds other than federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any County, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection of this federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the CONTRACTOR shall complete and submit Standard Form LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.

26. <u>Non-Collusion.</u>

In signing this bid the Bidder certifies he/she has not, either directly or indirectly, entered into action in restraint of free competitive bidding in connection with this offer submitted to the County.

27. <u>Survival.</u>

The Agreement paragraphs titled "Patent, Copyright, Trademark, and Trade Secret Indemnification" and "Indemnification" shall survive the expiration of this Agreement. Software licenses, leases, maintenance and any other unexpired Agreements that were entered into under the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall survive this Agreement

28. <u>Succession.</u>

This Agreement shall extend to and be binding upon the successors and assigns of the parties.

29. <u>Force Majeure.</u>

A party shall be excused from performance under this Agreement for any period that the party is prevented from performing as a result of an act of God, strike, war, civil disturbance, epidemic, or court order, provided that the party has prudently and promptly acted to take any and all steps that are within the party's control to ensure performance. Subject to this provision, such non-performance shall not be deemed a default or a ground for termination.

30. <u>Mediation.</u>

In the event a dispute arises as to the rights and obligations among the parties hereto, the parties agree to attempt to resolve the dispute through mediation as a condition precedent to seeking legal and equitable remedies. The parties agree to evenly split the costs of any such mediation services. The parties shall mutually agree upon the choice of mediator. In the event the parties have not agreed upon a mediator within twenty (20) days of written notice to the other regarding the dispute, then a list of seven potential mediators will be obtained from the New Mexico Association of Counties and the parties shall utilize a striking process until a mediator is agreed upon.

31. <u>Notice to Proceed.</u>

It is expressly understood that this Agreement is not binding upon the County until it is executed by the Board of County Commissioners after voting on the Contract at a public meeting or unless it is executed by the Valencia County Manager, if the amount of the Contract is \$10,000.00 or less. Further, the Contractor is not to proceed with its obligations under the Agreement until the Contractor has received a fully executed copy of the Agreement and one or more valid Purchase Orders issued by the County.

32. <u>Attorney's Fees.</u>

In the event this Agreement results in dispute, mediation, litigation, or settlement between the parties to this Agreement, the prevailing party of such action shall NOT be entitled to an award of attorneys' fees and court costs.

33. <u>Cooperation.</u>

All parties hereto will fully cooperate with the other and their respective counsel, accountant, and agents in connection with any steps required to be taken under this Agreement.

34. Incorporation and Order of Precedence.

Invitation for Bids No. VCB-FY18-001, the Contractor's Bid Form are incorporated by reference into this Agreement and are made a part of this Agreement. In the event of any conflict among these documents, the following order of precedence shall apply:

- 1. Any Contract amendment(s), in reverse chronological order; then
- 2. this Contract itself; then
- 3. the Invitation for Bids; then
- 4. the Contractor's Bid Form; then
- 5. the Contractor's standard agreement terms and conditions (which may or may not have been submitted as part of the Contractor's bid).

35. <u>Patent, Copyright, Trademark and Trade Secret Indemnification.</u>

A. The Contractor shall defend, at its own expense, the County of Valencia against any claim that any product or service provided under this Agreement infringes any patent, copyright or trademark in the United States or Puerto Rico, and shall pay all costs, damages and attorneys' fees that a court finally awards as a result of any such claim. In addition, if any third party obtains a judgment against the County of Valencia based upon the Contractor's trade secret infringement relating to any product or service provided under this Agreement, the Contractor agrees to reimburse the County of Valencia for all costs, attorneys' fees and the amount of the judgment. To qualify for such defense and/or payment, the County of Valencia shall:

- i. give the Contractor prompt written notice of any claim;
- ii. allow the Contractor to control the defense or settlement of the claim; and
- iii. cooperate with the Contractor in a reasonable way to facilitate the defense or settlement of the claim.

