

NOTICE OF SOLICITATION

LEAGUE OF OREGON CITIES

RFP NUMBER 2655

SOLICITATION FOR: INDUSTRIAL GASES, WELDING AND SAFETY SUPPLIES

Notice is hereby given that the LEAGUE OF OREGON CITIES (LOC) will accept proposals for **INDUSTRIAL GASES, WELDING AND SAFETY SUPPLIES** at the electronic address listed below until the end of day on **SEPTEMBER 4, 2026**. Those proposals will be for the LEAGUE OF OREGON CITIES and members of National Purchasing Partners Government Division (“NPPGov”) throughout the United States and Canada, including but not limited to governmental units incorporated by “ATTACHMENT H” of the Request for Proposal (RFP), WIPHE members identified in “ATTACHMENT G” of the RFP, as well as government units in all other states and Canada (collectively, “Participating Agencies”). Significant sales potential exists because the resulting Master Price Agreement for proposers will include piggybacking language that permits use of the Master Price Agreement nationwide and in Canada, which may allow Participating Agencies to forego duplicating the formal solicitation process and expend staff resources and funds.

All Proposals must be signed and uploaded to the designated website. Only those proposals received at the designated website by the due date and time will be considered.

Website:

[CLICK HERE TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL FOR RFP 2655](#)

INQUIRIES:

rfp@orcities.org

or

**LOC “INDUSTRIAL GASES, WELDING AND SAFETY SUPPLIES RFP” #2655
LEAGUE OF OREGON CITIES
c/o Kevin Toon
1201 Court St. NE
Suite 200
Salem, OR 97301**

The solicitation documents may be reviewed at the office address listed above.

NOTE: NOTICES OF SOLICITATION WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE OREGON DAILY JOURNAL OF COMMERCE AND THE USA TODAY.

IMPORTANT

PLEASE READ BEFORE SUBMITTING YOUR PROPOSAL

SOLICITATIONS FOR: **INDUSTRIAL GASES, WELDING AND SAFETY SUPPLIES**

1.0 INTENT:

1.1 GENERAL INTENT

The LEAGUE OF OREGON CITIES (“LOC”) serves as the “Lead Contracting Agency” for this solicitation on behalf of its members, and as authorized by the LOC Intergovernmental Agreement, which is an agreement for intergovernmental cooperation among select local Oregon governments and recognized under ORS Chapter 190. LOC, in association with the members of National Purchasing Partners, LLC dba NPPGov (hereinafter referred to as “NPPGov”), comprises a cooperative procurement group. NPPGov membership includes government and non-profit entities across the United States and Canada, K-12 and Higher education, Tribal government, and other public entities which includes members of Public Safety GPO, First Responders GPO, and Law Enforcement GPO. As required by certain states and provinces, LOC and NPPGov have prepared an Attachment referencing eligible Members that also can be found on the LOC and NPPGov web sites. This procurement group is soliciting proposals from qualified companies (hereinafter referred to as “Proposer”) to enter into a Master Price Agreement for Industrial Gases, Welding and Safety Supplies.

The intent of this Interstate Cooperative Procurement Solicitation (hereinafter referred to as “Solicitation” or “RFP”) is to invite Proposers to submit a competitive pricing proposal offering Industrial Gases, Welding and Safety Supplies to LOC, which will then be made available to NPPGov members locally and nationwide; to reduce expenses by eliminating multiple requests for proposals and multiple responses by Vendors; and to obtain discounted pricing through volume purchasing. Significant sales potential exists because the Master Price Agreement will be used nationwide and in Canada, which may allow Participating Agencies to forego duplicating the formal solicitation process and expend staff resources. Preferably, the successful Proposer will provide its entire catalog of products and/or services in order that Participating Agencies who wish to access the Master Price Agreement may order a broad range of goods and services as needed.

With the exception of successful local Proposer(s) capable of servicing LOC and Participating Agencies within the state of Oregon, successful Proposer(s) should have a strong national presence for Industrial Gases, Welding and Safety Supplies for use by government agencies nationwide and in Canada, where feasible.

This Solicitation meets Oregon public contracting requirements (ORS 279A et. seq.) and may not be appropriate under or meet Participating Agencies’ procurement laws. Participating Agencies are urged to seek independent review by their legal counsel to ensure compliance with all local and state solicitation requirements.

1.2 POTENTIAL MARKET

The LOC is publishing this RFP to create publicly awarded contracts for use by its members, which may also benefit the thousands of fellow members of NPPGov, Public Safety GPO, First Responders GPO, and Law Enforcement GPO. These are nationwide programs representing member government agencies in all 50 states and in Canada. We encourage each Proposer’s response to be a collaborative effort including manufacturer and distributor (when they are not the same company) to ensure nationwide contract utilization throughout the United States and Canada.

