

RFI Details

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Bidder: PUBLIC EVENT DETAILS

Submit To: General Services - CPO
312 ROSA L PARKS AVE
3rd Floor
NASHVILLE TN 37243

United States
Contact: Sondra Parks
Phone: 615/532-6357
Email: sondra.parks@tn.gov

Event Description

PRE-BID CONFERENCE NOTIFICATION

READ THE ENTIRE Request for Information (RFI), including the Event Details, Specifications, and Terms and Conditions and any other attachments.

If the Review and bid on this event link included in the e-mail notification does not work, please go to https://sso.edison.tn.gov/psp/paprd/SUPPLIER/SUPP/h/?tab=PAPP_GUEST Click on the link that says Bid Opportunities and log in with your supplier ID and password.

Questions and Comments will be due back to the Solicitation Coordinator no later than Monday, December 18, 2023, at 2:00pm CST to receive an official State response.

Note: Information at the pre-bid will be displayed electronically. No paper copies will be provided. Attendees are advised to print copies of the attached event documents for their use at the pre-bid.

This is not a bid request; this is a request for information.

Request for Information (RFI)

Conference: Pre-Proposal Conference Wednesday, December 13, 2023, at 9:30am CST

Title: SWC 437 WIC Infant Formula

Description: The purpose of this Request for Information (RFI) is to establish a Statewide Contract, which will provide a rebate for iron-fortified infant milk-based and soy-based formulas in all physical forms (liquid concentrate, powder, and ready-to-feed) in their contract brand infant formula product line through the State Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) retail distribution system. The Contractor must provide a rebate for soy-based infant formula and will subcontract with another manufacturer if the Contractor does not manufacture the product line. In this case, any soy-based infant formula that is subcontracted is also considered a contract brand infant formula and will be rebated.

The Microsoft Teams meeting link can be found in the Terms and Conditions document, Section 1.4. Pre-response Conference Notification.

Please contact the Solicitation Coordinator, Sondra Parks at 615-532-6357 or Sondra.Parks@tn.com

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Factor Summary

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Please complete the attached form, included with the Terms and Conditions document, and attach all pertinent documentation regarding your company's efforts to achieve diversity business participation. This information must be submitted with the bid document and monthly thereafter until a reasonable level of diversity business participation is achieved. Confirm below that you have completed this attached form by choosing, "Yes."

Required: Yes Mandatory ResponseNo

Response Comments

Please upload the completed SWC 437 Pricing Worksheet.

Required: Yes Mandatory ResponseNo

**A file attachment is required to satisfy this question.
Your bid will need to be edited online to include attachment responses.**

Response Comments

The purpose of this Invitation to Bid is to establish a source or sources of supply for all Tennessee State Agencies and Authorized Users.

Tennessee State Agencies refers to the various departments, institutions, boards, commissions, and agencies of the executive branch of government of the State of Tennessee with exceptions as addressed in Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 0690-03-01-.01. The Contractor shall provide all goods or services and deliverables as required by this Contract to all Tennessee State Agencies.

Authorized Users are those entities that are authorized to purchase off of Statewide Contracts and include the following:

- a) all Tennessee State governmental entities (this includes the legislative branch; judicial branch; and, commissions and boards of the State outside of the executive branch of government);
- b) Tennessee local governmental agencies;
- c) the board of trustees of the University of Tennessee system, the Tennessee board of regents system, or the State university boards;
- d) any private nonprofit institution of higher education chartered in Tennessee; and,
- e) any corporation which is exempted from taxation under 26 U.S.C. Section 501(c)(3), as amended, and which contracts with the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services or the Department of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities to provide services to the public (Tenn. Code Ann. § 33-2-1001).

Any contracts awarded from this Invitation to Bid shall be made available to Authorized Users in addition to Tennessee State Agencies, unless a letter is attached to this Invitation to Bid, requesting that the contract is only available for use by Tennessee State Agencies.

NOTE: To request that any resulting contract be available only to Tennessee State Agencies, enter No and attach an exemption request letter addressed to the

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Central Procurement Office.

Required: Yes Mandatory ResponseNo

Response Comments

Please provide the brand and model names of the goods included in this bid:

Required: Yes Mandatory ResponseNo

Response Comments

We ask that you take a few short minutes to complete this survey. The purpose of this survey is to capture Respondents' assessments of CPO procurement processes. Your responses will remain anonymous, and will have no bearing or consideration on contract award.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/stateoftncpocustomer>

Required: No Mandatory ResponseNo

Response Comments

How many days after receipt of purchase order will it take to deliver item(s)?

Required: Yes Mandatory ResponseNo

Response Comments

The Respondent affirms the following statement, as required by the Iran Divestment Act Tenn. Code Ann. § 12-12-111: "By submission of this response, each Respondent and each person signing on behalf of any Respondent certifies, and in the case of a joint response each party thereto certifies as to its own organization, under penalty of perjury, that to the best of its knowledge and belief that each Respondent is not on the list created pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 12-12-106." For reference purposes, the list is currently available online at:

<https://www.tn.gov/generalservices/procurement/central-procurement-office--cpo-/library-/public-information-library.html>

Required: Yes Mandatory ResponseNo

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Please attach documentation that reflects you are registered with the Department of Revenue for sales and use tax, as stated in the Terms and Conditions. If you are exempt, please provide a copy of the communication from the Department of Revenue supporting this exemption.

