

# **MONROE COUNTY**

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## **MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**INVITATION TO BID**

**FOR**

**PROPANE GAS**

**FOR THE**

**MONROE COUNTY SCHOOLS**

**BID NUMBER – BOE1079-08-18**

**Monroe County Department of Finance  
103 College Street South Ste 9  
Madisonville, Tennessee 37354  
(423) 442-9383**

**Monroe County Board of Commissioners**  
**Madisonville, Tennessee 37354**  
**(423) 442-9383**

**Bid Prepared By:**

**Invitation to Bid Number:**

**Monroe County Finance Department**

**BOE1079-08-18**

**October 11, 2018**

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Sealed bids, subject to the specifications and conditions contained herein and attached hereto, will be received in the Finance Department, J.P. Kennedy Building, until, but no later than **10:00 A.M. (EST.)** local time prevailing, **October 11, 2018**, and then publicly opened and read for the Purchase of Propane Gas, as authorized by the Monroe County Board of Commissioners.

No bid can be withdrawn after the scheduled closing time for receipt of bids for sixty (60) calendar days.

To be considered, your bid must be submitted on the copy of this Invitation to Bid. Bidders shall sign this form in the space provided and submit bid document to Monroe County Department of Finance, 103 College Street South Ste. 9, Madisonville, TN 37354. Bids shall be returned in the enclosed bid envelope, properly completed and sealed. Bids will not be accepted via fax machine or e-mail.

Time is of the essence and bids received after the announced time and date for submittal, whether by mail or otherwise, will be rejected. The date and time stamp in the Finance Department shall determine the time of receipt. Bidders are responsible for ensuring that the Finance Department personnel stamp their bids before the deadline indicated. Late bids received will be so noted in the bid file in order that the vendor's name will not be removed from any future bid/vendor list.

If you desire not to quote on the Invitation, please forward your acknowledgment of NO BID. Return of the "Terms and Signature Sheet" with authorized signature and indication of NO BID is appropriate. Failure to comply may cause for removal of your company's name from the bid list for subject commodity.

It is the policy of Monroe County, Tennessee to ensure compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; 49 CFR, Part 21. No person shall be excluded from participation in or be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance on the grounds of race, color, sex, disability, or national origin.

By submission of this bid, each bidder and each person signing on behalf of any bidder certifies, and in the case of a joint bid each party hereto certifies as to its own organization, under penalty of perjury, that to the best of its knowledge and belief that each bidder is not on the list created pursuant to § 12-12-106

**1. Award**

Owner reserves the right to reject any or all Bids/Proposals, including without limitation, nonconforming, nonresponsive, unbalanced, or conditional Bids/Proposals. Owner further reserves the right to reject the Bid/Proposal of any Bidder whom it finds, after reasonable inquiry and evaluation, to not be responsible. Owner may also reject the Bid/Proposal of any Bidder if Owner believes that it would not be in the best interest of the Project to make an award to that Bidder. Owner also reserves the right to waive all informalities not involving price, time, or changes in the Work and to negotiate contract terms with the Successful Bidder. More than one Bid/Proposal for the same work from an individual or entity under the same or different names will not be considered. Reasonable grounds for believing that any Bidder has an interest in more than one Bid/Proposal for the Work may be cause for disqualification of the Bidder and the rejection of all Bids/Proposals in which that Bidder has an interest. If the Contract is to be awarded, Owner will award the Contract to the Bidder whose Bid/Proposal is in the best interest of the Project and/or good and/or services by Monroe County. Disputes arising from the award of the Bid/Proposal must be submitted in writing to the Monroe County Purchasing Agent and received no later than three (3) calendar days from contract award date. In the event no funds are appropriated by Monroe County for the goods and services specified or insufficient funds exist for future orders, Monroe County is under no obligation to make a contract award, contract renewal, or purchase.

**2. Preparation of Bid/Proposal**

- (A) Vendors are expected to examine all Bid/Proposal documents. Failure to do so will be at the vendor's risk.
- (B) Each vendor shall furnish all information required by the request. The vendor shall sign the Bid/Proposal documents; erasures or other changes shall be initialed by the person signing the offer.
- (C) Unit price shall include freight unless otherwise specified in the request. In case of discrepancy between any unit price and an extended price, the unit price shall govern.
- (D) Vendors must state a definite time for delivery of supplies or for performance of services unless otherwise specified in the invitation.
- (E) Delivery time, when stated as a number of days, will include Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays.