Proposer’s response should also take into consideration the considerable market potential for this Solicitation. Because the successful proposal will be incorporated into a nationwide cooperative procurement program including tens of thousands of state, local government and non-profit participants from all 50 states, the LOC believes that contracts created from this Solicitation will provide vendors with a significant market advantage.

Members of NPPGov, Public Safety GPO, First Responders GPO, and Law Enforcement GPO and current vendors who participate in the program indicate the ability to shorten the sale cycle by eliminating the need to complete individual RFP processes is a significant advantage to participation.

The LOC believes that participation in the NPPGov purchasing program benefits both its Participating Agencies and successful Proposers. NPPGov engages with successful proposers who complete the Vendor Administration Agreement through a marketing and sales partnership. This partnership includes (but is not limited to) contract promotion to members, contract administration support to potential customers and live customer phone support.

Based on the historical volume of similar contracts, the estimated annual value of all transactions resulting from contracts awarded through this RFP is approximately USD 18 Million. Consequently, proposers are expected to offer volume pricing to reflect this potential scale. However, it is essential to note that although a considerable sales volume is anticipated, it is not guaranteed and may fluctuate from year to year.

1.3 REQUIREMENTS

1.3.1 The RFP and resulting Master Price Agreement are anticipated for use by the LOC's government members, as well as other Participating Agencies across the nation. The LOC has entered into an Intergovernmental (interlocal) Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with other Participating Agencies for the purpose of obtaining Master Price Agreements with various vendors. Interlocal cooperative purchasing agreements allow Participating Agencies to make purchases at the LOC's accepted proposal price, terms and conditions, provided that the Participating Agency has satisfied all of its local and state or provincial cooperative procurement requirements. Proposer(s) agrees to make the same proposal terms and price, exclusive of any possible rebates, incentives, freight and transportation fees, available to other Participating Agencies. The LOC and NPPGov will not incur any direct liability with respect to specifications, delivery, payment, or any other aspect of purchases by such Participating Agencies or nonprofit institutions. The Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement is incorporated by reference herein and is available upon request — See Attachment A.

The successful Proposer must work directly with the Participating Agencies concerning the placement of orders, disputes, invoicing and payment. The LOC and NPPGov shall not be held liable for any costs or damages incurred by or as a result of the actions of the Vendor or any Participating Agency. Successful Proposers must comply with the state and local laws, rules and regulations in each state, province and locality where the product or service is provided.

1.3.2 Each Participating Agency shall execute a Participating Agency Endorsement and Authorization included in the Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement. While the terms of the Master Price Agreement shall govern the general pricing terms, each Participating Agency may request modification of the Master Price Agreement in accordance with each Participating Agency's state, province and/or local purchasing laws, rules, regulations and procedures, provided said modifications are not material changes. Each Participating Agency may, at its discretion, and upon written agreement by the Participating Agency and Successful Proposer, request additional legal and procedural provisions not included herein that the successful Proposer must adhere to if it wishes to conduct business with said Participating Agency using the Master Price Agreement.

1.3.3 NPPGov, Public Safety GPO, First Responders GPO, and Law Enforcement GPO provide vendor exposure/marketing and contract utilization support for the successful Proposer's products and services. Successful Proposers servicing the awarded contract to Participating Agencies shall pay a Contract Administration Fee representing 2% percent of actual net sales under the Master Price Agreement as established in the NPPGov Vendor Administration Agreement (available upon request). Administration fee may not be listed or charged as a separate line item to users of the contract. The value of trade-ins or rebates shall not affect the amount of the administration fee paid to NPPGov.

1.4 MULTIPLE AWARDS

Multiple awards may be granted to meet the requirements of this Solicitation provided that such awards are differentiated by product make and model, service, and/or distribution regions and capabilities of the successful Proposers. Specifically, the LOC may award separate contracts to Proposers in order to cover all local, national, and Canadian geographical markets, electronic purchasing capabilities, and products and services identified in this Request for Proposal, as well as the diverse and large number of Participating Agencies. The award of multiple contracts is to be determined upon receipt and review of all proposals and based upon the general

criteria provided herein. The LOC may solicit proposals from qualified local companies with or without a national and /or Canadian presence provided that the successful Proposer is able to provide the LOC with the products and services requested. Multiple awards will ensure fulfillment of current and future requirements of the diverse and large number of Participating Agencies. In the event a local Proposer with no national or Canadian distribution capabilities best meets the proposal selection criteria, multiple local and nationwide responsive proposals may be awarded simultaneously in the best interests of local commerce, compliance with local laws, and the Participating Agencies across North America.

Proposers should be able to serve the needs of Participating Agencies on a national basis, and, if applicable, across Canada. However, this requirement shall not exclude local Proposers without a national presence that are capable of meeting the requirements of the LOC within the state of Oregon.

