

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
FOR
FURNISHING AND DELIVERY
OF
FURNITURE, FIXTURES & EQUIPMENT
FOR
THE CURATORS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI
ON BEHALF OF
THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI – COLUMBIA
RFP # 21010
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FURNITURE, FIXTURES & EQUIPMENT

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NOTICE TO RESPONDENTS

The University of Missouri requests proposals for the Furnishing and Delivery of **FURNITURE, FIXTURES & EQUIPMENT, RFP #2010** which will be received by the undersigned at University of Missouri Procurement, until **September 10, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. CST. The University assumes no responsibility for any vendor's on-time receipt at the designated location for proposal opening. Faxed or emailed responses will not be considered.**

Specifications and the conditions of Request for Proposal together with the printed form on which Request for Proposals must be made may be obtained by accessing the following website: <http://www.umsystem.edu/ums/fa/procurement/bids> or from the Strategic Sourcing Specialist identified within this document.

In the event a Respondent chooses to use the Word version of the RFP to aid in preparation of its response, the Respondent should only complete the response information. Any modification by the Respondent of the specifications provided will be ignored, and the original wording of the RFP shall be the prevailing document.

If you have any questions regarding the RFP, please send them to:

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All questions regarding the RFP must be received no later than 2:00 p.m. on September 3, 2020.

The University reserves the right to waive any informality in Request for Proposals and to reject any or all Request for Proposals.

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**UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)
GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS
&
INSTRUCTIONS TO RESPONDENTS**

A. General Terms and Conditions

1. **Purpose:** The purpose of these specifications is to require the furnishing of the highest quality equipment, supplies, material and/or service in accordance with the specifications. These documents, and any subsequent addenda, constitute the complete set of specification requirements and proposal response forms.
2. **Governing Laws and Regulations:** Any contract issued as a result of this RFP shall be construed according to the laws of the State of Missouri. Additionally, the contractor shall comply with all local, state, and federal laws and regulations related to the performance of the contract to the extent that the same may be applicable.
3. **Taxes:** The contractor shall assume and pay all taxes and contributions including, but not limited to, State, Federal and Municipal which are payable by virtue of the furnishing and delivery of item(s) specified herein. Materials and services furnished the University are not subject to either Federal Excise Taxes or Missouri Sales Tax.
4. **Sovereign Immunity:** The Curators of the University of Missouri, due to its status as a state entity and its entitlement to sovereign immunity, is unable to accept contract provisions, which require The Curators to indemnify another party (537.600, RSMo). Any indemnity language in proposed terms and conditions will be modified to conform to language that The Curators are able to accept.
5. **Preference for Missouri Firms:** In accordance with University policy, preference shall be given to Missouri products, materials, services and firms when the goods or services to be provided are equally or better suited for the intended purpose. As long as quality is equal, preference by a differential not to exceed 5% shall be given. Firms are considered "Missouri firms" if they maintain a regular place of business in the State of Missouri.
6. **Appropriation:** The Curators of the University of Missouri is a public corporation and, as such, cannot create indebtedness in any one year (the fiscal year beginning July 1 to June 30) above what they can pay out of the annual income of said year as set forth in 172.250, RSMo. Therefore, if the University determines it has not received adequate appropriations, budget allocations or income to enable it to meet the terms of this contract, the University reserves the right to cancel this contract with 30 days' notice.
7. **Equal Opportunity and Non-Discrimination:** In connection with the furnishing of equipment, supplies, and/or services under the contract, the contractor and all subcontractors shall agree not to discriminate against any recipients of services, or

employees or applicants for employment on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, disability, or veteran status. The contractor shall comply with federal laws, rules and regulations applicable to subcontractors of government contracts including those relating to equal employment of minorities, women, persons with disabilities, and certain veterans. Contract clauses required by the United States Government in such circumstances are incorporated herein by reference.

8. **Supplier Diversity Participation:** The University of Missouri System is committed to and supports supplier diversity as an essential part of the University's mission and core values. To qualify as a Diverse Supplier, the company must be at least 51% owned and controlled by someone in one of the recognized groups (see below). These firms can be a sole proprietorship, partnership, joint venture or corporation. Diverse suppliers should be certified from a recognized certifying agency.

The University of Missouri recognizes the following groups:

- MBE (Minority Owned Business Enterprise)
 - African American
 - Asian American
 - Pacific Asian American
 - Subcontinent Asian American
 - Hispanic American
 - Native American
- WBE (Women Owned Business Enterprise)
- DVBE (Service Disabled Veteran Owned Business Enterprise)
- VBE (Veteran Owned Business Enterprise)
- LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender)
- DBE (Disadvantaged Business Enterprise)

Tier 2 Diverse Supplier Spending and Reporting: The University strongly encourages Supplier Diversity participation in all of its contracts for goods and services. Tier 2 spend is spend reported by primary (non-diverse) suppliers of the University of Missouri who subcontract work to, or make purchases from a diverse supplier. Depending upon the contract, primary (non-diverse) suppliers may be asked to submit Tier 2 information with Women and Diverse Owned Companies. Suppliers have two options in reporting Tier 2 dollars depending on the terms on the contract: Direct and Indirect.

- Direct dollars – dollars directly spent with Women and Diverse Owned suppliers in the fulfillment of the contract.
- Indirect dollars – dollars based on a percentage of revenue the University represents to the supplier. An example is as follows:
 - 1) Supplier's Total Revenues: \$10,000,000
 - 2) Revenues from University \$: \$4,000,000
 - 3) University % of Total Revenues: 40% (#2 divided by #1)

- 4) Total MBE Dollars: \$150,000
- 5) Total WBE Dollars: \$150,000
- 6) Total University Attributable MBE \$: \$60,000 (#3 multiplied by #4)
- 7) Total University Attributable WBE \$: \$60,000 (#3 multiplied by #5)
- 8) Total University Attributable MWBE \$: \$120,000 (Sum of #6 and #7)
- 9) University % Attributable Revenue: 3% (#8 divided by #2)

Supplier Diversity Participation Form: If a respondent will be utilizing a diverse supplier as part of this contract, they must indicate their Supplier Diversity participation levels on the Supplier Diversity Participation Form included in this RFP (see Attachment A). The Respondent must describe what suppliers and/or how the Respondent will achieve the Supplier Diversity goals. Evaluation of proposals shall include the proposed level of Supplier Diversity participation. Proposals that do not meet the participation requirements for Supplier Diversity will not receive any of the points during proposal review.

