Anderson County Government

Request for Bids

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

purchasing@andersontn.org
http://andersontn.org/purchasing

Bid No.: 4943

Date Issued: April 8, 2019

Bids will be received until 2:30 p.m. Eastern Time on May 8, 2019

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

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

Natalie Erb, Director of Finance

BID DESCRIPTION

Bid for Milk for School Nutrition. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope with the name and number of the bid clearly identified. Vendors shall submit one original and three copies.

Contact Purchasing in writing with any questions. Refer to General Terms and Conditions Section 1.2.

BID #4943 - MILK, DAIRY, AND ORANGE JUICE

Specifics

2.1 Contract Period

The County anticipates establishing a contract for 07/01/2019-06/30/2020 with possible renewal options of 4 one-year period. A 30-day notice shall be made by either party to confirm renewal or to not renew. In the case of no appropriation of funds or lack of funds, the contract shall cease upon exhaustion of funds. A sample contract is attached.

2.2 Award

- The bid award will be for lowest bottom line totaled cost as 90% of the calculated points. The lowest bottom line total price will receive 90 points, the next lowest 89 points, and the next lowest 88 points, and so on.
- The other 10% of the bid will be based on student acceptability of the milk by taste. Blind taste testing will be done with students on white and chocolate milk only, and students will rate the milk as acceptable (10 points) or not acceptable (0 points). Both the white and the chocolate milks must be acceptable as a group, not individually. Samples of the white (5 cartons) and chocolate (5 cartons) that are 5-7 days from expiration can be dropped off at the School Nutrition Office at 101 N Main Street, STE 470, Clinton, TN 37716 either on April 17 or May 1 between the hours of 9 am and 3 pm.
- The tabulation of cost will be on cost per serving that is requested in the bid and that meets the minimum current USDA requirement for the food items in a school lunch or breakfast. The School Nutrition Program will convert cases to cost per serving to determine total bottom line cost. The program welcomes and promotes open and free competition. Ties will be decided by the per item cost of the product with the greatest single estimated expenditure.

2.3 Vendor Qualification

- Provide dependable delivery of items ordered with adequate delivery fleets
- Meet specifications and bid conditions
- Demonstrate successful past performance
- Minimum 3 (three) years of experience supplying similar product/commodities and services to school districts similar in size to Anderson County
- Must have a mark-out rate of less than 2% and a substitute rate of no more than 2%
- Sanitary storage and delivery

2.4 Bid Submission Additional Requirements

Pricing should reflect the fact that the school district will provide their own refrigeration units. Vendor equipment for on-site storage is not requested.

Vendor should bid on all items. Vendor should bid and provide only fresh and new, not previously invoiced products. If an item is omitted by the vendor, it will be assigned the highest bid price among the remaining bidders. Numbers 1-8 on the bid must be bid on, numbers 9-14 are optional. As regulations change, so will specifications. To keep abreast of details, vendors are urged to visit www.fns.usda.gov. The submission of a bid must be accompanied by nutritional labels for each item in the bid. This information can be by paper copy or electronic media such as disc or flash drive. It cannot be emailed separately. The invitation to bid will have yearly usage numbers. These usage numbers are estimates and can change due to legislation, regulation, enrollment, and participation. The School Nutrition Program may request to delete or add some items during the course of the bid period. Anderson County School Nutrition Program 03/2019

Other school districts in Tennessee may request that the vendor honor these prices for them but vendor is not obligated to do so.

Product names are examples of the product and should not reflect a preferred brand. Like or equal products are always welcome if accompanied by documentation to support vendor product(s) offered. A pre-bid meeting is also welcome.

NOTE: the School Nutrition Program sends bid documents to the county purchasing agent and that office attaches additional requirements. All bid submissions and contracts must adhere to all requirements of both offices. In case of contradictory conditions, bidder should contact the purchasing office for clarification. Once the requests for bids is published all questions must be directed to purchasing@andersontn.org or 865.457.6218.

2.5 Delivery and Ordering

Delivery to the school(s) shall be between the hours of 6:30am and 2pm on school days. Clean and climate controlled transport is required. If school is closed due to inclement weather or other emergency all deliveries will be rescheduled. Products will be rotated by the vendor and product freshness that will expire before next delivery will be acted upon by removal and credit to the account. When school is cancelled, vendor will not be responsible for giving credit for expired product that was the result of school dismissal.

Milk, minimum of 2 deliveries per week, and the milk will be ordered by school staff 2-3 days before expected delivery. Products should be placed inside milk coolers (32-38 degrees) by delivery personnel, and the excess stacked in other refrigeration units in the school. Two schools can do a 1 time a week delivery, Briceville Elementary and Dutch Valley Elementary.