1.5 CONTRACT USAGE

The actual utilization of any Master Price Agreement will be at the sole discretion of LOC and the other Participating Agencies. It is the intent of this Request for Proposal and resulting Master Price Agreement that Participating Agencies may buy directly from Successful Proposers without the need for further solicitation. However, Participating Agencies are urged to seek independent review by their legal counsel to ensure compliance with all local and state or provincial solicitation requirements as well as the need of further notice prior to utilizing the Master Price Agreement

1.6 BACKGROUND OF NPPGov

NPPGov, owned by two non-profit healthcare organizations, provides group purchasing opportunities and purchasing administrative support for governmental entities and nonprofit institutions within its membership. NPPGov's membership includes participating public and nonprofit entities across North America.

1.7 EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

The LOC encourages Minority and Women-owned Small Business Proposers to submit proposals.

1.8 QUALIFIED REHABILITATION FACILITIES

Oregon Public Agencies are prohibited from use of products and services offered under this contract that are already provided by qualified nonprofit agencies for disabled individuals as listed on the Department of Administrative Service's Procurement List pursuant to ORS 279.835 ORS 279.855.

2.0 **SCOPE OF WORK:**

2.1 REQUIREMENTS OF PROPOSERS SUBMITTING A RESPONSE:

Proposers must present clear and concise evidence indicating Proposer's ability to comply with the requirements stated herein and to provide and deliver the specified products and services to Participating Agencies.

2.1.1 PROPOSER COMMITMENTS

Each Proposer is required to commit to low pricing, and accurate and timely reporting to NPPGov pursuant to the reporting requirements identified in the NPPGov Vendor Administration Agreement (available upon request). In addition, successful Proposer(s) with a national presence must commit to marketing of the Master Price Agreement nationwide and that the sales force will be trained, engaged and committed to offering NPPGov pricing to member government agencies nationwide, and in Canada, if applicable, including the opportunity for NPPGov to train the Vendor sales staff.

2.1.2 **PROPOSERS MUST COMPLETE "ATTACHMENT B" – PROPOSER PROFILE WORKBOOK".**

2.2 PRODUCTS AND SERVICES:

2.2.1 Provide a description of the Industrial Gases, Welding and Safety Supplies offered as set forth in ATTACHMENT C. The primary objective is for the Proposer(s) to provide the Proposer(s)'s entire

catalog of products and services (“catalog discount”) that are responsive to this RFP so that Participating Agencies may order a broad range of products and services as appropriate for their needs. Anticipated future models and related products/services that may be offered during the term of the resulting Master Price Agreement should also be included in Vendor’s Proposal.

- 2.2.2 All products offered must be new, unused and the most current product lines, unless otherwise clearly identified as remanufactured goods.
- 2.2.3 Describe any special programs that Proposer offers that shall improve the ability of the Participating Agencies to access the products, such as retail store availability, expedited delivery intervals, item sourcing, or other unique plans and services.
- 2.2.4 Additional Benefits: Proposer shall identify any other added value it offers to the LEAGUE OF OREGON CITIES (“LOC”) and Participating Agencies (e.g. convenience cards, individual/member discounts, additional admin fee, etc.)

2.3 PRICING:

2.3.1 Pricing for the products and services may be based on “ATTACHMENT D” - PRICING SCHEDULE as follows:

A A fixed percentage (%) off *marked price* based on the Proposer’s catalog or retail store price for each CATEGORY specified in ATTACHMENT D – PRICING SCHEDULE. Proposer shall identify the catalog used.

Option (A) is preferred. If option (A) is not feasible proposer may use option (B) provided Proposer includes a justification.

B Alternatively, contract pricing may be based upon fixed prices (contingencies for economic price adjustments must be identified in the proposal), or a combination of fixed percentage off and firm fixed prices. Proposer may offer additional discounts to LOC and Participating Agencies based on volume.

If proposers are responding with option “B”, proposers may request price increases based on manufacturer costs, cost of labor and/or materials that must be supported by appropriate documentation. If LOC agrees to the price modification, LOC may approve in writing, including electronic mail, without the need for a written amendment to the Master Price Agreement.

2.3.2 Proposers may also add additional products and services provided that any additions reasonably fall within the intent of the original RFP specifications. Pricing on additions shall be equivalent to the percentage discount for other similar products. Proposer may provide a weblink with current product listings, which may be updated periodically, as allowed by the terms of the resulting Master Price Agreement. Proposer may replace or add product lines to an existing contract if the line is replacing or supplementing products on contract, is equal or superior to the original products offered, is discounted in a similar or to a greater degree, and if the products meet the requirements of the solicitation. No products may be added to avoid competitive procurement requirements. LOC may reject any additions without cause.

2.3.3 Explain any additional pricing incentives that may be available such as large volume purchases, cash terms, or rebates to Participating Agencies. However, steeper discounts are preferred to rebates.

2.3.4 All pricing proposals shall clearly explain how freight and/or delivery costs are determined as described in ATTACHMENT D PRICING SCHEDULE herein.