B. If any product or service becomes, or in the Contractor's opinion is likely to become the subject of a claim of infringement, the Contractor shall at its option and expense:

i. provide a procuring agency of the County the right to continue using the product or service;

ii. replace or modify the product or service so that it becomes non-infringing; or

iii. accept the return of the product or service and refund an amount equal to the depreciated value of the returned product or service, less the unpaid portion of the purchase price and any other amounts which are due to the Contractor. The Contractor's obligation will be void as to any product or service modified by the procuring agency of the County to the extent such modification is the cause of the claim.

36. Escalation Clause.

Contractor may request a price escalation due to increased cost to the Contractor annually on the anniversary of contract award. Price escalation shall be limited to the lesser of (A) the percentage change in the Contractor's published commercial prices, for the same services, during the previous twelve (12) month period or (B) the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index described below ("CPI") during the previous twelve (12) month period, based on most recently available government data.

The index to be used for any such CPI calculation is the "All items" index which appears within "Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)", Table 3. This table is produced by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics and may currently be found by going to: "<u>http://www.bls.gov/cpi/tables.htm</u>". Under "CPI Detailed Report Tables" select the link for the most recently available "CPI Detailed Report (complete text and tables)". Table 3 is contained within that report. The specific number to be used for calculations shall come from the "Unadjusted percent change" column. These requirements and limitations shall continue to apply should the U.S. Department of Labor change their web site such that these directions are rendered invalid.

37. <u>Warranties.</u>

Contractor warrants the materials, supplies or services furnished to be exactly as specified, free from defects in Contractor's design, labor, materials and manufacture, and to be in compliance with any drawings or specifications incorporated herein and with any samples furnished by Contractor. Materials furnished by Contractor shall be accompanied by the manufacturer's written warranty against defects in quality, craftsmanship, and materials.

38. <u>Commercial Warranty.</u>

The Contractor agrees that the supplies or services furnished under this order shall be covered by the most favorable commercial warranties the Contractor gives for such to any customer for such supplies or services. The rights and remedies provided herein shall extend to the County and are in addition to and do not limit any rights afforded to the County by any other clause of this Agreement. Contractor agrees not to disclaim warranties of fitness for a particular purpose of merchantability. Warranties shall become effective at the time of acceptance.

39. Inspection.

Final inspection and acceptance will be made at the destination. Supplies rejected at the destination for nonconformance with specifications shall be removed at the Contractor's risk and expense, promptly after notice of rejection.

40. <u>Inspection of Plant.</u>

The County may inspect, at any reasonable time, the part of the Contractor's, or any subcontractor's plant or place of business, which is related to the performance of this Contract.

41. Late Payment Charges.

Except as otherwise agreed to: late payment charges may be assessed against the user agency in the amount and under the conditions set forth in Section 13-1-158 NMSA 1978.

42. <u>Overcharge Resulting from Antitrust Violations.</u>

Contractor agrees that any and all claims for overcharge resulting from antitrust violations which are borne by the County as to goods, services, and materials purchased in connection with this bid are hereby assigned to the County.

43. <u>Succession.</u>

This Agreement shall extend to and be binding upon the successors and assigns of the parties.

44. Contractor's Payment of Property Taxes.

Contractor acknowledges that County has established a policy of ensuring that all individuals and businesses that benefit financially from County through contract are current in paying their property tax obligations to mitigate the economic burden otherwise imposed upon County and its taxpayers. Contractor warrants and certifies that it is presently not delinquent in the payment of its property tax obligations, and that it will not become delinquent during the term of this Contract.

45. <u>Termination For Failure to Comply with County's Tax Reduction Policy.</u>

Without limiting the rights and remedies available to County under any other provision of this contract, failure of Contractor to cure a property tax delinquency within 10 days of notice shall be grounds upon which County may terminate this Contract.

46. <u>Notices.</u>

Any notice required to be given to either party by this Agreement shall be in writing and hall be delivered in person, by courier service or by U.S. mail, either first class or certified, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, as follows:

Danny Monette, County Manager
PO Box 1119
Los Lunas, NM 87031

To the Contractor:	[]
	Phone
	Email:

State Taxation & Revenue Department Taxpayer Identification Number:

Federal Taxpayer Identification Number: _____

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the date of signature by the Board of County Commissioners below.