Suppliers/contractors will be responsible for reporting Tier 2 diverse supplier participation on an agreed upon timing (e.g. quarterly, annually) when business is awarded.

The University will monitor the supplier/contractor's compliance in meeting the Supplier Diversity participation levels committed to in the awarded proposal. If the supplier/contractor's payments to participating diverse suppliers are less than the amount committed to in the contract, the University reserves the right to cancel the contract, suspend and/or debar the supplier/contractor from participating in future contracts.

9. **Applicable Laws and Regulations:** The University serves from time to time as a contractor for the United States government. Accordingly, the provider of goods and/or services shall comply with federal laws, rules and regulations applicable to subcontractors of government contracts including those relating to equal employment opportunity and affirmative action in the employment of minorities (Executive Order 11246), women (Executive Order 11375), persons with disabilities (29 USC 706 and Executive Order 11758), and certain veterans (38 USC 4212 formerly [2012]) contracting with business concerns with small disadvantaged business concerns (Publication L. 95-507). Contract clauses required by the Government in such circumstances are incorporated herein by reference.
10. **Applicable Digital Accessibility Laws and Regulations:** The University affords equal opportunity to individuals with disabilities in its employment, services, programs and activities in accordance with federal and state laws, including Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act, 36 C.F.R., Pt. 1194. This includes effective communication and access to electronic and information communication technology resources, and the University expects that all products will, to the greatest extent possible, provide equivalent ease of use for individuals with disabilities as for non-disabled individuals. The University of Missouri has adopted the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG), as specified by the University of Missouri Digital Accessibility Policy.

Supplier shall: (1) deliver all applicable services and products in reasonable compliance with University standards (Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.0, Level AA or above); (2)

provide the University with an Accessibility Conformance Report detailing the product's current accessibility according to WCAG standards using the latest version of the Voluntary Product Accessibility Template (VPAT); (3) if accessibility issues exist, provide a "roadmap" plan for remedying those deficiencies on a reasonable timeline to be approved by the University; (4) promptly respond to assist the University with resolving any accessibility complaints and requests for accommodation from users with disabilities resulting from supplier's failure to meet WCAG guidelines at no cost to the University; and (5) indemnify and hold the University harmless in the event of any claims arising from inaccessibility.

When installation, configuration, integration, updates, or maintenance are provided, the supplier must ensure these processes are completed in a way that does not reduce the original level of WCAG conformance. If at any point after procurement it is determined that accessibility improvements need to be made in order to comply with the WCAG standards, the supplier agrees to work with the University to remedy the non-compliance by submitting a roadmap detailing a plan for improvement on a reasonable timeline. Resolution of reported accessibility issue(s) that may arise should be addressed as high priority, and failure to make satisfactory progress towards compliance with WCAG, as agreed to in the roadmap, shall constitute a breach of contract and be grounds for termination or non-renewal of the agreement.

11. **Applicable Health Related Laws and Regulations:** If these specifications or any resulting contract involves health care services or products, the Contractor agrees to maintain, and will further assure such compliance by its employees or subcontractors, the confidential nature of all information which may come to Contractor with regard to patients of the University. All services provided pursuant to this contract shall be provided in accordance with all applicable federal and state laws including The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, Public Law 104-191, sections 261-264 (the Administrative Simplification sections) and the regulations promulgated pursuant thereto and regulations of the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organization and The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

Respondents understand and agree that the Curators of the University of Missouri, in the operation of MU Health Care, is regulated under federal or state laws with regard to contracting with vendors. The Contractor represents that it is not currently excluded or threatened with exclusion from participating in any federal or state funded health care program, including Medicare and Medicaid. Contractor agrees to notify the University of any imposed exclusions or sanctions covered by this representation.

The University will regularly check the "List of Excluded Individuals/Entities" (LEIE), maintained by the Office of Inspector General, United States Department of Health and Human Services ("OIG") to determine if any Respondents have been excluded from participation in federal health care programs, as that term is defined in 42 U.S.C. §1320a-7b(f). The University reserves the sole right to reject any respondents who are excluded by the OIG, who have been debarred by the federal government, or who have otherwise committed any act that could furnish a basis for such exclusion or debarment.

12. **Inventions, Patents, and Copyrights:** The Contractor shall pay for all royalties, license fees, patent or invention rights, or copyrights and defend all suits or claims for infringements of any patent or invention right or copyrights involved in the items furnished hereunder. The Contractor shall defend, protect, and hold harmless the University its officers, agents, servants and employees against all suits of law or in equity resulting from patent and or copyright infringement concerning the contractor's performance or products produced under the terms of the contract.

Copyrights for any item developed for the University shall be the property of the University and inure to its benefit and the Contractor shall execute such documents as the University may require for the perfection thereof.

13. **Insurance:** The Contractor shall purchase and maintain such insurance as will protect the Contractor and the University against any and all claims and demands arising from the execution of the contract. Further, when stated in the Detailed Specifications and Special Conditions, the Contractor shall be required to procure and maintain the types and limits of insurance as specified.

14. **Performance Bond/Irrevocable Letter of Credit:** If a performance bond or irrevocable letter of credit is required in the Detailed Specifications and Special Conditions, the Contractor shall furnish to the University, along with their signed contract, a performance bond or unconditional irrevocable letter of credit payable to the Curators of the University of Missouri in the face amount specified in the Detailed Specifications and Special Conditions as surety for faithful performance under the terms and conditions of the contract.

15. **Vendor Gifts:** The contractor shall refrain in offering any offers of gifts to the University, and all University of Missouri employee's, in accordance with University of Missouri Policy #26301, Suppliers.

B. Instructions to Respondents

a) **Request for Proposal (RFP) Document:** Respondents are expected to examine the complete RFP document and all attachments including drawings, specifications, and instructions. Failure to do so is at Respondents' risk. It is the Respondents' responsibility to ask questions, request changes or clarifications, or otherwise advise the University if any language, specifications or requirements of the RFP appear to be ambiguous, contradictory, and/or arbitrary, or appear to inadvertently restrict or limit the requirements stated in the RFP to a single source.

Any and all communications from Respondents regarding specifications, requirements, competitive Request for Proposal process, etc., should be directed to the University buyer of record referenced in this RFP. It is the responsibility of the person or organization communicating the request to ensure that it is received.