2.4 TAX:

Proposers shall strictly adhere to all federal, state, local, and international (where applicable) tax requirements applicable to their operation, and to any contract or activity resulting from this Solicitation.

3.0 **SPECIAL TERMS & CONDITIONS:**

3.1 MASTER PRICE AGREEMENT TERM:

As a result of this Solicitation the successful Proposer(s) shall be awarded a Master Price Agreement for a four (4) year period. The Master Price Agreement may be extended an additional one (1) year period.

3.2 MASTER PRICE AGREEMENT ACCESS PROVISIONS

Utilization of the Master Price Agreement will be at the discretion of the LEAGUE OF OREGON CITIES (“LOC”) and Participating Agencies. The LOC shall be under no obligation to purchase off of the Master Price Agreement. Assuming all local competitive solicitation requirements have been met, Participating Agencies may purchase directly from the successful Proposer(s) without the need for further solicitation.

3.3 INDEMNIFICATIONS AND INSURANCE:

Indemnification and insurance requirements will vary based on the nature of the RFP. Proposer is responsible for submitting appropriate indemnification and insurance coverage as applicable.

3.3.1 Indemnification

The successful Proposer shall indemnify the LOC and NPPGov as specified in the Master Price Agreement.

3.3.2 Insurance Requirements.

Proposer(s), at Proposer(s)’s own expense, shall purchase and maintain the herein stipulated minimum insurance from a reputable company or companies duly licensed by the State of Oregon. In lieu of State of Oregon licensing, the stipulated insurance may be purchased from a company or companies that are authorized to do business in the State of Oregon, provided that said insurance companies meet the approval of the LOC.

Proposer’s insurance shall be primary insurance with respect to the LOC, and any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the LOC shall not contribute to it.

Award of this Solicitation is contingent upon the required insurance policies and/or endorsements identified herein. The LOC shall not be obligated to review such policies and/or endorsements or to advise Proposer(s) of any deficiencies in such policies and endorsements, and such receipt shall not relieve Proposer(s) from, or be deemed a waiver of the LOC’s right to insist on strict fulfillment of Proposer(s)’s obligations under this RFP.

The insurance policies required by this RFP, except Workers’ Compensation, shall name the LOC, its agents, representatives, officers, directors, officials and employees as an Additional Insured.

The policies required hereunder, except Workers’ Compensation, shall contain a waiver of transfer of rights of recovery (subrogation) against the LOC, its agents, representatives, officers, directors, officials and employees for any claims arising out of Proposer(s)’s work or service.

3.3.3 Commercial, automobile and workers’ compensation insurance.

3.3.3.1 Commercial General Liability. Proposer(s) shall maintain Commercial General Liability Insurance (CGL) and, if necessary, Commercial Umbrella Insurance. The policy shall include coverage for bodily injury, broad form property damage, personal injury, products and completed operations and blanket contractual coverage including, but not limited to, the liability assumed under the indemnification provisions of the Master Price Agreement.

3.3.3.2 Automobile Liability. Proposer(s) shall maintain Automobile Liability Insurance and, if necessary, Commercial Umbrella Insurance. If hazardous substances, materials, or wastes are to be transported, MCS 90 endorsement shall be included.

3.3.3.3 Workers’ Compensation and Employer’s Liability. Proposer(s) shall carry Workers’ Compensation insurance to cover obligations imposed by federal and state statutes having jurisdiction over Proposer(s)’s employees engaged in the performance of the work or services,

as well as Employer's Liability insurance.

In case any work is subcontracted, Proposer(s) will require the SubProposer(s) to provide Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability insurance to at least the same extent as required of Proposer(s).

4.0 **SCHEDULE, RESPONSE PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION**

4.1 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

4.1.1 Publication of Request for Proposal

Publication of this Solicitation conforms with ORS 279B, to include Public Notice by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the area where the LEAGUE OF OREGON CITIES ("LOC") is located no less than 30 days prior to the proposal due date, as well as posting of the Public Notice on the web site that typically posts Public Notices concerning the LOC.

Solicitation Notice Publication: JULY 6, 2026

4.1.2 Question and Answer Period

The LOC will post substantive questions and answers concerning this Solicitation no later than ten (10) days before the proposal's due date. All questions shall be submitted in writing via email to the Contract Manager at rfp@orcities.org. The LOC reserves the right to accept and answer questions after the question-and-answer period has expired. Questions submitted at least ten (10) days before the proposal's due date will be reviewed and posted on the LOC website at worcities.org. The LOC is not required to post questions received within the final ten (10) days before the proposal's due date and may respond or withhold responses at its sole discretion.

4.1.3 Submission of Proposals

There will be no mandatory pre-proposal meeting. All questions must be submitted via email as directed above. If necessary, questions can be submitted in writing to LEAGUE OF OREGON CITIES, c/o Contract Manager, 1201 Court St. NE, Suite 200, Salem, OR 97301 or rfp@orcities.org.