**3. Availability of Requested Items**

Vendors must accept responsibility for verifying availability of specified items prior to submission of the Bid/Proposal. Vendor shall notify the County no less than 96 hours prior to the Bid/Proposal deadline per Tennessee Code Annotated (T.C.A.) § 12-4-126 if specified items are discontinued, replaced, or will not be available for an extended period of time.

**4. Restrictive or Ambiguous Specifications**

It is the responsibility of the prospective vendor to notify Monroe County Purchasing if there is a question as to the specifications or Bid/Proposal procedures being formulated in a manner that would unnecessarily restrict competition. Any such question must be received no less than 96 hours prior to the Bid/Proposal deadline per T.C.A. § 12-4-126. These requirements also apply to specifications or procedures that are in error or ambiguous.

**5. Delivery**

Delivery will be f.o.b. destination unless otherwise specified in the bid document. This will apply to regular and normal stock items and special items which must be ordered direct from manufacturer.

**6. Federal Tax and State Sales Tax**

Purchases by the County are not subject to any state sales or federal excise taxes. Exemption certificates shall be furnished by the County upon the Contractor's request.

**7. Addenda**

No modifications to the Bid/Proposal shall be binding upon the County unless made in writing by an authorized representative of the Monroe County Purchasing Department. Bid/Proposal addenda, if issued, are posted on the County's website: [www.monroetn.com](http://www.monroetn.com). Prior to submitting a Bid/Proposal, it is the responsibility of the vendor to ascertain that they have received all addenda issued and Bid/Propose accordingly. No addenda will be issued later than 48 hours prior to Bid/Proposal deadline per T.C.A. § 12-4-126.

**8. Submission of Bid/Proposal**

- (A) Bid/Proposal shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope and addressed to the Monroe County Purchasing Department, 103 South College Street, Madisonville, TN 37354. The name and address of the vendor shall be identified on the face of the envelope along with the Bid/Proposal number and title. Bids/Proposals for construction projects exceeding \$25,000 must include the required contractor license information on the face of the envelope per T.C.A. § 62-6-119.
- (B) Monroe County does not accept Bids/Proposal by facsimile or any electronic transmission. See Clause 9 under Terms and Conditions of the request for Bid/Proposal regarding Bid/Proposal modifications or withdrawal.
- (C) Samples of items, when required, must be submitted within five (5) calendar days and at no expense to the County unless otherwise specified by the County. If not consumed by testing, samples will be returned at vendor's request and expense unless otherwise specified in the Invitation.

**9. Modification or Withdrawal of Bids**

Bids/Proposal may be modified or withdrawn by signed written notice to Monroe County Purchasing or in person by an authorized vendor representative provided the modification or withdrawal is received prior to the Bid/Proposal deadline. A vendor representative making a modification in person shall have proper identification and shall initial the change. The vendor representative shall sign a receipt for the withdrawal of a Bid/Proposal. A telegraphic notice with an authorized signature would be acceptable for Bid/Proposal modification or withdrawal. It is the vendor's responsibility to confirm receipt of the modification or withdrawal. The telegraphic communications shall not reveal the Bid/Proposal price but shall provide the addition, subtraction or other modifications so that the final prices or terms will not be known by the County until the sealed bid is opened.

**10. Late Bids/Proposal**

It is the responsibility of the vendor to deliver their bids or proposal modification on or before the deadline date and time. The time of record will be the date/time stamp of the Monroe County Finance Department. Late Bids/Proposals will not be considered or returned.

**11. Qualifications of Vendors**

In evaluating Bids/Proposals, Owner will consider whether or not the Bids/Proposals comply with the prescribed requirements, and such alternates, unit prices and other data, as may be requested in the Bid/Proposal Form or prior to the Notice of Award. Owner will consider the qualifications of Bidders/Proposers and may consider the qualifications and experience of Subcontractors, Suppliers, and other individuals or entities proposed for those portions of the work which the identity of Subcontractors, Suppliers, and other individuals or entities must be submitted. Owner may conduct such investigations as Owner deems necessary to establish the responsibility, qualifications, and financial ability of Bidders, proposed Subcontractors, Suppliers, individuals, or entities proposed for those portions of the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents. Furthermore, the County may make such investigations as are deemed necessary to determine the ability of the vendor to perform the work and/or provide desired goods and/or services the Bidder/Proposer shall furnish all such information and data for this purpose as the County may request. The County reserves the right to reject any Bid/Proposal if the evidence submitted by or investigation of such vendor fails to satisfy the County that such vendor is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the contract and to complete the work and/or provide desired goods and/or services contemplated therein.