The RFP document and any attachments constitute the complete set of specifications and Request for Proposal response forms. No verbal or written information that is obtained other than through this RFP or its addenda shall be binding on the University. No employee of the University is authorized to interpret any portion of this RFP or give information as to the requirements of the RFP in addition to that contained in or amended to this written RFP document. In case of any doubt or difference of opinion as to the true intent of the RFP, the decision of the University's Chief Procurement Officer shall be final and binding on all parties.

2. **Preparation of Request for Proposals:** All Request for Proposals must be submitted in the format and number of copies as specified in the detailed specifications and must be enclosed in a sealed envelope plainly marked: Request for Proposal #21010 for FURNITURE AND FIXTURES, mailed and/or delivered to UM System Supply Chain, 2910 LeMone Industrial Blvd, Columbia, MO 65201, ATTN: **Leyanna Long**.

To receive consideration, Request for Proposals must be received, at the above address, prior to the Proposal due date and time stated in this RFP. It is the respondent's full responsibility for the actual delivery of Proposals during business hours, Monday thru Friday 7:30 am to 4:30 pm at the specified address.

Unless otherwise specifically stated in the RFP, all specifications and requirements constitute minimum requirements. All Requests for Proposals must meet or exceed the stated specifications or requirements. All equipment and supplies offered must be new, of current production, and available for marketing by the manufacturer unless the RFP clearly specifies that used, reconditioned, or remanufactured equipment and supplies may be offered. Unless specifically stated and allowed in the Detailed Specifications and Special Conditions, all pricing submitted in response to this RFP is firm and fixed.

Whenever the name of a manufacturer, trade name, brand name, or model and catalog numbers followed by the words "or equal" or "approved equal" are used in the specifications, it is for the purpose of item identification and to establish standards of quality, style, and features. Proposals on equivalent items of the same quality are invited. However, to receive consideration, such equivalent proposals must be accompanied by sufficient descriptive literature and/or specifications to clearly identify the item and provide for competitive evaluation. The University will be the sole judge of equality and suitability. Whenever the name of a manufacturer is mentioned in the specifications and the words "or equal" do not follow, it shall be deemed that the words "or equal" follow unless the context specifies "no substitution." Unless noted on the Request for Proposal form, it will be deemed that the article furnished is that designated by the specifications. The University reserves the right to return, at contractor's expense, all items that are furnished which are not acceptable as equals to items specified and contractor agrees to replace such items with satisfactory items at the original proposal price.

Time will be of the essence for any orders placed as a result of this RFP. The University reserves the right to cancel any orders, or part thereof, without obligation if delivery is not made in accordance with the schedule specified by the respondents Proposal and accepted

by the University. Unless otherwise specified in the Detailed Specifications and Special Conditions, all proposals shall include all packing, handling, and shipping charges FOB destination, freight prepaid and allowed.

3. **Submission of Proposals:** Respondent shall furnish information required by the solicitation in the form requested. The University reserves the right to reject proposals with incomplete information or which are presented on a different form. All proposals shall be signed, in the appropriate location, by a duly authorized representative of the Respondent's organization. Signature on the proposal certifies that the Respondent has read and fully understands all RFP specifications, plans, and terms and conditions.

By submitting a proposal, the Respondent agrees to provide the specified equipment, supplies and/or services in the RFP, at the prices quoted, pursuant to all requirements and specifications contained therein. Furthermore, the Respondent certifies that: (1) the proposal is genuine and is not made in the interest of or on behalf of any undisclosed person, firm, or corporation, and is not submitted in conformity with any agreement or rules of any group, association, or corporation; (2) the Respondent has not directly or indirectly induced or solicited any other Respondent to submit a false or sham proposal; (3) the Respondent has not solicited or induced any person, firm, or corporation to refrain from responding; (4) the Respondent has not sought by collusion or otherwise to obtain any advantage over any other Respondent or over the University.

Modifications or erasures made before proposal submission must be initialed in ink by the person signing the proposal. Proposals, once submitted, may be modified in writing prior to the exact date and time set for the RFP closing. Any such modifications shall be prepared on company letterhead, signed by a duly authorized representative, and state the new document supersedes or modifies the prior proposal. The modification must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "Proposal Modification" and clearly identifying the RFP title, RFP number and closing date and time. Proposals may not be modified after the RFP closing date and time. Telephone and facsimile modifications are not permitted.

Proposals may be withdrawn in writing, on company letterhead, signed by a duly authorized representative and received at the designated location prior to the date and time set for RFP closing. Proposals may be withdrawn in person before the RFP closing upon presentation of proper identification. Proposals may not be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days after the scheduled closing time for the receipt of proposals.

All proposals, information, and materials received by the University in connection with an RFP response shall be deemed open records pursuant to 610.021 RSMo. If a Respondent believes any of the information contained in the Respondent's response is exempt from 610.021 RSMo, the Respondent's response must specifically identify the material which is deemed to be exempt and cite the legal authority for the exemption; otherwise, the University will treat all materials received as open records. The University shall make the final determination as to what materials are or are not exempt

4. **Evaluation and Award:** Any clerical errors, apparent on its face, may be corrected by the Buyer before contract award. Upon discovering an apparent clerical error, the Buyer shall contact the Respondent and request clarification of the intended proposal. The correction shall be incorporated in the notice of award. The University reserves the right to request clarification of any portion of the Respondent's response in order to verify the intent. The Respondent is cautioned, however, that its response may be subject to acceptance or rejection without further clarification.

The University reserves the right to make an award to the responsive and responsible Respondent whose product or service meets the terms, conditions, and specifications of the RFP and whose proposal is considered to best serve the University's interest. In determining responsiveness and the responsibility of the Respondent, the following shall be considered when applicable: the ability, capacity, and skill of the respondent to perform as required; whether the respondent can perform promptly, or within the time specified without delay or interference; the character, integrity, reputation, judgment, experience and efficiency of the respondent; the quality of past performance by the Respondent; the previous and existing compliance by the Respondent with related laws and regulations; the sufficiency of the Respondent's financial resources; the availability, quality and adaptability of the Respondents equipment, supplies and/or services to the required use; the ability of the respondent to provide future maintenance, service and parts.

The University has established formal protest procedures. For more information about these procedures, contact the Buyer of Record.

In case of any doubt or difference of opinion as to the items and/or services to be furnished hereunder, the decision of the Assistant Vice President Management Services, UM System shall be final and binding upon all parties.

The University reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals and to waive any technicality or informality.