Close date: Deadline for submission of proposals is the end of day on **SEPTEMBER 4, 2026**. The LOC must receive all proposals before the end of the day on the above closing date.

Approximate opening date: **SEPTEMBER 7, 2026**

Proposal selection: **SEPTEMBER 7, 2026 to SEPTEMBER 25, 2026**

Approximate award date: **SEPTEMBER 28, 2026**

All responses to this Solicitation become the property of the LOC. Proposers should mark those aspects of the proposal that they consider trade secrets and exempt from public disclosure. The LOC will not be held accountable if parties other than the LOC obtain material from proposal responses without the written consent of the Proposer(s).

4.1.4 Withdrawal of Proposal

The Proposer(s) may withdraw its proposal at any time prior to the hour and date set for the receipt of proposals. Withdrawal will not preclude the submission of another proposal prior to the deadline.

4.2 REVIEW, INQUIRIES AND NOTICES:

4.2.1 **The solicitation documents may be reviewed in person at the following address:**

LEAGUE OF OREGON CITIES

**1201 Court St. NE
Suite 200
Salem, OR 97301**

All inquiries concerning information herein shall be addressed to:

**LEAGUE OF OREGON CITIES
c/o Kevin Toon
1201 Court St. NE
Suite 200
Salem, OR 97301**

Email inquiries shall be addressed to: rfp@orcities.org

Inquiries are required to be submitted by email to the Administrative Contact listed above. No oral communication is binding on the LOC.

4.2.2 Proposal Interpretation of the RFP Documents and Issuance of Addenda

If any Proposer(s) finds discrepancy in, or omissions from, or is in doubt to the true meaning of any part of the RFP document, he/she shall submit a written request for a clarification or interpretation thereof to:

**LEAGUE OF OREGON CITIES
c/o Kevin Toon
1201 Court St. NE
Suite 200
Salem, OR 97301**

Any request for clarification or interpretation must be received at least ten (10) calendar days prior to the RFP closing date.

The LOC is not responsible for any explanation, clarification, interpretation, or approval made or given in any manner, except by addenda. Addenda, if necessary, will be issued not later than five (5) days prior to the RFP closing date by publication on the LOC's web site and NPPGov website.

Oral interpretations or statements cannot modify the provisions of this Request for Proposal. If inquiries or comments by Proposers raise issues that require clarification by the LOC, or the LOC decides to revise any part of this Request for Proposal, addenda will be published and provided to all persons who receive the Request for Proposal. Receipt of an addendum must be acknowledged by signing and returning it with the proposal.

4.3 INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARING AND SUBMITTING PROPOSALS:

Proposers are to submit one (1) electronic proposal, in PDF format, to the designated website detailed on the first page of this solicitation. Proposal should contain the original signatures on any pages where a signature is required (because electronic submissions are required, either electronic signatures or scans of hand-signed pages should be included).

All prices shall be held firm for a period of sixty (60) days after the Solicitation closing date. Any Proposer may withdraw its proposal if a Master Price Agreement has not been executed within sixty (60) days from the RFP closing date.

4.4 EXCEPTIONS AND DEVIATIONS TO THE RFP

The Proposer shall identify and list all exceptions taken to all sections of this RFP and list these exceptions, referencing the section (paragraph) where the exception exists and stating the proposed revision. The Proposer shall list these exceptions under the heading, "Exception to the Solicitation, RFP Number 2655." Exceptions not listed under the heading "Exception to the Solicitation, RFP Number 2655." shall be considered invalid. The LOC reserves the right to reject exceptions, render the proposal non-responsive, enter into negotiation on any of the Proposer exceptions, or accept any or all exceptions.

The Proposer shall detail any and all deviations from specifications, if any, contained in this Solicitation and Attachments, as requested. The LOC may accept or reject deviations, and all LOC decisions shall be final.

4.5 RESPONSE FORMAT AND CONTENT:

To aid in the evaluation, it is desired that all proposals follow the same general format. The proposals should have clearly defined sections designated as follows:

- 4.5.1 Letter of Transmittal
- 4.5.2 Table of Contents
- 4.5.3 Short introduction and executive summary. This section shall contain an outline of the general approach utilized in the proposal.
- 4.5.4 The proposal should contain a statement of all of the programs and services proposed, including conclusions and generalized recommendations. Proposals should be all-inclusive, detailing the Proposer's best offer. Additional related services should be incorporated into the proposal, if applicable.
- 4.5.5 Qualifications – This section shall describe the Proposer's ability and experience related to the programs and services proposed.
- 4.5.6 Exceptions to the Solicitation, RFP Number 2655.
- 4.5.7 PRICING SCHEDULE (“ATTACHMENT D”).
- 4.5.8 PROPOSER PROFILE WORKBOOK (“ATTACHMENT B”).
- 4.5.9 Complete, Current Catalog Pricing shall be uploaded with the entire proposal.
- 4.5.10 Format Proposal to specifically address each individual sub-section and sub-set of the SCOPE OF WORK (Section 2.0).
- 4.5.11 Signed Addenda, if any.
- 4.5.12 Proposal Final Certification.