By:			Date:	
5	Contractor			
Printe	ed Name:			
	Address:			
By:			Date:	
J *	Valencia Co	ounty Manager		
Printe	ed Name: Dan	ny Monette		
	Address:	PO Box 1119, Los Lunas,	NM 87031	
By:			_ Date:	
•	Valencia Co	ounty Purchasing Agent		
Printe	ed Name: Mic	helle Romero		
	Address:	PO Box 1119, Los Lunas,	NM 87031	

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

APPROVED, ADOPTED AND PASSED on this _____ day of _____, 2017.

Charles Eaton Chair, District IV Jhonathan Aragon, Commission Vice-Chair, District V

Helen Y. Cole Commissioner, District I Billy Ray Martinez, Commissioner, District II

David Hyder Commissioner, District III

Attest:

Peggy Carabajal Valencia County Clerk

Appendix B, Attachment 1

Bid Form

Valencia County

Production and Mailing of Tax Bills and Delinquent Tax Notices

To: Valencia County Attn. Purchasing 444 Luna Ave., Suite 100A Los Lunas, NM 87031

From:

Name of Bidder

Mailing Address

City, State & Zip

Responses to Mandatory Specifications (Reference Section IV)

Reference	Mandatory Specification	YES	NO
IV.B.1	Bidder agrees to fulfill the Scope of Work and Specifications,		
1,1211	as found at Appendix B, Attachment 2, without exception.		
IV.B.2	Bidder certifies that they have a minimum of five (5) years of		
	experience providing tax bill and delinquent notice printing		
	and mailing, at the county or municipal level.		
IV.B.3	Bidder has completed and submitted herein the Bid Form with		
	calculations based on the quantities stated in the Bid Form.		
IV.B.4	Bidder agrees to charge the County only for the actual number		
	of items processed and services rendered (in unit quantities of		
	one thousand (1,000)) at the prices stated on the Bid Form		
	submitted with their bid.		
IV.B.5	Bidder agrees to work collaboratively with Valencia County		
	personnel and the provider of our computerized finance system		
	(Tyler Technologies "Eagle") to facilitate efficient processing		
	and accounting at no cost to the County.		
IV.B.6	Bidder expressly acknowledges and agrees to comply with the		
	Cost Escalation clause of the contract at Appendix B,		
	Paragraph 36.		

IV.B.7	Bidder/Proposer certifies that we are not delinquent in the payment of our property tax obligations and will not become delinquent in the payment of our property tax obligations during the term of any contract that may be awarded pursuant to this solicitation. We understand and acknowledge that failure to maintain compliance, or to timely cure defects, may be cause for termination of a contract or initiation of debarment proceedings against us. We further understand and acknowledge that failure to comply with this certification requirement will be render our bid/proposal non-responsive and it shall be excluded from further consideration.
IV.B.8	Bidder certifies that they currently have a business presence, consisting at a minimum of a functional and operating office, within the State of New Mexico.

Bidders MUST mark either the "Yes" column or the "No" column for EACH Mandatory Specification. <u>Marking the "No" column, or not marking either column, may lead to the</u> <u>bid being declared non-responsive and being disqualified on that basis.</u>

If bidders take exception to any of the mandatory specifications, each exception must be addressed. Attach such explanations on a separate sheet and included that sheet (s) with the bid. Potential bidders are <u>strongly encouraged</u> to raise any issues that could lead to their need to cite an exception during the Pre-Bid Conference or as part of the Questions and Answers process. If the issue(s) raised impact the overall fairness of the procurement process, or in some manner limit fair competition, consideration will be given to amending the IFB to resolve those issues. <u>Taking exception to one or more mandatory specifications</u> may lead to the bid being declared non-responsive and being disqualified on that basis.