5. **Contract Award and Assignment:** The successful Respondent(s) shall, within ten (10) days after the receipt of formal notice of award of the contract, enter into a contract prepared by the University. The Contract Documents shall include the Advertisement for Request for Proposals, Specifications and Addenda, Exhibits, Request for Proposal Form, Form of Contract, Statement of Work, Letter of Award, University Purchase Order, and Form of Performance Bond, if required.

The contract to be awarded and any amount to be paid thereunder shall not be transferred, sublet, or assigned without the prior approval of the University.

6. **Contract Termination for Cause:** In the event the Contractor violates any provisions of the contract, the University may serve written notice upon Contractor and Surety setting forth the violations and demanding compliance with the contract. Unless within ten (10) days after serving such notice, such violations shall cease and satisfactory arrangements for correction

be made, the University may terminate the contract by serving written notice upon the Contractor; but the liability of Contractor and Surety for such violation; and for any and all damages resulting there from, as well as from such termination, shall not be affected by any such termination.

7. **Contract Termination for Convenience:** The University reserves the right, in its best interest as determined by the University, to cancel the contract by given written notice to the Contractor thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of such cancellation.
8. **Warranty and Acceptance:** The Contractor expressly warrants that all equipment, supplies, and/or services provided shall: (1) conform to each and every specification, drawing, sample or other description which was furnished or adopted by the University, (2) be fit and sufficient for the purpose expressed in the RFP, (3) be merchantable, (4) be of good materials and workmanship, (5) be free from defect. Such warranty shall survive delivery and shall not be deemed waived either by reason of the University's acceptance of or payment for such equipment, supplies, and/or services.

No equipment, supplies, and/or services received by the University pursuant to a contract shall be deemed accepted until the University has had a reasonable opportunity to inspect said equipment, supplies and/or services. All equipment, supplies, and/or services which do not comply with specifications and/or requirements or which are otherwise unacceptable or defective may be rejected. In addition, all equipment, supplies, and/or services which are discovered to be defective or which do not conform to any warranty of the Contractor upon inspection (or at any later time if the defects contained were not reasonably ascertainable upon the initial inspection) may be rejected.

9. **Payment:** Preferred settlement method is through the use of Electronic Accounts Payable solutions. The University encourages suppliers to opt into its Single-Use Account (SUA) credit card program for payment of invoices. The SUA is an electronic, credit card-based payment solution that acts like a check. It provides a single 16-digit virtual account number for each payment. Similar to a check, the credit limit on each SUA is set to the specific payment amount. Payment terms for Suppliers who participate in the SUA program are Net 0 as opposed to the standard Net 30 terms. An alternative electronic solution is payment through Automated Clearing House (ACH). Payment terms associated with settlement via ACH or check will be considered to be Net 30 days. Earlier settlement will be considered if cash discounts for prompt payment are offered. Cash discounts for prompt payment will not be considered in determination of award unless specifically stated in the Detailed Specifications and Special Conditions.

The University may withhold payment or make such deductions as may be necessary to protect the University from loss or damage on account of defective work, claims, damages, or to pay for repair or correction of equipment or supplies furnished hereunder. Payment may not be made until satisfactory delivery and acceptance by the University and receipt of correct invoice have occurred.

10. **Accounting Practices:** The Contractor shall maintain, during the term of the contract, all books of account, reports, and records in accordance with generally accepted accounting practices and standard for records directly related to this contract. The Contractor agrees to make available to the University, during normal business hours, all book of account, reports and records relating to this contract for the duration of the contract and retain them for a minimum period of one (1) year beyond the last day of the contract term.
11. **Debarment and Suspension Certification:** The contractor certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief that it and its principals are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency in accordance with Executive Order 12549 (2/18/86).
12. **Cooperative Purchasing:** The intended coverage of this RFP, and any Agreement resulting from this solicitation, shall be for the use by all faculty, staff, students, departments, locations and affiliates of the University of Missouri, including MU Health Care.

The University of Missouri System seeks to make the terms and prices of this contract available to other higher education institutions and public entities in the State of Missouri. Extension of the terms and prices to any or all other Missouri higher education institutions and public entities is at the discretion of respondents and shall not be considered in the award of this contract. The contractor shall further understand and agree that participation by other higher education institutions and public entities is discretionary on the part of these institutions, and the University of Missouri System bears no financial responsibility for any payments due the contractor by such entities, nor will the University be responsible for contract administration for other institutions.

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI
DETAILED SPECIFICATIONS AND SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. OBJECTIVE

The Curators of the University of Missouri, a public organization, propose to contract on behalf of the University of Missouri (hereinafter referred to as "University") with an organization (hereinafter referred to as "Supplier"), to provide **Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment to the University of Missouri** as described herein.

2. SCOPE

The scope of this RFP includes the purchase, delivery and installation of Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment ("FF&E") from a single vendor who can conform with the University's design criteria for the NextGen Precision Health Initiative and Institute. Launched in 2019, the initiative harnesses and supports the research activities of the UM System's four universities and health system. The NextGen Precision Health Initiative is expected to accelerate medical breakthroughs for patients in Missouri and beyond, increase collaboration among UM System scientists and industry partners, attract research funding, generate jobs, and train a new generation of health care scientists and practitioners who will help Missouri address the health care needs of the future. The NextGen Precision Health Institute, a cornerstone of the Initiative, includes research from throughout the university; a five-story building to support that work is slated to open in the fall of 2021 on the University of Missouri - Columbia campus.

Project Deliverables

- Provide FF&E Design Services for aforementioned project.
 - Solutions to include new furniture only; no refurbished
 - Solutions to include single-source manufacturer and subsidiaries
 - Solutions to align with aesthetics of building and meet user expectations
 - Solutions to include appropriate scale, materiality, and durability to meet user expectations.
 - Bi-weekly design meetings in Columbia, Missouri will be expected
 - Three design presentations with the University of Missouri and Burns & McDonnell in Columbia, Missouri

- Provide FF&E Specification Services for aforementioned project including:
 - Full bill of materials including standard and non-standard product
 - Responsibility for order details and quantities
 - Coordination with manufacturer

- Provide FF&E Delivery and Installation for aforementioned project including:
 - Logistics and sequencing plan
 - Project manager on site for full duration of installation
 - Removal of all waste/recyclable materials
 - Warehousing near project site for up to one month
 - Tiered installation plan per level with option to sequence within each level
 - Responsibility for all product lead times and arrival on site required to be installed prior to building opening
 - Coordination of replacement products due to manufacturing or shipping/handling damages

- Provide FF&E Service and Maintenance for aforementioned project including:
 - Service contact located in Central Missouri
 - (1) One digital and (2) two print copies of final FFE package (drawings PDF & CAD, specifications PDF & SIF, binder of final selections with finishes and cleaning instructions, owner's manuals and warranties for all pieces of FF&E

Proposals shall be submitted in accordance with the terms and conditions of this RFP and any addenda issued hereto. At the discretion of the University of Missouri System, this contract may be utilized for additional services based on scope of work with other affiliates on an as needed basis.