5.0 **EVALUATION AND POST SUBMISSION**

5.1 EVALUATION OF PROPOSAL – SELECTION FACTORS:

LOC will evaluate each Proposal and prepare a scoring of each Proposal. Each Proposal received and reviewed shall be awarded points under each criterion solely on the judgment and determination of the Evaluation Committee and the LOC. There is a maximum score of 500 points and Proposer's average total score must be at least 200 points for consideration of an award. Proposals will be evaluated on the following criteria and further defined in the Proposal Evaluation Form (ATTACHMENT E) utilizing the point system indicated on the form:

1) Pricing 2) Product Line (within each category) 3) Marketing 4) Customer Service 5) Proven Experience 6) Coverage 7) Conformance

At the LOC's discretion, Proposers may be invited to make presentations to the Evaluation Committee. LOC reserves the right to make multiple awards to meet the national membership needs of this Solicitation.

- 5.1.1 Additional criteria/preferences that are not necessarily awarded points.
 - 5.1.1.1 Pursuant to ORS 279A.128, Lead Contracting Agency shall give preference to goods fabricated or processed within state or services performed within state.
 - 5.1.1.2 Pursuant to ORS 279A.125, Lead Contracting Agency shall give preference to the procurement of goods manufactured from recycled materials.

- 5.1.1.3 Pursuant to ORS 279A.120, Lead Contracting Agency shall give preference to goods and services that have been manufactured or produced within the State of Oregon if price, fitness, availability and quality are otherwise equal; and the Lead Contracting Agency shall add a percent increase to the proposal of a nonresident Proposer equal to the percent, if any, of the preference given to the Proposer in the state or country in which the Proposer resides. All Proposers shall identify the state to which it is a resident bidder.
- 5.1.1.4 Lead Contracting Agency shall consider proposals for printing, binding and stationary work in accordance with ORS 282.210, incorporated herein by this reference.
- 5.1.1.5 Proposer shall comply with all federal, state and local laws applicable to the work under the Master Price Agreement awarded as a result of this Solicitation, including, without limitation, the provisions of ORS 279A and ORS 279B, including those provisions set forth on "ATTACHMENT F", attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.
- 5.1.1.6 Pursuant to Section 1.7, the Lead Contracting Agency encourages Minority and Women-owned Small Business Proposers to submit proposals.

5.2 RIGHT OF LEAGUE OF OREGON CITIES TO AWARD OR REJECT PROPOSALS

- 5.2.1 The Request for Proposal does not commit the LOC to award a Master Price Agreement for the products or services specified within the Request for Proposal document. The LOC may cancel the procurement or reject any or all proposals in accordance with ORS 279B.100. Under no circumstance will the LOC pay the costs incurred in the preparation of a response to this request.
- 5.2.2 The LOC reserves the right to:
 - 5.2.2.1 Accept or reject any or all proposals and proposal terms and conditions received as a result of the Request for Proposals;
 - 5.2.2.2 Accept a proposal and subsequent offers for a Master Price Agreement from proposer(s) other than the lowest cost proposer;
 - 5.2.2.3 Waive or modify any irregularities in proposals received after prior notification to the Proposer(s).
- 5.2.3 The award, if there is one, will be made to that Proposer(s) who is determined to be the most qualified, responsible and responsive within a competitive price range based upon the evaluation of the information furnished under this RFP.

5.3 PROTEST PROCESS

A prospective Proposer may protest the procurement process of the Solicitation for an Agreement solicited under ORS 279B. Before seeking judicial review, a prospective Proposer must file a written protest with the LOC and exhaust all administrative remedies. Written protests must be delivered to the LOC at 1201 Court St. NE, Suite 200, Salem, OR 97301 not less than ten (10) days prior to the date upon which all proposals are due. The written protest shall contain a statement of the desired changes to the procurement process or Solicitation document that the protester believes will remedy the conditions upon which the protest is based. The LOC shall consider the protest if it is timely filed and meets the conditions set forth in ORS 279B.405. The LOC shall respond pursuant to ORS 279B.405. If the LOC upholds the protest, in whole or in part, the LOC may in its sole discretion either issue an Addendum reflecting its disposition or cancel the procurement or solicitation. The LOC may extend the due date of proposals if it determines an extension is necessary to consider and respond to the protest.

A Proposer may protest the Award of the Contract, or the intent to Award the Contract, if the conditions set forth in ORS 279B.410 are satisfied. Judicial review of the protest and the LOC's decision shall be governed by ORS 279B.415.