Price(s) Bid Form

Responding to Invitation for Bid No. VCB-FY18-001 due not later than **July 27, 2017** 2:00 PM local time undersigned Bidder agrees to furnish and deliver the required product(s) or service(s) bid per the specifications upon receipt of a valid Purchase Order. We have stated hereon the prices at which we will furnish and deliver the specified product or services and will accept as full payment therefore the amount shown below.

For Property Tax Bills Only ("Tax Bill Portion")

Item	Unit Price per Thousand*	Quantity**	Extended Price*
Printing and mailing of Tax Bills with informational insert and remittance envelope.		210,000	

For Delinquent Tax Notices Only ("Delinquent Tax Notices Portion")

Item	Unit Price per Thousand*	Quantity**	Extended Price*
Printing and mailing of delinquent tax notices with remittance envelope.		50,000	

Sum of Amounts Bid

(This amount will be used to compare bids to identify the low priced bidder.)

Item		Total Amount Bid*
Sum of Extended Price for "Printing and Mailing of Tax Bills with Informational Insert and remittance envelope." (above) AND Extended Price for "Printing and mailing of delinquent tax notices with remittance envelope." (above).		

* In dollars. Unit prices may be extended to multiple decimal places if desired.

** Quantities listed are estimates only and are used to insure fair comparison between bids received. Actual quantities may vary. County will pay for actual quantities, on a "Per Thousand" unit price basis according to the price shown in the "Unit Price per Thousand" column.

Total Amount Bid\$_____

Total Amount Bid Written in Words:

(does not affect bid determination) NMGRT rate_____%

This bid will be judged based upon the "Total Amount Bid" as written in words. Where there are discrepancies between unit price and extended total, UNIT PRICE WILL GOVERN. Where there is a discrepancy between words and figures, WORDS WILL GOVERN.

<u>Contract award will be to the fully responsive and responsible bidder offering the lowest</u> <u>"Total Amount Bid", above.</u>

Payment terms (OPTIONAL): Bidder offers a _____% discount for payments made within _____ days of acceptance of the goods or services shown on a correct and valid invoice. Terms of less than twenty (20) days will not be considered.

Please check your calculations before submitting your bid; the Agency will not be responsible for Bidder miscalculations.

Signature below verifies that Bidder has read, understands, and agrees to the terms and conditions of this solicitation, attachments, and addenda.

Bidder hereby acknowledges receipt of Addenda

Number _	, Dated _	
Number _	, Dated _	
Number _	, Dated _	

(Add additional if needed)

The representations herein are made under penalty of perjury. We hereby offer to sell the Agency the above product(s) or services at the prices shown and under the terms and conditions herein, attached, or incorporated by referenced.

Bidder Name

Signature of Authorize Representative

Address

Name of Authorized Representative

 City, State, Zip Code
 Title of Authorized Representative

 Telephone Number
 Date

Appendix B, Attachment 2

Scope of Work and Specifications

Valencia County

Production and Mailing of Tax Bills and Delinquent Tax Notices

1.0 Requirements Common to Both Tax Bills and Delinquent Notices

1.1 Overall

1.1.1 Contractor shall provide all necessary products and services for a two way mailing system to convey tax bills and delinquent tax notices from Valencia County to its taxpayers including design, printing, incorporation of variable data image(s), CASS certification and preparation for mailing.

1.1.2 Contractor must have knowledge of, and comply with, the County Tax Code and the State of New Mexico Statutes pertaining to printing and mailing of the tax bills and delinquent notices.

1.1.3 Contractor shall work closely with the Office of the County Treasurer and appropriate office staff to insure on-time mailing of tax bills and delinquent notices.

1.1.4 Bid on this contract shall be made on a per thousand basis and must include design, printing and any other services required to complete the project successfully. Valencia County will provide the U.S. Post Office in Los Lunas, NM with the postage required. Actual mailing may be accomplished at any U.S. Post Office of the Contractor's choice.