2.6 INVOICES AND STATEMENTS

All monthly statements are to be issued to include the cut-off date which will be the LAST DAY OF THE MONTH. Three (3) invoices must be furnished to each school at the time of delivery. Invoices must be signed by the cafeteria manager or designee and show purchase order number, quantity, and price of each item delivered and total amount of the order. Unsigned invoices will not be paid. If an item must be returned or is rejected, the invoice must be signed by the manager or designee and the person delivering product. Anderson County School Nutrition will make every effort to pay within 30 days from end of month. At the end of each month, a separate statement showing invoice numbers and dates of delivery for each school must be mailed or emailed to the following address:

Anderson County School Nutrition Program

office 865.457.7560 fax 865.457.2290

101 S Main Street, Suite 470

Clinton, TN 37716

mburrell@acs.ac amyl@acs.ac smiracle@acs.ac

2.7 Price Escalation/De-escalation

Firm fixed pricing for milk will begin each school year, with a revisit for escalation/de-escalation January 01 and July 01 with appropriate Class 1 documentation for the geographical region. Juice is firm fixed for year and cannot be increased annually more than the percent increase for commercial juice varieties purchased from current food distributor servicing our food account.

2.8 Records

All contractors are required to retain all books, records and other documents relative to this agreement for three (3) years after final payment and after all other pending matters are closed. Contractors must agree that the School Food Authority, the State Agency, the United States Department of Agriculture, and/or Comptroller General may have full access to any books, documents, papers, and records of the

Contractor which are directly pertinent to all negotiated contracts. If an investigation or audit is in progress, records shall be maintained until stated matter is closed.

2.9 Reports

Usage reports should be made available upon request to the School Nutrition Program. The reports should be by product, by school, and by district and should be for the month, half year, and year.

2.10 Regulation Compliance

- All contracts awarded in excess of \$10,000.00 by grantees and their contractors or sub-grantees shall comply with Executive Order 11246, entitled "Equal Employment Opportunity," as amended by Executive Order 11375, and supplemented by the Department of Labor regulations (41CFR, Part 60).
- All contracts over \$100,000.00 will require compliance with the Clean Air Act issued under Section 306, Section 508 of the Clean Water Act, Executive Order 11738 and Environmental Protection Agency regulations.
- Bidders must comply with mandatory standards and policies related to energy efficiency which
 are contained in the State Energy Plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and
 Conservation Act (PL 94-163, 89 Stat. 871).
- A Certificate of Lobbying must be signed for all contracts over \$100,000.
- A Certificate of Debarment/Suspension must be signed for all contracts over \$25,000.
- Bidders must comply with the "Buy American" provision as outlined in Policy Memorandum 210. 21-14.
- All property or services furnished must comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, codes and regulations.

2.11 Sanitation

All materials provided must have some identification that will enable trace to origin.

Milk should be in clean, leak free paper containers with a clearly marked expiration date. All items consumed from the package should have expiration dates visible.

All federal, state, and local sanitation regulations must be adhered to and HACCP procedures must be followed.

All milk crates must be picked up once a week and cleaned.

If the product is subject to recall, vendor should contact the School Nutrition Program.

USDA Statement:

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

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

To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the <u>USDA Program Discrimination</u> Complaint Form, (AD-3027) found online at:

http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

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

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.



2019-2020 School Year Calendar

July 31	Student Registration (Abbreviated Day - No Buses)			
August 1	In-service (NO school for Students)			
August 2	Classes begin - Wednesday Schedule			
September 2	Labor Day (District Closed)			
October 3	1st Grading Period Ends (45 days)			
October 4	In-service (NO school for Students)			
October 7-11	Fall Break (Schools Closed)			
November 25-29	Thanksgiving Break (Schools Closed)			
December 20	Semester Ends (Abbreviated Day - No Buses) (90 days)			
Dec. 23 - Jan. 3	Winter Break (Schools Closed)			
January 6	In-service (NO school for Students)			
January 7	Classes Resume			
January 20	Martin Luther King Day - In-service (NO school for Students)			
February 17	Presidents' Day (District Closed)			
March 19	3 rd Grading Period Ends (51 days)			
March 20	In-service (NO school for Students)			
March 23-27	Spring Break (Schools Closed)			
April 10	Good Friday (District Closed)			
April 13	In-service (NO school for Students)			
May 15	Graduation for Clinch River Community School			
May 17	Graduation for ACHS & CHS			
May 22	Last Day for Students (Abbreviated Day - No Buses)			
	(89 days) (179 Year Total)			
May 25	Memorial Day (District Closed)			

Note: Students will be dismissed 90 minutes early each Wednesday

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Anderson County TN Schools 2019/2020 Vendor complete columns with arrows