5.4 NON-ASSIGNMENT

If a Master Price Agreement is awarded, neither party shall assign the Agreement in part or in total.

5.5 POST AWARD MEETING:

The successful Proposer(s) may be required to attend a post-award meeting with the LOC to discuss the terms and conditions of the Master Price Agreement.

5.6 PROPOSAL FINAL CERTIFICATION

The Proposer must certify the following:

a) I hereby certify that the Proposal contained herein fully and exactly complies with the instruction for proposers and specifications as they appear in this Notice of Solicitation.

b) I hereby further certify that I am authorized by the Board of Directors or Corporate Officers of the Corporation to sign the Requests for Proposals and proposals in the name of the corporation listed below:

Proposer Name: _____

Signature: _____

Name Typed: _____ Title: _____

Proposer is a resident bidder of the state of _____

Date: _____

ATTACHMENT A

INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENT

(The Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement is not attached hereto, but the current version is available upon request from the Lead Public Agency)

(The Intergovernmental Cooperative Purchasing Agreement is incorporated by reference herein)

ATTACHMENT B

Proposer Profile Workbook to be completed by all responders as directed herein (fillable form available upon request)

1.0 GENERAL QUESTIONS:

Section 1.1 only to be completed by vendors with a national presence; i.e. vendors with a sales territory in 25 states or more.

1.1 The “Yes” or “No” questions below are to help evaluators familiarize themselves with **national** vendors. Indicate “Yes” or “No” as it applies to your company.

- ✓ Do you have a national sales force adequate in size to meet the demands of multiple agencies and their unique needs for the products and services listed herein?
Yes No
- ✓ Do you have a national distribution network that will support sales resulting from this RFP?
Yes No
- ✓ Can you provide product availability to meet the requirements for materials and services listed herein for government and nonprofit agencies nationwide in a timely manner?
Yes No
- ✓ Does your company have the ability to provide toll-free telephone/fax access, and an online presence?
Yes No
- ✓ Can you provide a single point of contact (National Account Manager) to interact with the lead agency and NPPGov staff?
Yes No
- ✓ Are you a strong competitor in the industry with a minimum of three consecutive years of demonstrated success in all business practices and pursuits?
Yes No

1.2 Provide at least three references of government agencies within the United States or Canada that have purchased products/services from Proposer similar to those specified in this solicitation within the last year. If proposed products/services are new to market, please use most similar business references available. Include:

Agency name and address
Contact name, phone and **email**
Description of products/services sold and date.

LOC may use other information, however learned, in evaluation of the response.

1.3 **OPTIONAL:** If a Dun and Bradstreet Comprehensive Report (or similar) for your company is available, please submit it with your response.

1.4 **OPTIONAL:** Attach any case studies, white papers and/or testimonials supporting your company and products/services.

2.0 ABOUT PROPOSER:

2.1 State of incorporation:	
2.2 Federal Tax Identification Number:	
2.3 If applicable to the product(s) and/or service(s), describe the Proposer’s ability to conduct E-commerce or online ordering. [Insert response in box below]	
2.4 Describe Proposer’s system for processing orders from point of customer contact through delivery and billing. [Insert response in box below]	
2.5 Describe Proposer’s ability to provide detailed electronic reporting of quarterly sales correlated with NPPGov Member ID numbers of Participating Agency purchases as set forth in Addendum A to Vendor Administration Agreement (VAA), a copy of which is available upon request from the LOC. [Insert response in box below]	
2.6 Describe the capacity of Proposer to meet Minority and Women Business Enterprises (MWBE) preferences, which may vary among Participating Agencies. [Insert response in box below]	
2.7 Proposer acknowledges compliance with Davis Bacon wage requirements where labor is concerned by indicating “yes” or “no” below.	
2.8 By submitting a Proposal in response to this RFP, Proposer agrees, if applicable, to comply with all applicable provisions of Title 2, Subtitle A, Chapter II, PART 200—UNIFORM ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS, COST PRINCIPLES, AND AUDIT REQUIREMENTS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS contained in Title 2 C.F.R. § 200 et seq. Indicate “yes” or “no” below.	
2.9 Complete Exhibit 1, located at the end of this workbook.	
2.10 Describe Proposer’s pricing structure and the key benefits/value provided to Participating Agencies.	