1.2 Preparation

1.2.1 A scheduling calendar shall be established between the Office of the Treasurer and the Contractor for the tax bills and delinquent notices. That calendar shall include, at a minimum, a Test Run Schedule, Production Schedule and a list of knowledgeable contact people. Contractor shall adhere as closely as possible to the calendar to avoid communication and scheduling problems.

1.2.2 Contractor shall get approval from the New Mexico Department of Taxation and Revenue, Property Tax Division, prior to the printing of the tax bills and delinquent notices.

1.2.3 Contractor shall provide technical assistance to Valencia County in the preparation of data for tax bill and delinquent notice mailings.

1.3 Conduct of the Work Effort

1.3.1 Contractor shall perform all work connected with this project within New Mexico to facilitate easier management of the technical requirements, testing and any programming exceptions that develop.

1.3.2 The use of subcontractors, for any portion of the work to be performed, is not allowed.

1.3.3 Contractor shall work closely with the supplier of the County's new financial system (Tyler Technologies, "Eagle" system) to ensure integrity of the data, including comparison of samples for the pre and post data conversion from our previous financial system (Triadic Enterprises).

1.3.4 All printouts, duplicates of items or other materials provided by Valencia County must be kept accountable and under strict security to prevent release of information to any unauthorized person or parties.

1.3.5 Variable information shall be clearly printed on the face of the tax bills and delinquent notices.

1.3.6 Contractor shall perform any needed special programming and handling of tax bills and delinquency notices for property owners with multiple notices going to the same address.

1.3.7 Contractor shall maintain a thorough quality assurance and verification program to insure maximum deliverability of tax bills and delinquent notices.

1.3.8 Contractor shall assume responsibility for any and all damaged or destroyed tax bills or delinquency notices prior to their final delivery to a U.S. Post Office for mailing.

1.3.9 Contractor shall submit, with their invoice, an itemized breakdown of the total count mailed and/or returned to the Valencia County Treasurer. This must include, but is not limited to, the items mailed in and out of the United States, bad or unknown addresses and multiples notices going to the same address."

1.4 Information Transfer

1.4.1 Variable information to be imaged on tax bills and delinquent notices will be electronically transmitted through a mutually developed secured data protocol system or may be alternately supplied to vendor via commonly used digital media

such as CD-ROM, DVD-ROM or flash drive. The choice of transmission method shall be at the sole discretion of the County.

1.4.2 Data for imaging on tax bills and delinquent notices shall be provided in fixed length, flat ASCII files.

1.5 Proofs

1.5.1 Contractor shall supply complete proofs of the tax bills to the County Treasurer within fourteen (14) calendar days of contract award and must receive written approval from the County Treasurer before beginning production printing.

1.5.2 Contractor shall supply complete proofs of the delinquent notices to the County Treasurer within fourteen (14) calendar days of receipt of a written request from the County Treasurer's office for the delinquent notice proofs and must receive written approval from the County Treasurer before beginning production printing.

1.6 Mailing

1.6.1 Entire mailing file shall be reviewed by National Change of address (NCOA) system in preparation of mailing.

1.6.2 All outgoing mail pieces shall include the First Class Permit and have any other required postal indicia properly affixed. All such mail pieces shall be delivered fully sealed, addressed and pre-sorted. This presort shall be performed in compliance with all current U.S. Postal Service requirements.

1.6.3 Contractor shall affix proper postage and any necessary endorsements for all items mailed outside of the United States.

1.6.4 All outgoing mail pieces must be delivery point bar coded to meet and maximize postal discounts.

1.6.5 All tax bills and delinquent notices resulting in bad or unknown addresses must be processed and returned to the County Treasurer.

1.7 Mail Piece Specifications

1.7.1 All outgoing and remittance envelopes shall be of a postal service approved size and design to facilitate economical postage and handling costs.

1.7.2 All mailing pieces (outgoing standard #10 and remittances tinted #9 envelopes with window) must meet all current postal requirements, including postage logo, bar coding, address location on outgoing and remittance envelopes, as well as requirements for any other printing on envelopes.