Required: Yes Mandatory ResponseNo

Response Comments

I (we) agree to strictly abide by all the statutes and terms contained in the rules of the Department of General Services, Central Procurement Office, which are by reference made a part hereof, in addition to the special terms, conditions and specifications embodied in the invitation to bid.

IMPORTANT: By Selecting YES, the bidder certifies compliance with the above and further certifies that this bid is made without collusion or fraud.

Required: Yes Mandatory Response:Yes

Response Comments

Please answer yes or no to the following. If YES, describe using additional pages and attach to the Response including any relevant details:

(a) is the Respondent presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any federal or state department or agency;

(b) has the Respondent within the past three (3) years, been convicted of, or had a civil judgment rendered against the contracting party from commission of fraud, or a criminal offence in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (federal, state, or local) transaction or grant under a public transaction; violation of federal or state antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;

(c) is the Respondent presently indicted or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a government entity (federal, state, or local) with commission of any of the offenses detailed above; and

(d) has the Respondent within a three (3) year period preceding the contract had one or more public transactions (federal, state, or local) terminated for cause or default.

Required: Yes Mandatory ResponseNo

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The respondent shall indicate whether or not they plan to sub-contract:

No: The respondent does not anticipate using a sub-contractor at this time and agrees to submit a request to subcontract during the contract period prior to using a subcontractor.

Yes: The bidder shall list the subcontractor(s):

Attach list of additional subcontractors to the bid, including the following for each subcontractor.

- List the Sub-Contractor's Name
- List the Sub-Contractor's Address
- List the Sub-Contractor's Contact Person
- List the Sub-Contractor's Phone Number

Required: Yes Mandatory ResponseNo

Response Comments

Associated Terms:

The Contractor shall not assign this Contract or enter into a subcontract for any of the goods or services provided under this Contract without obtaining the prior written approval of the Central Procurement Office. Notwithstanding any use of approved subcontractors, the Contractor shall be the prime contractor and shall be responsible for all work provided.

Please list the following information:

- List the Contract Administrator's Name
- List the Contract Administrator's Address
- List the Contract Administrator's Phone Number
- List the Respondent's Toll Free Phone Number
- List the Contract Administrator's Pager or Cell Number
- List the Contract Administrator's Email Address
- List the Respondent's Website

Required: Yes Mandatory ResponseNo

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Service Experience, Time in Business, Contracts

List the length of time respondent's company has been in business. A respondent must have occupied a bona fide place of business for at least one year with suitable equipment, supplies and a trained staff capable of performing the services requested.

List the description of services. Please enter the information for three (3) comparable contracts on-going or completed within the last two (2) years.

Comparable Contract
List Name/Address of Comparable Contract
List the Contact Person
List the Phone Number
List the Contact Person's Email Address

Required: Yes Mandatory ResponseNo

Response Comments

Associated Terms:

A respondent must have occupied a bona fide place of business for at least one (1) year with suitable equipment, supplies and a trained staff capable of performing the services requested. A respondent must furnish satisfactory evidence of successful completion of comparable contracts for at least three (3) customers within the past two (2) years and any other evidence required and requested in order to establish evidence of its ability to provide services in accordance with the terms and conditions and specifications.

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Please indicate bidder meets compliance with: 1. Registration with the Secretary of the United States, Department of Health and Human Services under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. §301 et seq.) 2. All federal regulations pertaining to WIC. 3. The Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and regulations issued pursuant to such act. 4. The Tennessee Department of Health's requirement that all infant formulas identified will carry the label of the Contractor.

Required: Yes Mandatory ResponseNo

Response Comments

Please upload your nationally published wholesale price list effective on the day of bid opening for each type and form of infant formula in your product line.

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Bidder Information

Firm Name:		
Name:	Signature:	Date:
Phone #:	Fax #:	
Street Address:		
City & State:	Zip Code:	
Email:		

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Appendix B - Terms & Conditions

1. The undersigned acknowledges that all submitted information and documentation will become the property of the state of Tennessee. The undersigned also affirms that the information given above is true, accurate, and includes pertinent information necessary to identify and explain the operation of this organization to the best of my knowledge and is in no way misleading.
2. Should any data change in the future, the Supplier agrees to immediately submit the correct information electronically through the State's Supplier Portal.

If the information will be submitted in writing please mail to the following address:

Department of Finance and Administration
312 Rosa L. Parks Ave.
21st Floor Tennessee Tower
ATTN: Supplier Maintenance
Nashville, TN 37243

3. No person on the grounds of handicap or disability, age, race, color, religion, sex, national origin, creed, or any other classification protected by Federal and/or Tennessee State constitutional and/or statutory law shall be excluded from participation in, or denied benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination in the performance of the Contract or in the employment practices of the Contractor. The Contractor shall, upon request, show proof of such non-discrimination, and shall post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants, notices of non-discrimination.

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