The University reserves the right to make multiple awards and/or to reject any and all respondents. Proposals shall be submitted in accordance with the terms and conditions of this RFP and any addenda issued hereto. At the discretion of The University of Missouri System, this contract may be utilized for additional services based on scope of work with other affiliates on an as needed basis.

On Site or ZOOM Presentations

The University may request vendors selected as finalists to a ZOOM meeting, at the vendor's expense, for presentations as part of the RFP selection the week of September 21, 2020, an exact date and time TBD. Once responses have been received, opened, and reviewed, and scored, invites will be sent to those vendors selected to participate in presentations if required.

3. BACKGROUND UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

The University of Missouri (Mizzou, MU, or Missouri) is a public research university in Columbia, Missouri. It is Missouri's largest university and the flagship of the four campus University of Missouri System. Founded in 1839, it was the first public university west of the Mississippi River. It is a member of the Association of American Universities as well as a land-grant and space-grant institution. Enrolling over 30,000 students in 2020, it offers over 300 degree programs in thirteen major academic divisions. Its well-known Missouri School of Journalism was founded by Walter Williams in 1908 as the world's first journalism school; It publishes a daily newspaper, the Columbia Missourian, and operates an NBC affiliate KOMU. The University of Missouri Research Reactor Center is the world's most powerful university research reactor and is the United States sole source of isotopes used in nuclear medicine. The university operates University of Missouri Health Care, running a number of hospitals and clinics in Mid-Missouri.

4. CONTRACT PERIOD

The contract period shall be from the date of award for a period of Two (2) year, with the option by the University to renew for an additional Three (3), one (1) year periods. Pricing to be held for the first two (2) years of the contract, unless a price reduction occurs.

The Curators of the University of Missouri is a public corporation and, as such, cannot create an indebtedness in any one year (the fiscal year beginning July 1 to June 30) above what they can pay out of the annual income of said year as set forth in Section 172.250 RS MO. Therefore, if the University determines it has not received adequate appropriations, budget allocations or income to enable it to meet the terms of this contract, the University reserves the right to cancel this contract with thirty (30) days' notice.

5. INSTRUCTIONS FOR PROPOSAL RESPONSE

Respondents are required to fully respond with compliance statements to each of the mandatory specifications. Respondents are required to fully respond with description of ability to meet (and how) the evaluation questions.

Respondents must be clear and concise in responses in order to be fully credited in the evaluation. Attach and reference any relevant documentation that would ensure the evaluating committee that specifications are met. If "no response" or insufficient response to substantiate compliance is provided, the University reserves the sole right to reject vendor's proposal from further consideration. Do not include responses that are superfluous or irrelevant to the specific question asked. These are not valuable in the volume of information the various evaluating teams must review.

Proposals must be submitted in the number and manner as specified below:

Volume I – Functional Section is to be submitted with three (3) total copies, one (1) original paper, one (1) paper copies, and one (1) electronic copy via flash drive (not password protected) in PDF format and must contain:

*Response to Information for Respondents and General Conditions, Mandatory Specifications and vendor responses, and Desirable Specifications and vendor responses. If there is any vendor related contract that must be signed as part of doing business, it should also be included in this section. **This section includes all response information, except pricing information and Supplier Diversity Participation Form.**

Volume II – Financial Section must be submitted in a separately sealed envelope in triplicate (one original, one copy and one electronic copy via flash drive not password protected) and contain:

*Proposal Form with any supplemental pricing schedules, if applicable, and Financial Summary including additional costs, if any, for Desirable Specification Compliance, functional or technical. This section should also include the Supplier Diversity Participation Form. Financial statements that may be required are also to be included in this section.

Respondent must complete and return the University Proposal Form with proposal response. Vendor quote sheets are not acceptable forms of bidding and could cause rejection of response.

Responses to this document must address issues in the order provided.

Note: Any Respondent's Request for Proposal that makes material modifications to the University's Terms and Conditions may be found non-responsive, as solely determined by the University.

Confidentiality of Information:

All records received from a Supplier will be deemed public records and presumed to be open. If the supplier submits with the Request for Proposal any information claimed to be exempt under the Revised Statutes of Missouri, Chapter 610, this information must be placed in a separate envelope and marked with:

"This data shall not be disclosed outside the University or be duplicated, used, or disclosed in whole or in part for any purpose other than to evaluate the Request for Proposal; however, if a contract is awarded to this Supplier as a result of or in connection with the submission of such information, the University shall have the right to duplicate, use, or disclose this information to the extent provided in the contract. This restriction does not limit the University's right to use information contained herein if it is obtained from another source."

6. EVALUATION AND CRITERIA FOR AWARD OF PROPOSAL

Respondents must meet the mandatory/limiting criteria to be “qualified” for scoring. If requirements are not met, the respondents are disqualified from further evaluation/award. Qualified remaining respondents will be scored on their ability to meet scored desirable criteria, which includes qualitatively, how specifications are met. A team of University individuals will evaluate and assign points to vendors’ responses to the evaluation questions. At the sole option of the University, the functional/technical review team may decide to go on a site visit, at their expense, or request vendors to perform a presentation/demonstration to confirm specifications are met as provided in responses. The University could elect to not award to a potential respondent if site visits/presentations revealed compliance inconsistency.

The University may request vendors selected as finalists to come onsite to the University, at the vendor’s expense, for presentations as part of the RFP selection.

Proposals will be awarded based upon the functional and financial evaluation.

7. INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS –

Contractor agrees to maintain, on a primary basis and at its sole expense, at all times during the life of any resulting contract the following insurance coverages, limits, including endorsements described herein. The requirements contained herein, as well as the University’s review or acceptance of insurance maintained by Contractor is not intended to and shall not in any manner limit or qualify the liabilities or obligations assumed by Contractor under any resulting contract. Coverage to be provided as follows by a carrier with A.M. Best minimum rating of A- VIII.