1.7.3 All outgoing envelopes (tax bills and delinquent notices alike) shall be printed with one ink color on the face. All remittance envelopes provided to the taxpayer (tax bills and delinquent notices alike) shall include an inside tint, or other common industry accepted security device, to obscure the view of any check or other payment document enclosed.

1.7.4 Both tax bills and delinquent notices shall be printed on 24# OCR (optical character recognition) compatible white bond paper or equivalent.

2.0 Requirements that Apply ONLY to Tax Bills

2.1 Overall

Contractor shall produce the tax bills for the for the current tax billing period as well as the accompanying mailing envelopes. Contractor shall also produce a two sided informational insert to be included with each tax bill mailed out.

2.2 Performance Bond

2.2.1 A performance bond in the amount of 100% of the value of the tax bill portion (only) of the contract shall be required of the successful bidder prior to contract award.

2.2.2 Proof of ability to secure the required performance bond must be submitted with the bid. The successful bidder must present the required performance bond to Valencia County, upon demand, before the contract will be finalized and awarded.

- 2.3 Tax Bill and Informational Insert
 - 2.3.1 Tax Bill

2.3.1.1 Contractor shall create a tax bill in an easily readable format that contains all necessary data and information contained in the data file record layout provided in Attachment 3.

2.3.1.2 The tax bill must be of a design and printed in such a manner as to be readable by a document reader.

2.3.1.3 Tax bill must incorporate three (3) payment coupons as an integral part of the form.

2.3.1.4 Each payment coupon must contain a five-eight's inch clear band at the bottom of the coupon for OCR character encoding.

2.3.1.5 Tax bill design shall incorporate perforations to aid in folding of form as well as separation of coupons from taxpayers copy.

2.3.2 Informational Insert

The content of the informational insert shall be established in consultation with the County Treasurer's office.

2.4 Specifications

2.4.1 Content

Each tax bill mailing piece shall consist of a two sided printed tax bill, a twosided printed informational insert illustrating the distribution of tax revenues within Valencia County and two (2) special envelopes, one (1) outgoing and one (1) windowed remittance.

2.4.2 Printing Scheme

Both tax bills and informational inserts shall be printed in a scheme of three (3) ink colors over one (1).

2.4.3 Tax Bill Size

The tax bill shall be a minimum of 11 inches in depth and a maximum of $8\frac{1}{2}$ inches in width.

2.4.4 Informational Insert Size

The informational insert will be $8\frac{1}{2}$ " x 11" in size.

2.4.5 Quantity

The Valencia County Treasurer estimates approximately two hundred and ten thousand (210,000) tax bills (with informational insert) are to be produced and mailed for the for the current tax billing period.

2.4.6 Conduct of the Work Effort

2.4.6.1 Contractor shall perform all operations necessary for processing and mailing tax bills.

2.4.6.2 Contractor shall work closely with the selected bank that will provide our lockbox payment processing. This contractor must have knowledge of the algorithm used in order for the bank to process the taxpayer's payments.

2.4.6.3 Contractor shall print a minimum of forty (40) coupons (on the tax bill for data verification by the County Treasurer's office) within fourteen (14) days of Treasurer's office approval of the proof of the tax bill.

2.4.6.4 Contractor shall be responsible for the costs incurred in processing the coupons as well as any and all handling costs that occur during the tax bill proofing, testing and production process.

2.4.6.5 Over-runs are not acceptable to Valencia County <u>and shall not be</u> paid for.

2.4.6.6 Tax bills must be delivered to a United States Post Office in time to complete the mailing no later than November first (1^{st}) of each year or, if that date falls on a weekend or a holiday, on the first business day following November first (1^{st}) .

2.4.6.7 Performance assurance

2.4.6.7.1 Failure to complete the mailing by the November first (1^{st}) mailing deadline, as specified immediately above, shall result in a penalty of 10% of the value of the tax bill (only) portion of the contract, per day of failure to complete the mailing, for up to a maximum of five (5) days.