**12. Subcontracts**

The vendor is specifically advised that any person, firm, or other party to whom it is proposed to award a subcontract under this contract must be acceptable to and approved by the County.

**13. Non-Collusion**

The requirements of State and Federal Antitrust Law, as well as the terms and conditions of the Bid/Proposal, require that all decisions made as to matters concerning this Bid/Proposal be made on an individual firm basis. By signing this Bid/Proposal, the vendor certifies that no company employees, agents, or representatives colluded in any respect with any other person or firm as to the terms and conditions of the company's Bid/Proposal. Any concerted activity with respect to this Bid/Proposal will be reported to the Antitrust Division of the Office of Attorney General, State of Tennessee

**14. Compliance with Applicable Laws**

The vendor shall comply with all laws relating to the manufacture, sale and purchases of items or services by County Governments insofar as they pertain to the purchase made under this contract.

**15. Bid/Proposal Acceptance**

Bid/Proposal prices quoted shall be subject to acceptance by the County for a period of sixty (60) calendar days from the Bid/Proposal deadline, unless vendor indicates otherwise in their Bid/Proposal. If awarded the Bid/Proposal within the time frame specified, vendor agrees to furnish all goods and/or services described or specified in the Bid/Proposal.

**16. ACCEPTANCE OF BID CONTENT**

The successful contractor's bid content shall become a contractual obligation if procurement action ensues. Failure of the successful proposer to accept these obligations in a contractual agreement may result in cancellation of the award.

**17. Notification to County**

If no Bid/Proposal is to be submitted in response to this Bid/Proposal, it is not necessary to return the request; however, notice should be given to the County if the recipient wishes to remain on the County's vendor list for future solicitations.

**18. Standard Contract**

Monroe County reserves the right to incorporate standard county contract provisions into any contract negotiated as a result of any Bids/Proposals submitted in response to the Request for Bid.

**19. News Releases**

News releases pertaining to this procurement or any part of the Bid/Proposal shall not be made without the written approval of the County Purchasing Director.

Terms and Conditions of Purchase

**1. Definitions**

- A. The "County" is Monroe County, Tennessee, and includes its designated representatives.
- B. The "Contractor" is those mentioned as such "contractor, seller, vendor, supplier", in the contract and includes their designated representatives.
- C. The "Specifications" include instructions to vendors, the terms and conditions of purchase, the definitions and the technical specifications of the work.
- D. A "Subcontractor" is a person, firm or corporation having a contract with the Contractor to furnish labor and materials or both, or who perform services of the project.
- E. "Calendar Days" are consecutive days, as occurring on a calendar without regard to the day of the week, month, year, or holidays.
- F. The National Institute of Governmental Purchasing (NIGP) Online Directory of Procurement Terms, at [www.nigp.org](http://www.nigp.org), will govern on questions as to any other definition in this contract.

**2. Contract Terms**

Upon award, the performance of the contract shall be covered solely by the terms and conditions set forth herein. Authorization to furnish goods/services will be made via purchase order, or blanket order as appropriate, signed by the County Purchasing Agent and Finance Director or other designated personnel. Any language contained on any invoice, shipping order, bill of lading or other document furnished by the seller at any time and the acceptance by the County of any goods/services to be furnished hereunder accompanied by any such document shall not be construed as an acceptance by the County of any terms or conditions contained in such document which are inconsistent with the terms and conditions set forth in this Invitation. Any different or additional terms contained in the seller's acceptance are hereby objected to.

**3. Contract Modification**

The contract expresses the complete agreement of the parties. Any changes hereto must be in writing and signed by the County Purchasing Agent. No other individual is authorized to modify the contract in any manner.

**4. Delivery Requirement**

To insure adequate service level to the people, Monroe County requires that all goods or services ordered will be delivered when specified. Time is, therefore, the essence of this contract. If deliveries are not made or services performed at the time agreed upon, the County reserves the right to cancel its order and purchase the specified goods/services elsewhere and hold seller accountable therefore.

**5. Transportation Charges**

When terms of delivery or conditions of this order are f.o.b. destination, all transportation charges shall be paid by the seller.

**6. Packaging**

The County will not be liable for any charges for packaging, crating, carting, drayage, or storage in excess of the purchase price of this order unless stated otherwise herein.

**7. Quantities**

The County assumes no obligation for articles or materials shipped in excess of the quantity ordered hereunder. Any unauthorized quantity is subject to the County's rejection and return at seller's expense.