Vitar	nin A&D Fresh Milk and Juic	e from Concer	ntrate			
Special Instruction	on: Bid either 1 or 1a, 2 or 2	2a, 3 or 3a, 4 or	4a but not both.			
Item Number	Description	Preferred Packing	Estimated Usage in Single Units	Bid Price per Unit	Extended Price per Unit	
1	Fat Free Chocolate Milk	paper half pint	500,000		\$ -	
2	Fat Free Vanilla Milk	paper half pint	20,000		\$ -	
3	Fat Free Strawberry Milk	paper half pint	80,000		\$ -	
4	Fat Free White Milk	paper half pint	175,000		\$ -	
1 a	1% Fat Chocolate Milk	paper half pint	500,000		\$ -	
2 a	1% Fat Vanilla Milk	paper half pint	20,000		\$ -	
3 a	1% Fat Strawberry Milk	paper half pint	80,000		\$ -	
4 a	1% White Milk	paper half pint	175,000		\$ -	
5	4% Homogenized Milk	paper half pint	150		\$ -	
6	Lactose Free Milk	paper half pint	1000		\$ -	
7	1% or 2% Milk	gallon	100		\$ -	
No Sugar Added	Orange Juice 100%	Juice	from Concentrate		\$ -	
8	Orange Juice 100% Juice	paper 4 ounce	150,000		\$ -	
9	Orange, 100% Juice	paper 8 ounce	1		\$ -	
10	Orange Juice 100% Juice	pint plastic	1		\$ -	
	Other Milk Products - S	chedule I				
11	Cottage Cheese 1% Butterfat	16 oz	1		\$ -	
12	Cottage Cheese 1% Butterfat	5 pound	1		-	
13	Sour Cream Fat Free	5 pound	1		\$ -	
14	Sour Cream Fat Free, 1 oz	100 cups	1		\$ -	Vendor, leave blan Acceptabliity Rating (10 or 0)
				TOTAL	\$0.00	
ENDOR NAME		Signature			Date	

ATTACHMENT 1 CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING

Applicable to Grants, Subgrants, Cooperative Agreements, and Contracts Exceeding \$100,000 in Federal Funds.

Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction and is imposed by section 1352, Title 31, U.S. Code. This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Any person who fails to file the required certifications shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his knowledge and belief, that:

- (1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of a Federal contract, the making of a Federal grant, the making of a Federal loan, the entering into a cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of a Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
- (2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of congress, or an employee of a Member of congress in connection with this Federal grant or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying", in accordance with its instructions.

(3) The undersigned shall require that the language of documents for all covered subawards exceeding \$100 and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose ac	0,000 in Federal funds at all appropriate tiers
Name/Address of Organization	
Name/Title of Submitting Official	
 Signature	Date

Attachment 2

Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion Lower Tier Covered Transactions

- (1) The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its Principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or Voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.
- (2) Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this Certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

Organization Name	Bid Number
Name(s) and Title(s) of Authorized	Don-coontativo(a)
Name(s) and Thie(s) of Aumorized	Representative(s)
Signature(s)	Date

Attachment 3 CERTIFICATION REGARDING "BUY AMERICAN" REQUIREMENTS

Section 104 (d) of the William F. Goodling Child Nutrition Reauthorization Act of 1998 requires SFAs to purchase domestically grown and processed foods, to the maximum extent practicable. There is a two-part test to define the country of origin for a manufactured end product: (1) the article must be manufactured in the United States; and (2) the cost of domestic components must exceed 50 percent of the cost of all the components.

We require that suppliers certify the percentage of U.S. content in products supplied to us according to the two-part test above. If you are unable or unwilling to make such certification, we will not purchase from you.

Two situations may warrant a waiver to permit purchases of foreign food products.

- 1) The product is not produced or manufactured in the U.S. in sufficient and reasonable available quantities of a satisfactory quality.
- 2) Competitive bids reveal the cost of a U.S. product is significantly higher than the foreign product.

Requested Waiver Items

Product			Approved
Description	Vendor Item #	Reason for Waiver Request	
Not applicable			
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^{*}use additional pages if needed

Date			
Vendor Name	- W	N.	
Completed By	*		

Attachment 4 BID NUMBER: 4943 – Milk for School Nutrition

SECTION 1 - BID INFORMATION	SECTION 2 - VENDOR INFORMATION
Acknowledgment of Addenda: (Write "Yes" if received)	Vendor Name
Addenda 1 Addenda 2 Addenda 3 Addenda 4	Vendor Address
	City
	State Zip
	Telephone Number
	Contact Person (Please Print)
	E-Mail Address
	Taxpayer Identification Number, Social Security or Employer Identification Number:
	State of Tennessee Business License Number: License #
	I agree to abide by all Terms and Conditions of this Invitation to Bid and certify that I am authorized to sign this bid for the vendor. Failure to include any information mentioned in the bid or to comply with these bid instructions may result in rejection of your entire bid. Signing this form affirms that the original Invitation for Bid document has not been altered in any way.
	Authorizing Signature:
	(Please sign original in blue ink)
	Invitation to Bid and certify that I am authorized to sign this bid for the vendor. Failure to include any information mentioned in the bid or to comply with these bid instructions may result in rejection of your entire bid. Signing this form affirms that the original Invitation for Bid document has not been altered in any way. Authorizing Signature:

Attachment 5

Non-Collusion Affidavit

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

Non-Collusion Affidavit

· Failure to file an affidavit in compliance with these instructions may result in disqualification of the bid.