Commercial General Liability Contractor agrees to maintain Commercial General Liability at a limit of not less than \$1,000,000 Each Occurrence, \$2,000,000 Annual Aggregate. Coverage shall not contain any endorsement(s) excluding nor limiting Product/Completed Operations, Contractual Liability or Cross Liability. Contractor may satisfy the minimum liability limits required for Commercial General Liability or Business Auto Liability under an Umbrella or Excess Liability policy. There is no minimum per occurrence limit of liability under the Umbrella or Excess Liability; however, the Annual Aggregate limit shall not be less than the highest “Each Occurrence” limit for either Commercial General Liability or Business Auto Liability. Contractor agrees to endorse The Curators of the University of Missouri, its officers, employees and agents as Additional Insured on the Umbrella or Excess Liability, unless the Certificate of Insurance state the Umbrella or Excess Liability provides coverage on a “Follow-Form” basis.

Note: Anyone who serves alcoholic beverages on a University of Missouri Campus or when contracted for service at a UM event must also provide liquor liability coverage. This should be written on an "occurrence basis" and have limits not less than \$1,000,000 each claim or each common cause and at least a \$1,000,000 aggregate. The insurance carrier, policy

number, effective date and limits should be shown on an insurance certificate provided to the University of Missouri. The Curators of the University of Missouri, its officers, employees and agents endorsed as Additional Insured on such policy and a copy of the endorsement should be provided along with the certificate of insurance.

Business Auto Liability (If required in service performance) Contractor agrees to maintain Business Automobile Liability at a limit not less than \$1,000,000 Each Occurrence. Coverage shall include liability for Owned, Non-Owned & Hired automobiles. In the event Contractor does not own automobiles, Contractor agrees to maintain coverage for Hired & Non-Owned Auto Liability, which may be satisfied by way of endorsement to the Commercial General Liability policy or separate Business Auto Liability policy.

Workers' Compensation & Employers Liability Contractor agrees to maintain Workers' Compensation in accordance with Missouri State Statutes or provide evidence of monopolistic state coverage. Employers Liability with the following limits: \$500,000 each accident, disease each employee and disease policy limit.

Contract Language

The Curators of the University of Missouri, its officers, employees and agents are to be Additional Insured with respect to the project to which these insurance requirements pertain. A certificate of insurance evidencing all coverage required is to be provided at least 10 days prior to the inception date of the contract between the contractor and the University. Contractor/Party is required to maintain coverages as stated and required to provide written notice of cancellation according to the policy provisions. The University reserves the right to request a copy of the policy. The University reserves the right to require higher limits on any contract provided notice of such requirement is stated in the request for proposals for such contract.

Indemnification The Contractor agrees to defend, indemnify, and save harmless The Curators of the University of Missouri, their Officers, Agents, Employees and Volunteers, from and against all loss or expense from any cause of action arising from the Contractor's operations. The contractor agrees to investigate, handle, respond to and provide defense for and defend against any such liability, claims, and demands at the sole expense of the Contractor or at the option of the University, agrees to pay to or reimburse the University for the Defense Costs incurred by the University in connection with any such liability claims, or demands.

The parties hereto understand and agree that the University is relying on, and does not waive or intend to waive by any provision of this Contract, any monetary limitations or any other rights, immunities, and protections provided by the State of Missouri, as from time to time amended, or otherwise available to the University, or its officers, employees, agents or volunteers.

Failure to maintain the required insurance in force may be cause for contract termination. In the event the Agency/Service fails to maintain and keep in force the required insurance

or to obtain coverage from its subcontractors, the University shall have the right to cancel and terminate the contract without notice.

The insurance required by the provisions of this article is required in the public interest and the University does not assume any liability for acts of the Agency/Service and/or their employees and/or their subcontractors in the performance of this contract.

8. PAYMENT TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Payment in full will be made within thirty (30) days after receiving invoices for good/services rendered as meeting all performance specifications. The University reserves the right to withhold a portion of the payment until the services have been completed. Any different payment terms desired by the respondent must be clearly stated and may or may not be accepted by the University.

Preferred settlement method is through the use of Electronic Accounts Payable solutions. The University encourages suppliers to opt into its Single-Use Account (SUA) credit card program for payment of invoices. The SUA is an electronic, credit card-based payment solution that acts like a check. It provides a single 16-digit virtual account number for each payment. Similar to a check, the credit limit on each SUA is set to the specific payment amount. Payment terms for Suppliers who participate in the SUA program are Net 0 as opposed to the standard Net 30 terms. An alternative electronic solution is payment through Automated Clearing House (ACH). Payment terms associated with settlement via ACH or check will be considered to be Net 30 days. Earlier settlement will be considered if cash discounts for prompt payment are offered. Cash discounts for prompt payment will not be considered in determination of award unless specifically stated in the Detailed Specifications and Special Conditions.

The University may withhold payment or make such deductions as may be necessary to protect the University from loss or damage on account of defective work, claims, damages, or to pay for repair or correction of equipment or supplies furnished hereunder. Payment may not be made until satisfactory delivery and acceptance by the University and receipt of correct invoice have occurred.

9. Prevailing Wage

The Contractors must comply with the State of Missouri and University of Missouri Prevailing Wage Law Rules, a complete listing of guidelines, policies and wage rates by counties may be found at the University of Missouri web site.

https://www.umsystem.edu/ums/fa/facilities/prevailing_wage_labor_compliance
<https://www.umsystem.edu/ums/fa/facilities/wagerates>

Labor should be quoted with prevailing wage.

10. MANDATORY CRITERIA

Respondents must meet all mandatory requirements in this section in order to continue with a response to this RFP. Any Respondent that does not meet all of the following requirements will be removed from further consideration. Respondents must provide a written, affirmative response to each of the criteria stated below and provide substantiating information to support your answer.