2.4.6.7.2 Any penalty due Valencia County for failure to complete the mailing, as specified immediately above, shall be deducted from monies due the Contractor at the time of receipt and acceptance of a valid invoice for any or all services rendered.

3.0 Requirements that Apply ONLY to Delinquent Notices

3.1 Quantity

The Valencia County Treasurer estimates a total of fifty thousand (50,000) items.

3.2 Delinquent Notice Size

Delinquent Notice shall be 8-1/2 inches in width with a depth of 11 inches.

3.3 Integral Component

The notice shall incorporate a perforated payment coupon as a part of the integral component of the delinquent notice. 3.4 Informational Insert Informational insert shall be 8 1/2 inches in width and a depth of 3 ¹/₂ inches.

APPENDIX C

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL FORM

Items #1 to 3 MUST EACH BE RESPONDED TO. Failure to respond to all three items WILL RESULT IN THE DISQUALIFICATION OF THE BID!

1. Identity (Name) and Mailing Address of the submitting organization:

2. For the person submitting the bid:

Name	
Title	
E-Mail Address	
Telephone Number	

3. Bidder must identify any employee(s) or elected official(s) of Valencia County that have a financial interest in the Bidder (one of the two **must** be selected):

_____ No Financial Interest _____ Yes, Financial Interest*

*Specify by name(s): _____

4. Declarations:

- I certify that I am authorized to contractually bind my company.
- On behalf of the submitting organization named in item #1, above, I accept the Conditions Governing the Procurement as required in Section II, Paragraph C.1.
- I acknowledge receipt of any and all amendments to this IFB.
- I certify that my company/entity/organization commits to comply and act in accordance with (1) Federal Executive Orders and New Mexico State Statutes relating to the enforcement of civil rights, (2) Federal Code 5 USCA 7201 et. seq., Anti-Discrimination in Employment; (3) Executive Order No. 11246, Equal Opportunity in Federal Employment; (4) Title 6, Civil Rights Act of 1964; and (5) Requirements of the American with Disabilities Act of 1990 for work performed as a result of this IFB.

_____, 2017

Authorized Signature and Date (Must be signed by the person identified in item #2, above.)

APPENDIX D

NO BID FORM VCB-FY18-001

In an effort to make the procurement of Valencia County goods and services as competitive as possible, we are soliciting information from persons or businesses who cannot bid. Completion of this form will assist us in evaluating factors, which relate to the competitiveness of our bids. Please check any of the boxes below, which may apply. THIS FORM IS OPTIONAL.

- _____ Specifications Restrictive, unclear, specialty item, etc.
- _____ Manufacturing Unique item, production time for model or item has expired, etc.
- _____ Bid Time Insufficient time to properly bid.
- _____ Delivery Time Specified delivery time cannot be met.
- _____ Payment Delay in payment process.
- _____ Miscellaneous Do not wish to bid, do not handle this type of item(s), unable to compete, etc.

The intent in obtaining this information is to utilize it to adjust procedures, if appropriate and to obtain maximum participation in the competitive bid process. Vendor comments are not restricted to those items listed. Please submit any statement relative to this bid, which you feel has an impact on your inability to bid.

VENDOR STATEMENT

Note: Return this form only if you are not submitting a bid

Signed

Firm Name

APPENDIX E

BID SUBMITTAL CHECKLIST VCB-FY18-001

This checklist is provided as a courtesy to assist Bidders in insuring they submit a properly complete bid. <u>It should NOT be returned with the bid.</u> It is for information purposes only. This checklist is not guaranteed to be all inclusive. Bidders should carefully review the requirements of the IFB and their response before submitting their bid to the County.