STATE OF	
COUNTY OF	<u> </u>
I state that I am (Title)	of (Name of My Firm)
and that I am authorized to make this affidavit on the person responsible in my firm to the price(s) a	behalf of my firm and its owners, directors, and officers. I am nd the amount of this bid.
I STATE THAT:	
 The price(s) and amount of this bid have been communication, or agreement with any other of 	a arrived at independently and without consultation, contractor, bidder, or potential bidder.
• Neither the price(s) nor the amount of this bid	and neither the approximate price(s) nor approximate amount irm or person who is a bidder or potential bidder, and they will
 No attempt has been made or will be made to 	induce any firm or person to refrain from bidding on this d, or to submit any intentionally high or noncompetitive bid or
	ot pursuant to any agreement or discussion with, or inducement entary or other noncompetitive bid.
the last three years been convicted or found li	, its affiliates, subsidiaries, officers, der investigation by any governmental agency and have not in able for any act prohibited by State of Federal law in any ith respect to bidding on any public contract, except as follows:
the contract(s) for which this bid is submitted. I un	understands and acknowledges portant and will be relied on by <u>Anderson County</u> in awarding inderstand and my firm understands that any misstatement in this ealment from <u>Anderson County</u> of the true facts relating to
Representative's Signature	Title
Sworn to and subscribed before me this	
	My commission expires:
Notary Public	my commission expires.

Attachment 6



DIVERSITY BUSINESS INFORMATION

Definitions for Determining Minority, Women And Small-Owned Firms

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

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

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

"MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE" shall mean a minority business:

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

"WOMEN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE" shall mean women business:

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

DIVERSITY BUSINESS INFORMATION ANDERSON COUNTY GOVERNMENT

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

IMPORTANT! NOTARY AND COPY OF CERTIFICATION REQUIRED

SECTION 6 – DIVERSITY INFORMAT	ION
VENDOR/CONTRACTOR NAME:	
Type of Company: (Check One)	
() Corporation () PartnersI	hip () Limited Liability () Sole Proprietor
Is your company 51% Owned or Operat	red by a Minority Group? Yes No
If yes, check the ethnic category and in	ndicate % of ownership:
☐ African American ☐ Hispanic% ☐ Asian/Pacific Islan	
Please name the entity of certification:	
Please provide copy of certification letter	er or certificate
I, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE INFORMA	TION IS TRUE AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE.
Signature:	OFFICER OF THE COMPANY
Name:	Title:
N	OTARY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:
STATE OF	
COUNTY OF	
ON	,20, BEFORE ME,,
SATISFACTORY EVIDENCE) TO BE THE PERSON(S)WH ACKNOWLEDGED TO ME THAT HE/SHE/ THEY EXECT	, PERSONALLY KNOWN TO ME (OR PROVED TO ME ON THE BASIS OF HOSE NAME(S) IS/ARE SUBSCRIBED TO THE WITHIN INSTRUMENT AND UTED THE SAME IN HIS/HER/THEIR AUTHORIZED CAPACITY(IES), AND THAT BY HE PERSON(S), OR THE ENTITY UPON BEHALF OF WHICH THE PERSON (S) ACTED,
WITNE	SS MY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL.
SIGNATURE OF NOTARY:	
MY COMMISION EXPIRES:	

Attachment 7 Insurance Requirement Acknowledgment

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

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

1.	\boxtimes	Workers Compensation Employers Liability		tutory limits /100,000/500,000
2.		Commercial General Liability		0 per occurrence 900 aggregate
		 ○ Occurrence Form Only Include Premises Liability Include Contractual Include XCU Include Products and Completed On Include Personal Injury Include Independent Contractors Include Vendors Liability Include Professional or E&O Liability 	Operations	
3.		Business Auto Include Garage Liability Include Garage Keepers Liability Copy of Valid Driver's License Copy of Current Motor Vehicle Rec Copy of Current Auto Liability Deci		
4		Crime Coverages ☐ Employee Dishonesty ☐ Employee Dishonesty Bond		
5.		Property Coverages ☐ Builders Risk ☐ Inland Marine ☐ Transportation		
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Anders auto. certificathe ab	on Cour Insuranc ate shoul ove requ	ity Government shall be named as an addit e carrier ratings shall have a Best's rating d strike out "endeavor to" and include a 30-o	tional insured o g of A-VII or b day notice of ca erson County I	inessee, and shall show the bid number and title. In all policies except worker's compensation and etter, or its equivalent. Cancellation clause on ncellation where applicable. Any deviations from Purchasing Agent. Any liability deductibles or ble.
uays n	stand th awarded contract.	this bid and or contract. I agree to furnish	ations and will	cation comply in full within 21 (twenty-one) calendar h proof of insurance for the entire term of the bid
		Vendor Name	2	Authorized Signature
	Bid Re	presentative Name (Please Print)	-	Date