10.1 Company Team and Experience

- a. It is mandatory that the respondent team include an owner/manager, project manager and designer each with at least five (5) years of experience in providing commercial FF&E products.
Compliance: Yes _____ or No _____
- b. It is mandatory that the respondent can provide an owner/manager for the project for the duration of design/procurement/installation and be available for project kick-off, sign-off on design specifications and final installation. Owner/manager to also be available in Columbia, Missouri for high-level direction.
Compliance: Yes _____ or No _____
- c. It is mandatory that the respondent can provide a dedicated project manager for the project for the duration of design/ procurement/ installation and be on site during installation.
Compliance: Yes _____ or No _____
- d. It is mandatory that the respondent's designer has 8-10 years of commercial design experience with knowledge and skills about space planning; interior building materials and finishes; casework, furniture, furnishings, and equipment; lighting; acoustics; wayfinding; ergonomics and anthropometrics; and human environmental behavior.
Compliance: Yes _____ or No _____
- e. It is mandatory that the respondent project manager and designer are available for bi-weekly in person meetings and three additional design presentations in Columbia, Missouri during the design and procurement phase and the project manager be on site daily during installation.
Compliance: Yes _____ or No _____
- f. It is mandatory that the respondent's team acknowledges the overall project schedule and can meet the deadlines set forth below:
 - Design Development Package Due – 12/28/2020
 - Product and General Specifications for Client Review – 02/22/2021
 - Specifications and Bill of Materials for Order Entry – 04/20/2021
 - Installation by Assigned Levels – 07/28/2021 thru 09/16/2021

Compliance: Yes_____ or No_____

10.2 Manufacturer and Warranty

- a. It is mandatory that the respondent can provide a single manufacturing source for the full project including one manufacturer or parent company with subsidiaries that does not include open manufacturer product lines.

Compliance: Yes_____ or No_____

- b. The Office furniture shall be covered by the warranty provided by the Manufacturer and meet the minimum required in the attached FF&E Matrix. The manufacturer shall warrant the furnished equipment against parts failure or malfunction due to installation errors, defective workmanship and missing or incorrect parts for a minimum period indicated.

Compliance: Yes_____ or No_____

- c. Respondent can provide Exemplis products (Sit-On-It, Ideon, and Symmetry) to the project, as an alternate, if directed by the University.

Compliance: Yes_____ or No_____

- d. It is mandatory that the respondent can provide product that can meet Healthcare Requirements defined by (BIFMA HCF 8.1 & ANSI / BIFMA X5.11) by the same manufacturer.

Compliance: Yes_____ or No_____

10.3 Installation Company

- a. It is mandatory that the installation company be factory trained and have previous project experience on the University of Missouri - Columbia campus.

Compliance: Yes_____ or No_____

- b. It is mandatory that the installation company has insured warehousing capabilities that meet the size required for this project.

Compliance: Yes_____ or No_____

11. DESIRABLE CRITERIA

It is the Respondent's responsibility to supply sufficient and complete information for a full evaluation of all items in this section, including detailed explanations.

11.1 Company Experience and Capacity

- a. Disclose general information about your company, including a brief history and information regarding the type of experience the company has, as it relates to this project.
- b. Provide a description of the standard services offered by your company and project team, any clients also in the Higher Education category that you serve, and additional related services you provide. Provide examples on three projects of similar scale and type. One must be from the University of Missouri.
- c. Provide bios of key project personnel (owner/manager, project manager and designer) who will be assigned to work with the University, as well as an explanation of the person's role in servicing this project. Provide an organizational chart and resumes for all team members involved.
- d. It is desirable that the respondents provide the highest quality of service. Describe your organization's personnel training process and proposed plan of conflict resolution for this project. Provide a list of any training certifications the project team possesses.
- e. The University reserves the right to obtain the Vendor's financial statements covering the past three (3) years, demonstrating the Vendor possesses adequate reserves and financial capacity to provide the furnishings.
- f. Describe how your company and team will accomplish the deadlines set forth in the above schedule in section 10.1 (f). Describe how target dates and overall project completion will be achieved.

11.2 Aesthetic Design & Quality

- a. Indicate your manufacturing partner and the available subsidiary lines. Describe how this partner meets the project requirements.
- b. Describe the breath of line and aesthetics of proposed products to meet the requirements of this project. Provide information on the durability of materials and finishes as required in the *FF&E Bid Form*

- c. Describe which products meet Healthcare Requirements defined by (BIFMA HCF 8.1 & ANSI / BIFMA X5.11) as required for this project in the *FF&E Matrix*.
- d. Describe how you would accommodate construction obstacles/unforeseen conditions such as columns, incorrect measurements etc. with field modifications while still maintaining a high-level fit and finish.
- e. Describe how you would integrate power, data and lighting products, where applicable, into the furniture solutions. This may include wire management, future configurability, etc.
- f. It is desirable that the vendor include a complete detailed copy of the manufacturer's warranty following the guidelines provided in the *FF&E Matrix*.
 - a. Confirmation of adherence to warranty and any extensions
 - b. Warranty Period Conformance
 - c. Ability to Exceed Minimum requirements
 - d. Warranty Provisions & Conditions
 - e. Handling of replacements of defective or damage items including parts and labor
- g. Describe your company's commitment to sustainability and how that commitment can assist the University in reaching their sustainability goal to reduce construction waste.

11.3 Product, Service, Support & Implementation

- a. Provide examples of where your company has demonstrated design, specification and installation service
- b. Describe the proximity of Service Team to the University of Missouri.
- c. Describe your organization's ongoing project support and implementation strategy.
- d. Acknowledgment of overall schedule noted from 10.1 (f) above, describe and provide your logistics and sequencing plan, requirements, timeline and milestones for design, specification and implementation of the project. Outline the resource support and output that will be included with the implementation.
- e. It is desirable for the respondent to provide production lead time overview for each of the products indicated in the *FF&E Bid Form* in an effort to target long lead items.
- f. Describe warehouse and inspection capabilities.

- g. It is desirable that the single source manufacturer provide a solution that includes a minimal “kit of parts” required to reconfigure office and workstation components, that encompass furniture from the back of house to the executive office. Describe how your proposed solution meets that requirement.

BEFORE SUBMITTING YOUR PROPOSAL, MAKE CERTAIN YOU HAVE INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING:

- Volume I - Functional Section
 - Mandatory Criteria & Desirable Criteria
 - Company Team and Experience
 - Manufacturer and Warranty
 - Installation Company
 - Company Experience and Capacity
 - Aesthetic Design and Quality
 - Product, Service, Support & Implementation
 - Authorized Respondent Representation form
 - Attachment A : Supplier Diversity Participation form
 - Supplier Registration Information

- Volume II - Financial Section
 - Cost Proposal Bid Form

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FORM

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
FOR
FURNISHING AND DELIVERY
OF
FURNITURE, FIXTURES & EQUIPMENT
FOR
THE CURATORS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI
ON BEHALF OF
THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI - COLUMBIA
RFP #21010
DUE DATE: SEPTEMBER 10, 2020
TIME: 12:00 PM, CST**

The undersigned proposes to furnish the following items and/or services in accordance with all requirements and specifications contained within this Request for Proposal issued by the University of Missouri.