**8. Indemnification and Insurance**

If any work covered by this contract is to be done on the County's premises, Contractor agrees to carry liability and Worker's Compensation insurance satisfactory to the County and to indemnify the County against all liability, loss and damage arising out of any injuries to persons and property caused by the Contractor, his employees or agents. The Contractor will furnish written evidence of such insurance coverage.

**9. Inspection and Acceptance**

The Contractor shall be responsible for all material(s) or service(s) until they are delivered and accepted. No material(s) or service(s) received by the County pursuant to this contract shall be deemed accepted until the County has had reasonable opportunity to inspect said material(s) or service(s). All material(s) discovered to be defective or does not conform to any warranty of the seller herein, upon initial inspection or at any later time if the effects contained in the material were not reasonably ascertainable upon inspection, may be returned at the seller's expense for full credit or replacement. No goods returned as defective will be replaced without buyer's written authorization. Such return shall in no way affect the County's discount privileges or exclude any other legal, equitable or contractual remedies the County may have therefore. Performance of service(s) shall be completed to the County's satisfaction.

**10. Warranty**

The seller expressly warrants that all goods and work covered by this contract will conform to each and every specification, drawing, sample or other description which is furnished to or is adopted by the County and that they will be fit and sufficient for the purpose intended, merchantable, of good material and workmanship, and free from defect. Such warranty shall survive delivery and shall not be deemed waived either by reason of the County's acceptance of said goods or work or by payments for them.

**11. Invoices**

Invoices shall be submitted to address as noted on Purchase Order. Invoices shall contain the following information: purchase order number, item number, contract description of supplies or services, quantities, unit prices and extended totals. Delay in receiving invoices and errors in omissions on statements or invoices will be considered just cause for withholding settlement without losing privileges.

**12. Notice and Service Thereof**

Any notice to any contractor from the County relative to any part of this contract will be in writing and considered delivered and the service thereof complied when said notice is posted with said contractor or his authorized representative.

**13. Acts of God**

Neither party shall be liable for delays, or defaults in the performance of this contract due to Acts of God or the public enemy, riots, strikes, fires, explosions, accidents, governmental action of any kind or any other causes of similar character beyond their control and without their fault or negligence.

**14. Patents**

The seller guarantees that the articles described herein and the sale or use of them will not infringe upon any U.S. or foreign patent. The seller covenants that he will, at his own expense, defend every suit which may be brought against the County, or those selling or using the County's product (provided seller is promptly notified of such suit and all papers therein are delivered to the seller) for any alleged infringement of any patent by reason of the sale or use of such articles and seller agrees that he will pay all costs, damages and profits recovered in any such suit.

**15. Bankruptcy or Insolvency**

In the event of any voluntary or involuntary proceedings by or against either party in bankruptcy or insolvency, or for the appointment of a receiver, trustee or an assignee for the benefit of creditors of the property of seller, or in the event of breach of any of the terms hereof including the warranties of the seller, the County may cancel this contract or affirm the contract and hold the seller responsible for damages.

**16. Public Notice – Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act**

“No person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.”

Anyone who believes that an agency or local government receiving federal financial assistance has discriminated against someone on the basis of race, color, or national origin has a right to file a complaint within 180 days of the alleged discrimination. Inquiries and charges of violations concerning Title VI should be directed to the Human Resource Director of Monroe County.

**17. Non-Conflict**

No employee, officer or agent of Monroe County shall participate in the selection, or award of, or administration of a contract if a conflict of interest, real or apparent, would be involved.

**18. Provisions Required by Law Deemed Inserted**

Each and every provision of law and clause required by law to be inserted in this contract will be deemed to be inserted herein and the contract will be read and enforced as though it were included herein, and if through mistake or otherwise any such provision is not inserted, or is not correctly inserted, then upon application of either party the contract will forthwith be physically amended to make such assertion or correction.

**19. Termination of Contract**

The County reserves the right to terminate the contract at any time if any of the provisions of the contract are violated by the contractor or by any of his subcontractors, in the sole judgement and discretion of the Purchasing Agent. In the event of such termination, the Contractor shall be liable for any excess cost incurred by County. If the contract is so terminated the County may purchase, upon such terms and in such manner as the County Purchasing Agent may deem appropriate, goods/services/supplies similar to those so terminated and the Contractor will be liable for excess cost occasioned thereby. In the event the contract is terminated by the County for due cause, the vendor may be barred from bidding on County contracts for a period of 12 months.