Attachment 8 - Sample Contract for Commodities

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

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

Contractor Compensation. Contractor shall be paid by the County within thirty (30) days of invoicing and delivery. The compensation to Contractor shall be calculated by: <u>xxxxxxx</u>. Contractor shall not receive additional compensation for expenses including travel, hotel, food, etc.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Attachment 8 - Sample Contract for Commodities

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

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

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

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

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

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

Delivery. The County requires delivery of all products to be FOB ("free on board") unless indicated otherwise. If completed deliveries are not made at the time agreed, the County reserves the right to cancel or purchase elsewhere and hold Contractor accountable. If delivery dates cannot be met, Contractor agrees to advise the County of the earliest possible shipping date for acceptance by the County. Contractor agrees to bear all risk of loss, injury, or destruction of goods and materials ordered herein which may for any reason occur prior to acceptance by the County. No such loss, injury, or destruction shall release Contractor from any obligations hereunder.

Inspection. Goods and material must be properly packaged. Damaged goods and materials will not be accepted, or if the damage is not readily apparent at the time of delivery, the goods shall be returned at no cost to the County. The County reserves the right to inspect the goods at a reasonable time subsequent to delivery where circumstances or conditions prevent effective inspection of the goods at the time of delivery.

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

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



Attachment 8 - Sample Contract for Commodities

Uniform Commercial Code. All applicable portions of the Tennessee Uniform Commercial Code shall govern contracts with the County.

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

Equal Employment Opportunity. It shall also be an unlawful employment practice for the Contractor (1) to fail or refuse to hire or to discharge any individual or otherwise to discriminate against any individual with respect to their compensation, or the terms, conditions, or privileges of their employment, because of such individual's race, color, religion, sex, age, handicap or national origin; or (2) to limit, segregate, or classify their employees or applicants for employment in any way which would deprive or tend to deprive any individual of employment opportunities or otherwise adversely affect their status as an employee, because of such individual's race, color, religion, sex, age, handicap or national origin. Contractor shall comply with The Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. sec, 2000 et seq. (2000), as amended.

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

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

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

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

		City, State Zip		
Contractor/Supplier:		Anderson County Governm Administrative Approval:	nent	
Signature Date		Natalie Erb, CPA, CTP, Finance Dire	ctor Date	
Printed Name		— Anderson County Department Head Approval:		
Title		-	Date	
Name of Company		Approved as to Form	Date	
Address		Law Director	Date	

Attachment 9 - Statement of No Bid

Bid # _____

Anderson County continually seeks to improve processes. The below feedback from Vendors that provide the requested goods and/or services but decline to bid is much appreciated.

We, the undersigned, have declined to submit a bid for the following reason(s):
Specification too restrictive: i.e., geared toward one brand or manufacturer
Insufficient time to respond to the Solicitation
We do not offer this product or service
Our schedule would not permit us to provide in the time allotted
Unable to meet specifications
Unable to meet bond requirements
Specifications unclear (please explain below)
Unable to meet insurance requirements
Other (please specify below)
Remarks:
Vendor Name:
Signature/Title:
Telephone: Date:

BACKGROUND CHECK COMPLIANCE FORM

ANDERSON COUNTY GOVERNMENT

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

(865) 45	7-6252 (Fax)
BID NUMBER	CONTRACT NUMBER
BACKGROUND CHECKS Contractors shall comply wind Annotated Section 49-5-413, which requires all contractors Tennessee Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Bureau employee to have contact with students or enter school grounds.	
or renews a contract with a local board of education or chil (1) Provide a fingerprint sample	employee of any person, corporation or entity who enters into d care program on or after September 1, 2007, must: onducted by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigations and the
Contact the Anderson County School's Human Resources instructions.	Department at (865) 463-2800 ext. 2811 for fingerprint
Company or Individuals (Name)	Address
City, State, Zip Code	Telephone Number
	()
Contractor License Number (If Applicable)	
that I am authorized to sign. The undersigned further agree: Background Check Information on himself and all of his er County Government. I hereby agree to release all criminal Government, the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation and the Tennessee law and I further certify that all information sup to release and hold harmless the above-mentioned government purposes mandated under Tennessee law. I further certify that all current employees and will obtain said information on finding the said information of the said i	history and other required information to Anderson County e Federal Bureau of Investigation in accordance with plied by me regarding this inquiry is true and accurate. I agree tental entities for the use of this information related to the that I have obtained acceptable criminal history information on uture employees associated with the performance of the work Annotated 49-5-413 and that neither I nor any employee of
Signature	Title
Printed Name: (Please Print Clearly)	Date
(Please Print Clearly) INTERNAL OFFICE USE ONLY	(Month, Day, Year)
INTERNAL OFFICE USE ONLY	
Notes	