- Design costs, delivery and installation, as well as costs associated with services described in the body of this request for proposal should be listed separately from material pricing.
- Respondent's should state the costs for warehousing and handling product, should a significant delay in the project arise after the product has been manufactured. Costs for warehousing any early deliveries will be borne by the Firm or manufacturer. Any costs for warehousing nonstandard product should also be stated.
- The Respondents proposal should delineate the payment terms of the agreement; early payment discounts, rebates, progress payments, down payments, prepayments required, etc.
- All prices (labor and materials) are to be held for two (2) years after execution of contract, unless there is a price reduction, which will be passed on to the University.

Pricing Pages may be found at the University of Missouri Procurement Web-Site (<http://www.umsystem.edu/ums/fa/procurement/bids>), under #21010 FURNITURE, FIXTURES & EQUIPMENT

AUTHORIZED RESPONDENT REPRESENTATION

Authorized Signature		Date	
Printed Name		Title	
Company Name			
Mailing Address			
City, State, Zip			
Phone No.		Federal Employer ID No.	
Fax No.		E-Mail Address	
Number of calendar days delivery after receipt of order: _____		Payment Terms: _____ Note: Net 30 is default. Early pay discounts encouraged.	
Select Payment Method: SUA ACH Check			
Circle one: Individual Partnership Corporation			
If a corporation, incorporated under the laws of the State of _____			
Licensed to do business in the State of Missouri? ___yes ___no			
Maintain a regular place of business in the State of Missouri? ___yes ___no			

This signature sheet must be returned with your proposal.

**ATTACHMENT A
SUPPLIER DIVERSITY PARTICIPATION FORM**

The University of Missouri System is committed to and supports supplier diversity as an essential part of the University’s mission and core values. The University’s Supplier Diversity efforts reflect this mission.

Tier 2 Supplier Diversity Information - The University strongly encourages Supplier Diversity participation in all of its contracts for goods and services. Tier 2 Spend is spend reported by primary (non-diverse) suppliers of the University of Missouri who subcontract work to, or make purchases from a diverse supplier. Depending upon the contract, primary (non-diverse) suppliers will be asked to submit Tier 2 information with Women and Diverse Owned companies. Suppliers have two options in reporting Tier 2 dollars depending on the terms of the contract: Direct and Indirect. Awarded suppliers may be asked to utilize CVM Solutions for reporting Tier 2 spend.

- Direct dollars - those dollars directly spent with Women and Diverse Owned suppliers in the fulfillment of the contract.

- Indirect dollars - based on a percentage of revenue the University represents to the supplier. An example is as follows:
 - Supplier's Total Revenues: \$10,000,000
 - Revenues from University \$: \$ 4,000,000
 - University % of Total Revenues: 40% (#2 divided by #1)
 - Total MBE Dollars \$: \$ 150,000
 - Total WBE Dollars \$: \$ 150,000
 - Total University Attributable MBE \$: \$ 60,000 (#3 multiplied by #4)
 - Total University Attributable WBE \$: \$ 60,000 (#3 multiplied by #5)
 - Total University Attributable MWBE \$: \$ 120,000 (Sum of #6 and #7)
 - University % Attributable Revenue: 3% (#8 divided by #2)

1. Does your company have a Supplier Diversity Program? If so, describe efforts your company has made to increase business with Women and Diverse Owned businesses (i.e. does your company have a policy statement, participate in outreach activities, promote diverse firm subcontracting, publicize contract opportunities, provide certification assistance, etc.?) Please provide examples (use additional pages if needed): _____

2. If you are a non-diverse owned company, what percentage of your company's total contracting and procurement spend for the prior year was with Women and Diverse Owned businesses? Are you able to provide this information specific to University of Missouri business?

3. If you are a non-diverse owned company, complete the following table indicating the percentage your company will subcontract with certified Women and Diverse Owned businesses should your company be the successful bidder. Note: If your company does not plan to use Women and Diverse Owned businesses to fulfill your contract obligations, please explain why not.

Supplier Name	% of Contract	Specify Direct or Indirect

If there are questions regarding supplier diversity at the University, contact Teresa Vest, vestt@umsystem.edu.

-----THIS FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THE RESPONSE-----

**ATTACHMENT B
SUPPLIER REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

Completion of this section is strongly encouraged. Please review and check ALL applicable boxes.

SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN: Yes No

The term “small business concern” shall mean a business as defined pursuant to Section 3 of the Small Business Act and relevant regulations issued pursuant thereto. Generally, this means a small business concern organized for profit, which is independently owned and operated, is not dominant in the field of operations in which it is bidding. We would consider any firm with 500 employees or less a “small business concern”.

WOMAN OWNED BUSINESS (WBE): Yes No

A woman owned business is defined as an organization that is 51% owned, controlled and/or managed, by a woman. The determination of WBE status depends solely on ownership and operation and is not related to employment. The firm should be certified by a recognized agency (e.g., state, local, federal, etc.). Please see Public Law 106-554 for more detail.

MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (MBE): Yes No

A minority business is defined as an organization that is 51% owned, controlled and/or managed by minority group members. The determination of minority status depends solely on ownership and operation and is not related to employment. The firm should be certified by a recognized agency (e.g., state, local, federal, etc.). Please see Public Law 95-507 for more detail. Place an X by the appropriate space below.

1. Asian-Indian - A U.S. citizen whose origins are from India, Pakistan and Bangladesh (A)
2. Asian-Pacific - A U.S. citizen whose origins are from Japan, China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Taiwan, Korea, Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, the Philippines, Thailand, Samoa, Guam, the U.S. Trust Territories of the Pacific or the Northern Marianas. (P)
3. Black - A U.S. citizen having origins in any of the Black racial groups of Africa. (B)
4. Hispanic - A U.S. citizen of true-born Hispanic heritage, from any of the Spanish-speaking areas Mexico, Central America, South America and the Caribbean Basin only. (H)
5. Native American - A person who is an American Indian, Eskimo, Aleut or Native Hawaiian, and regarded as such by the community of which the person claims to be a part. (N)