**20.** The Contract/Vendor/Supplier may be cancelled without cause by either party with the giving of written notice of no less than 60 calendar days.

## **Insurance Requirements**

Monroe County requests the contractor purchase and maintain in force, such insurance as will protect the Contractor and the County from claims which may arise out of or result from the execution of the work, whether such execution be by its employees, agents, subcontractors, or by anyone else for whose acts the Contractor may be liable. The insurance coverage shall be such as to fully protect the County and the general public from any and all claims for injury and damage resulting from any actions on the part of the contractor or its employees, agents, subcontractors, or designees as stated above. The Contractor shall furnish a copy of the original certificate of insurance to the County once awarded the contract.

### **Commercial General Liability** in the limits set forth below:

Each occurrence:	\$1,000,000
Damage to Rented Premises	\$100,000
Medical Expense (any one person)	\$10,000
Personal and Advertising Injury	\$1,000,000
General Aggregate	\$2,000,000
Products-Completed Operations	\$2,000,000

### **Automobile Liability** (Any auto, hired autos, non-owned autos) in the limits set forth below:

Combined Single Limit (each accident)	\$1,000,000
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### **Auto Deductibles** shall not exceed:

Comprehensive, each occurrence	\$500
Comprehensive, aggregate	\$2,500
Collision	\$500

### **Worker's Compensation and Employer's Liability:**

Worker's Compensation	Statutory Limits
Employer's Liability (each accident)	\$500,000
Disease – Each Employee	\$500,000
Disease – Policy Limit	\$500,000

### **Excess/Umbrella Liability:**

General and Auto Liability Limits	\$3,000,000
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### **Self-Insured Retention:**

Shall not exceed	\$100,000
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### **Additional Insured Required:**

Liability policy shall be endorsed to show Monroe County Board of Education as Additional Insured.

**Policy Cancellation or Change Notice Required:**

The Certificate of Insurance shall state that the Insurer will notify the County Purchasing Agent in writing at least ten (10) days prior to making any changes in coverage or cancellation of policies.

**Certificate Holder:**

The Certificate Holder shall be identified as: Monroe County Board of Education  
205 Oak Grove Road  
Madisonville, TN 37354

**Bidder/Vendor’s Statement:**

I have read and I understand the above insurance policy requirements and I will comply in full if awarded this contract.

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**Bidder/Vendor’s Signature**

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**Bidder/Vendor’s Title**

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**Name of Company**

**Vendor Supply/Emergency Service**

The successful vendor must maintain a sufficient supply of propane needed for normal operation at all locations, as the County desires automatic delivery of product. Where such supply is not maintained, the right is reserved to buy on the open market. The County will give preference to a company capable of giving 24 hours, 7 days per week emergency service as required.

Please state your emergency service capabilities:

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All propane gas delivered shall be metered deliveries. Also, all deliveries shall have a signed and metered delivery ticket attached to the invoice.



## **Quantities and Locations**

The total estimated usage for a fiscal year is 85,000 gallons.

The quantities in gallons shown above are best estimates of Monroe County only.

The County reserves the right to increase or decrease these quantities depending upon whatever its requirements may be.

<u>Location</u>	<u>Tank Size</u>	<u>Fill Base</u>	<u>Number of Tanks</u>
Coker Creek Elementary	1000 gal	Auto	4
Tellico Plains Elementary	1000 gal	Auto	3
Tellico Plains Jr. High	1000 gal	Auto	4
Tellico Plains High School	1000 gal	Auto	6
Rural Vale Elementary	1000 gal	Auto	2

All propane gas delivered shall come within the limits set forth in these specifications and shall be satisfactory in all other respects.

Propane gas shall be HD5 Grade Propane. Cell cylinders must meet D.O.T. and I.C.C. requirements for propane. All tanks must meet A.S.M.E. requirements for propane. Each installation shall be in strict accordance with the rules and regulations of the National Board of Fire Underwriters and all local ordinances pertaining to the delivery and dispensing of propane gas.

The vendor must exercise caution at all times for the protection of persons and property. The safety provisions of all applicable laws, building, and construction codes must be observed. Any safety hazards must be guarded or eliminated.

## **Tank and Cylinder Ownership**

The successful bidder, if other than the present vendor, shall be required to negotiate all details for the transfer of tanks and meters at all installations where they are owned by the present vendor without cost or obligation to Monroe County Board of Education. Before any vendor-owned tanks or cylinder sizes are changed, the successful bidder shall contact the Maintenance Director for the Monroe County Board of Education for instructions.