ITEM	REFERENCE	YES	NO
Correct delivery address for bid?	I.E.		
Preference certificate included? (If bidder is qualified and	I.G and III.C		
desires preference eligibility.)			
Letter of Transmittal Form complete, SIGNED and included?	II.C.1 and		
	Appendix C		
Contract SIGNED and included?	III.C and V.D.1		
	and Appendix B		
Bid Form completed, SIGNED and included?	III.C and		
	Appendix B,		
	Attachment 1		
Receipt of any and all addendums (if issued) acknowledged?	II.C.35 and		
	Bid Form		
	(Appendix B,		
	Attachment 1)		
Bid sent in SEALED envelope with proper labeling?	III.E		
Bid sent to ARRIVE prior to deadline?	II.A.6 and II.B.6		

APPENDIX G

RESIDENT VETERANS PREFERENCE CERTIFICATION

(NAME OF CONTRACTOR) hereby certifies the following in regard to application of the resident veterans' preference to this procurement:

PLEASE CHECK ONLY ONE STATEMENT FROM THE FOUR (4) STATEMENTS LISTED BELOW:

_____ I declare that my firm is ineligible to receive New Mexico Resident Veterans Preference. The following three (3) checkboxes are applicable to ONLY those vendors eligible to receive New Mexico Resident Veterans Preference AND who have included a valid New Mexico Resident Veterans Preference certificate with their sealed response. <u>No preference will be extended unless a valid certificate is</u> <u>included in your sealed response</u>. Submitted certificates shall be validated by Valencia County with New Mexico Tax & Revenue.

- I declare under penalty of perjury that my business prior year revenue, starting January 1 ending December 31, is less than \$1 Million allowing me the 10% preference discount on this solicitation. I understand that knowingly giving false or misleading information about this fact constitutes a crime.
- I declare under penalty of perjury that my business prior year revenue, starting January 1 ending December 31, is more than \$1 Million but less than \$5 Million allowing me the 8% preference discount on this bid or proposal. I understand that knowingly giving false or misleading information about this fact constitutes a crime.

I declare under penalty of perjury that my business prior year revenue, starting January 1 ending December 31, is more than \$5 Million allowing me the 7% preference discount on this bid or proposal. I understand that knowingly giving false or misleading information about this fact constitutes a crime.

I agree to submit a report, or reports, to the State Purchasing Division of the General Services Department declaring under penalty of perjury that during the last calendar year starting January 1 and ending on December 31, the following to be true and accurate:

"In conjunction with this procurement and the requirements of this business' application for a Resident Veteran Business Preference/Resident Veteran Contractor Preference under §13-1-21 or § 13-1-22 NMSA 1978, when awarded a contract which was on the basis of having such veterans preference, I agree to report to the State Purchasing Division of the General Services Department the awarded amount involved. I will indicate in the report the award amount as a purchase from a public body or as a public works contract from a public body as the case may be.

"Iunderstand that knowingly giving false or misleading information on this report constitutes a crime."

I declare under penalty of perjury that this statement is true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that giving false or misleading statements about material fact regarding this matter constitutes a crime.

(Signature of Business Representative)* (Date) *Must be an authorized signatory for the Business.

The representations made in checking the boxes constitutes a material representation by the business that is subject to protest and may result in denial of an award or termination of an award if the statements are proven to be incorrect.

Attachment 3

TAX BILL DATA FILE RECORD SAMPLE

R341230 10170 1234 HIGHWA		CLAYTON KATH	Untitleo D2_NR NR IIE P(APODACA) 7 Block: 55 Unit:		LOS LUI	NAS, NM 87031
COUNTY OPERAT	FIONAL NON-RESTA	TE OF NEW MEX		OOL NON-RES ENCIA BUILDING	COUNTY DE	
0.601	11.850	1.360	0.850	2.000		10.174
0.07	1.39	0.16	0.10	0.23		1.19
0.17 11.170.00	0.22	5.00	5.39 4/10/201705/11/2	0.00	26.835 5.78	2016 11.17 0.61 1.97
					5.78 NON-RES	3.20
L/R200340 820	200340000000000	0011171820200	340000000000000000000000000000000000000	002820200340000	11	117 71/R200340
	Miscell			R CONSERVATION		
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