Attachment 11

DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE AFFIDAVIT

STAT	E OF
COUN	NTY OF
The ui emplo Gover	ndersigned, principal officer of, an yer of five (5) or more employees contracting with County ment to provide construction services, hereby states under oath as follows:
1.	The undersigned is a principal officer of (hereinafter referred to as the "Company"), and is duly authorized to execute this Affidavit on behalf of the Company.
2.	The Company submits this Affidavit pursuant to T.C.A. 50-9-113, which requires each employer with no less than five (5) employees receiving pay who contracts with the state or any local government to provide construction services to submit an affidavit stating that such employer has a drug-free workplace program that complies with Title 50, Chapter 9 of the <i>Tennessee Code Annotated</i> .
3.	The Company is compliance with T.C.A. 50-9-113
Furthe	er affiant saith not.
Princip	pal Officer
STATI	E OF
COUN	ITY OF
persor	e me personally appeared, with whom I am nally acquainted (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence), and who wledged that such person executed the foregoing affidavit for the purpose therein ned.
Witnes 20	ss my hand and seal office thisday of
	Notary Public
My cor	mmission expires:, 20

General Terms and Conditions

BID ENVELOPE SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS:

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

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

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

Email: <u>purchasing@andersontn.org</u>
Website: http://andersontn.org/purchasing

(865) 457-6218 Phone (865) 457-6252 Fax

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

SECTION 1 - GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- **1.1 <u>ALTERATIONS OR AMENDMENTS:</u>** Alterations, amendments, changes, modifications or additions to this solicitation shall not be binding on Anderson County without prior written approval.
- **1.2 NO CONTACT POLICY:** After vendor receives a copy of this bid, any contact initiated by any vendor with any Anderson County representative, other than the Purchasing Department, concerning this invitation for bid is prohibited and agreements made thereto will not be considered binding on Anderson County. Any such unauthorized contact may cause the disqualification of the bidder from this procurement transaction.
- **1.3 QUESTIONS:** Pursuant to TCA §12-4-113, questions regarding the specifications or bid procedures must be received by the Purchasing Agent and/or designer no less than ninety-six (96) hours before the bid opening date. No addenda within less than forty-eight (48) hours of the bid opening date shall be permitted. Any questions concerning the bid document must be submitted to purchasing@andersontn.org no less than ninety-six (96) hours before bid opening date.
- 1.4 BID CLOCK: The bid/time clock in the Anderson County Purchasing office will be the time of record.
- **1.5** <u>TAXES</u>: Anderson County is not liable for Federal excise or State sales tax. Tax exemption certificates will be provided upon request.

- **1.6** <u>CONFLICT OF INTEREST:</u> If requested by the Purchasing Agent, vendors must complete and submit a "Conflict of Interest Affidavit Statement" prior to contract award, see T.C.A. 5-14-114 and T. C. A. 12-4-101
- **1.7 NON-COLLUSION:** Vendors, by submitting a signed bid, certify that the accompanying bid is not the result of, or affected by, any unlawful act of collusion with any other person or company engaged in the same line of business or commerce, or any other fraudulent act punishable under Tennessee or United States law.
- **1.8 NON-DISCRIMINATION:** Contracted vendors will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, sex, national origin or disability except where religion, sex, national origin or disability is a bona fide occupational qualification reasonably necessary to the normal operation of the contractor.
- 1.9 SAME AS OR EQUIVALENT TO: Vendors are to bid as specified herein or propose an approved equal. Determination of equality is solely Anderson County's responsibility. Any designated brands are for reference purpose only, not a statement of preference. When an alternate manufacturer, brand, model or make is bid, Anderson County will determine if the item bid meets or exceeds the items as specified. If the bidder does not indicate that an alternate manufacturer, brand, model or make is being bid, it is understood that the item(s) bid are the same manufacturer, brand, model or make as requested in the Invitation to Bid. Comparable products of other manufacturers will be considered if proof of comparability is contained in the bid submission. It shall be the responsibility of the vendors, including vendors whose product is referenced to furnish upon request catalog pages, brochures or other data to provide an adequate basis for determining the quality and functional capabilities of the product offered. Failure to provide this data may be considered valid justification for rejection of bid.
- 1.10 MULTIPLE BIDS/AWARDS: Anderson County may consider multiple bid awards.
- 1.11 STATE OF TENNESSEE CONTRACTORS' LICENSE LAW (T.C.A. 62-6-119) b): Bids for which the total cost of the project is twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) or more, the outside of the sealed bid envelope/package containing the bid provides the following information: the Company Name, the Contractor's license number, license classification, the date of the license expiration and that part of each license classification applying to the bid. In addition, each heating ventilation or air conditioning, plumbing and electrical subcontractor's license number, date of the license expiration and that part of each classification applying to the bid if the value of the work is \$25,000 or greater, must be notated. If the value of either the contractor or the subcontractor's work is less than \$25,000, the bid envelope/package containing the bid is to be notated with the phrase "Contractor or Subcontractor's Bid is Less than \$25,000" after each appropriate heading. In the case of joint ventures, each party submitting the bid must provide this information. If no subcontractors are being used, the outside of the envelope/package containing the bid must state, "No Subcontractors are being used on this project."
- **1.12 ACCEPTANCE:** Vendors shall hold their price firm and subject to acceptance by Anderson County for a minimum period of sixty (60) working days from the date of the bid opening, unless otherwise indicated in their bid. Any or all bids may be rejected for good cause.
- **1.13 BID AWARDS:** Bids will be awarded to the lowest and best bidder, taking into consideration the qualities of the articles to be supplied, their conformity with specifications and their suitability to the requirements of Anderson County and the delivery terms. Anderson County also reserves the right to not award this bid.
- **1.14** <u>BIDDER'S MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS</u>: Bidders must have the resources and capability to provide the materials and services as described in the solicitation. Anderson County reserves the right to request additional information and/or material not specified as a bid requirement from any bidder to confirm qualifications.
- 1.15 **DEBARMENT**: By submitting a response to this solicitation, bidders are certifying that bidder is not currently debarred from doing business with any local or state Government or the Federal Government. Bidders shall provide documentation relating to any and all debarments that occurred within the last ten