## **Maintenance**

The successful bidder on a routine preventative maintenance plan shall perform all tank maintenance, including painting. If any tanks are found to be in need of repair, they must be either repaired or replaced by the successful bidder. All unsafe conditions shall be immediately reported to the Maintenance Director of the Monroe County Board of Education and promptly corrected. All costs incurred in repairing tanks owned by the vendor shall be borne by the vendor. The vendor shall be responsible for the tank and piping to the building regulator or to the point the gas line enters each building.

The successful bidder shall provide tanks with no tank rental charge.

**Service**

Since the County requires and expects all tanks and cylinders to be maintained on a full-service basis, the County requests any bidder to submit no less than five (5) references of commercial customers comprised of governmental and/or industrial users, within East Tennessee, in similar size to the County’s operation.

**Bidder shall quote a mark-up (+) or discount (-) above or below one of two established benchmarks.**

The Petro-Scan daily index is a calculation used and advertised by the State of Tennessee Purchasing Division and available 24 hours a day by calling (615) 741-4300. The recorded message updates daily at 2:00 pm eastern time and continues unchanged through 1:59 pm the next day. The base price for propane is usually the last item quoted on the recording, so it is important to continue to listen to the entire recording before hanging up.

Some bidders may prefer to quote pricing based on the Mont Belvieu TX index as quoted in the Wall Street Journal.

Mark-ups exceeding four (4) decimal places to the right of the decimal point will be rounded back to the fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) place. Mark-ups that do not show a plus (+) or minus (-) sign will be interpreted as a plus (+). All delivery costs must be included in the quoted mark-up as well as installing and maintain the tanks.

The successful bidder shall be consistent in using the same benchmark for establishing their price throughout the term of the contract.

**Price Quote**

Quote your price as of August 1, 2018 in the spaces provided below.

- 1. Mark-up (+) or discount (-) above or below the base price \$\_\_\_\_\_.
- 2. Average Base Price (Cost) \$\_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Your Firm’s Fixed Fee Amount \$\_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Tax (not currently applicable) \$\_\_\_\_\_
- 5. **Selling Price to County** \$\_\_\_\_\_ **(delivered)**

**Terms**

Terms will be Net 30.

\*\*For additional information concerning this bid, contact Phillip Carroll, Maintenance Director for Monroe County Board of Education at (423) 442-3916.

**Period of Contract**

The length of the contract shall be for (1) one year commencing August 1, 2018 through July 31, 2019. The contract may be renewed annually for up to three (3) additional years, in twelve (12) month increments, if agreeable to both parties and reduced to written form. At any time during the bid period, Monroe County reserves the right to review all items bid. Monroe County retains the right to re-bid any item because of poor quality, service, or price escalation.

**Litigations**

Please state if your company had been party to any litigations in the past five years. If so, please identify the name of the case, the court in which was/is filed or is pending, and the status and/or disposition of the case if it has been concluded.

NO \_\_\_\_\_  
YES \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Case (include case or docket number): \_\_\_\_\_

Court in which case is filed: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of claims that are subject to any litigations: \_\_\_\_\_

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Decision/Verdict of case if concluded: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Must be Included in Bid Package**

1. W-9
2. Five References (see top of page 10)
3. Litigations

**BIDDER INFORMATION:**

Name of Bidder:

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(Typed or Printed: Firm, Corporation, Business or Individual)

Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Business has been in business under its present name since: \_\_\_\_\_

At this present time we understand all requirements and state that as a serious bidder we will comply with all the stipulations included in this package.

The above named bidder affirms and declares:

1. That the bidder is of lawful age and that no other person, firm or corporation has any interest in this Bid/Proposal or in the contract proposed to be entered into.
2. That this Bid/Proposal is made without any understanding, agreement, or connection with any other person, firm or corporation making a proposal for the same purpose, and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud.
3. That the bidder is not in arrears to Monroe County upon debt or contract and not a defaulter, as surety or otherwise, upon any obligation to Monroe County.
4. That no officer or employee whose salary is payable in whole or in part from the County Treasury shall be or become interested, directly or indirectly, surety or otherwise in this proposal, in the performance of the Contract, in the supplies, materials, equipment and work or labor to which they relate, or in any portion of the profits thereof.

BIDDER: \_\_\_\_\_

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

(Authorized Signature in Ink)

PRINTED NAME OF SIGNER: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE OF SIGNER: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER OF SIGNER: \_\_\_\_\_

**ALL VENDORS MUST SUBMIT A W-9 FORM WITH THEIR BID RESPONSE**