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

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

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

- **1.17 DELIVERY:** Bid pricing is to include complete supply and delivery to Anderson County, Tennessee. Vendors are to state the delivery time in the bid. Anderson County requires that vendors deliver all products "free on board" to final destination unless indicated otherwise in the bid requirements.
- **1.18 PROOF OF FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS CAPABILITY:** Bidders must, upon the request of Anderson County, provide satisfactory evidence of their ability to furnish products or services in accordance with the terms and conditions of these specifications. Anderson County will make the final determination as to the bidder's ability.
- **1.19** <u>VENDOR'S DEFAULT:</u> Anderson County reserves the right, in case of vendor default, to procure the articles or services from other sources and hold the defaulting vendor responsible for any excess costs occasioned thereby.
- **1.20 DUPLICATE COPIES**: Vendors are to submit one original and at least one exact copy of their bids, including brochures; unless additional copies are requested in bid specifications.
- **1.21 DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE:** Under the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated §50-9-113 enacted by the General Assembly effective 2001, all employers with five (5) or more employees who contract with either the state or a local government to provide construction services are required to submit an affidavit stating that they have a drug free workplace program that complies with Title 50, Chapter 9, in effect at the time of submission of a bid at least to the extent required of governmental entities. The statute imposes other requirements on the contractor and contractors should consult private legal counsel if legal questions arise under this section or any other provision of this document. All contractors with five (5) or more employees that will be providing construction services are to return the provided written affidavit signed by the principal officer of a covered employer acknowledging that the contracting entity is in compliance with the Drug Free Workplace laws of State of Tennessee.
- **1.22 COMPETITION INTENDED:** It is the responsibility of the bidder to review the entire Invitation to Bid document and to notify the Purchasing Department if the Invitation to Bid is formulated in a manner that would unnecessarily restrict competition or if it is ambiguous in what is being requested. The Purchasing Agent must receive questions regarding the specifications or bid procedures no less than ninety-six (96) hours prior to the time set for the bid opening.
- **1.23 SCHOOL CAFETERIA BIDS:** If this bid is for Anderson County School's Cafeteria Food Service Department, bidders must be in compliance with Section 104(d) of the William F. Goodling Child Nutrition Reauthorization Act of 1998 which requires school and institutions participating in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and School Breakfast Program (SBP) to "Buy American" to the maximum extent practicable.

- **1.24 TERMINATION:** Anderson County reserves the right to terminate contracts in whole or in part with thirty (30) days written notification to the contractor. In the event of termination, the County shall not be liable for any costs other than the cost of services performed and materials delivered and accepted prior to termination date.
- **1.25** OSHA SAFETY: The Vendor is responsible for training their employees in Safety and Health Regulations for the job, assuring compliance with Tennessee Occupational Safety and Health regulations and any other Regulatory Agency.
- **1.26 PERFORMANCE BOND:** A standard surety or performance bond or an irrevocable letter of credit in favor of Anderson County Government at a federally insured financial institution will be required to be submitted with bid, if indicated in section four, item six insurance requirement checklist.
- **1.27 BACKGROUND CHECKS:** Contractors shall comply with Public Chapter 587 of 2007, as codified in Tennessee Code Annotated Section 49-5-413, which requires all contractors to facilitate a criminal history records check conducted by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation and the Federal Bureau of Investigation for each employee prior to permitting the employee to have contact with students or enter school grounds when students are present.
- **1.28 AWARD RESULTS:** As soon as practicable after proposal or bid evaluations, Anderson County shall post the award decision to Vendor Registry at www.vendorregistry.com. Individual notices are normally not mailed or e-mailed except to the successful vendor.
- **1.29 PRICE INCREASE/DELIVERY CHARGES:** Request for price or delivery charge increases must in be received in writing 30-days prior to implementation. The Anderson County Purchasing Agent will review requests and make a determination to continue or cancel services.
- **1.30 INDEMNIFICATION/HOLD HARMLESS:** Vendor shall indemnify, defend, save and hold harmless Anderson County and, its officers, agents and employees from all suits, claims, actions or damages of any nature brought because of, arising out of, or due to breach of the agreement by Vendor, its subcontractors, suppliers, agents, or employees or due to any negligent act or occurrence or any omission or commission of Vendor, its subcontractors, suppliers, agents or employees.
- **1.31 DECLARATIVE STATEMENT:** Any statement or words (i.e.: must, shall, will, etc.) are declarative statements and the proposer must comply with the condition. Failure to comply with any such condition may result in their bid being non-responsive and disqualified.
- **1.32 WAIVING OF INFORMALITIES:** Anderson County reserves the right to waive minor informalities or technicalities when it is in the best interest of Anderson County.
- **1.33 APPROPRIATION:** Funding for multi-year contracts are subject to budget appropriations. In the event no funds are appropriated by Anderson County for the goods or services in any fiscal year or insufficient funds exist to purchase the goods or services of a contract, then that contract shall expire upon the expenditure of previously appropriated funds or the end of the current fiscal year, whichever occurs first, with no further obligations owed to or by either party.
- **1.34 ASSIGNMENT:** Vendor shall not assign or sub-contract any agreement, its obligations or rights hereunder to any party, company, partnership, incorporation or person without the prior written specific consent of Anderson County.
- **1.35 QUANTITIES:** Anderson County does not guarantee quantities to be purchased off this bid.
- **1.36 UNIT PRICE:** In case of discrepancy between any unit price and an extended price, the unit price will be presumed to be correct, subject, however, to correction to the same extent and in the same manner as any other mistake.

- **1.37 MODIFICATION OR WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS:** When it is certain that a mistake has been made in the preparation of the bid, a request will be made to the bidder to confirm the bid. Provisions must be made so that mistakes can be taken care of and the ambiguity resolved satisfactorily. Bids may be modified or withdrawn by written notice received in the Purchasing Department prior to the time and date set for the bid opening. The changes or withdrawal of the bids shall be in writing and signed by an official of the company. The envelope containing the modification should clearly state "modification to bid." Either the entire bid or a particular item may be withdrawn or modified in this manner.
- **1.38 PRE-BID CONFERENCES:** Attendance at Pre-bid Conferences is strongly encouraged. When deemed necessary a Mandatory Pre-bid Conference will be held. A company representative MUST be in attendance and sign the Pre-bid sign-in sheet in order to be considered for bid award.
- **1.39** ADDENDUM: § T.C.A. 12-14-113 Anderson County Government reserves the right to amend this solicitation by addendum. Addenda will be posted to the vendor registry up to 48 hours in advance of the bid/proposals due date and time. It is the bidder's responsibility to check the website for addendum. If in the County's opinion revisions are of such a magnitude, the deadline for this solicitation may be extended in an addendum. Addenda may change specifications, reply sheets, and times and dates for pre-bid meetings as well as due dates/deadlines for questions and bids/proposals.
- **1.40 OWNERSHIP:** All bids, once received, become property of Anderson County Government and will not be returned.
- **1.41 WEATHER AND COURTHOUSE CLOSINGS:** In the event of a situation severe enough to necessitate the closing of Anderson County Government offices during a planned bid opening, vendors will receive notification of the new date and time upon re-opening of county government offices. No bids will be opened until the rescheduled date for bid opening and all bidders/proposers whose submissions meet the extended deadline will be given equal consideration at that time. Anderson County shall not be liable for any commercial carrier's decision regarding deliveries during inclement weather.
- **1.42 IRAN DIVESTMENT ACT OF 2014:** Pursuant to the Iran Divestment Act of 2014, Tenn. Code Ann. § 12-12-106 requires the State of Tennessee Chief Procurement Officer to publish, using creditable information freely available to the public, a list of persons it determines engage in investment activities in Iran, as described in § 12-12-105. Inclusion on this list makes a person ineligible to contract with Anderson County; if a person ceases its engagement in investment activities in Iran, it may be removed from the list. The State of Tennessee list is available here: http://tennessee.gov/generalservices/article/Public-Information-library.

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