3.0 DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM:

3.1 Describe distribution of products and/or services available in Proposer’s response through Proposer’s distribution system (including Alaska and Hawaii, and, if applicable, Canada), including any limitations. [Insert response in box below]
3.1.A Is it your intent to offer the proposed products and/or services through a designated distribution/dealer network, indicate “yes” or “no” below? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
3.2 Provide Proposer’s shipping and delivery policy, including standard delivery time and any options and costs for expedited delivery and return policies. [Insert response in box below]
3.3 Third party and/or subcontracting may be allowed. If applicable, detail the sub-contracting process (ordering, shipment, invoicing, billing) for those products not carried in Proposer’s distribution center. Alternatively, if proposer utilizes a third-party ordering, shipment, invoicing or billing partner, please describe in detail. [Insert response in box below]
3.4 What is Proposer’s backorder policy? Is your policy to classify as “immediate or cancel” (requiring the Participating Agency to reorder if item is backordered) or “good until cancelled”? [Insert response in box below]
3.5 Indicate whether the Proposer has any dealer or distributors that are authorized to fulfil purchases? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> [Check one]
3.6 If answered yes to 3.5, include a copy of or link to authorized dealers or distributors.

4.0 MARKETING:

<p>4.1 Outline Proposer’s plan for marketing the Products and Services to the Participating Agencies on a local and national basis. Include any marketing incentives such as committed dollars for advertising, conferences/travel and custom marketing materials. [May attach marketing plan or insert response in box below]</p>
<p>4.2 Explain how Proposer will educate its local and national sales force about the use of the Master Price Agreement. [Insert response in box below]</p>
<p>4.3 Indicate the Proposer’s willingness to allow training to its local and national sales force about the use of the Master Price Agreement. [Insert response in box below]</p>

5.0 POINT OF CONTACTS:

POC who will administer, coordinate, and manage this program with NPPGov and the LEAGUE OF OREGON CITIES:

Contact Person:		Title:	
Mailing Address:			
City:		State & Zip:	
Email Address:			
Phone #:		Fax #:	
Attach current resume of National Account Manager that will be the POC managing this contract.			

Contracts Manager:

Contact Person:		Title:	
Email:		Phone Number:	

Sales Team Contact:

Contact Person:		Title:	
Email:		Phone Number:	

Reporting Contact:

Contact Person:		Title:	
Email:		Phone Number:	

Accounting Contact:

Contact Person:		Title:	
Email:		Phone Number:	

Marketing Contact:

Contact Person:		Title:	
Email:		Phone Number:	

Senior Executive:

Contact Person:		Title:	
Email:		Phone Number:	

6.0 CUSTOMER SUPPORT SERVICES:

Explain Proposer’s policy regarding each of the following if applicable to product(s) and/or service(s):

6.1 Auditing for order completeness. [Insert response in box below]						
6.2 Replacement policy (i.e., damaged or defective goods). [Insert response in box below]						
6.3 Minimum order requirement (e.g., Individual item vs. case lot). [Insert response in box below]						
6.4 Customer service hours/days of operation [Insert response in boxes below]						
Monday:	Tuesday:	Wednesday:	Thursday:	Friday:	Saturday:	Sunday:
6.5 Special Orders. [Insert response in box below]						
6.6 Post sale services issues. [Insert response in box below]						
6.7 Repair services, including repair warranty programs, if any. Proposer shall identify, where applicable, authorized factory repair facilities that will honor the warranty of items on contract. [Insert response in box below]						
6.8 Technical support services Proposer provides. [Insert response in box below]						
6.9 Product substitution policy. [Insert response in box below]						
6.10 Identify trade-in program criteria (if applicable). [Insert response in box below]						
6.11. After hours service (including weekends and holidays) [Insert response in boxes below]						
Monday:	Tuesday:	Wednesday:	Thursday:	Friday:	Saturday:	Sunday:
6.12 Shipment tracking. [Insert response in box below]						
6.13 Back order tracking process. [Insert response in box below]						
6.14 Return Item process, including any/all associated fees (e.g., restocking, shipping, turnaround time on returns). [Insert response in box below]						

6.15 Electronic billing. [Insert response in box below]
6.16 Explain how Proposer will resolve complaints, issues, or challenges. [Insert response in box below]
6.17 Other services not already covered. [Insert response in box below]

7.0 DELIVERY AND FREIGHT CHARGES:

7.1 Identify delivery and/or shipping costs or provide a shipping rate schedule based on weight, item, and/or destination for all items ordered within the continental U.S. (and Hawaii/Alaska), and, if applicable, Canada. The Proposer shall identify all exceptions to this shipping rate schedule. [Insert response in box below]

7.2 Identify policy for transfer of product ownership (delivery) and damage/issue resolution. [Insert response in box below]

8.0 VENDOR TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

8.1 Does Proposer require that customers/Participating Agencies agree to standard terms and conditions related to their purchase?

Yes No

8.2 If answered yes to 8.1, include a copy of or link to terms and conditions.

9.0 WARRANTY INFORMATION:

9.1 Identify warranty options, if applicable. [Insert response in box below]

10.0 INSTALLATION:

10.1 Please indicate whether your proposed offer requires any form of installation (e.g., hardware setup, software configuration, integration with existing systems, or on-site deployment)?
Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
10.2 If your response is Yes, provide a detailed description of the installation requirements, including but not limited to: overview of the installation process, estimated duration and timeline for completion, and a detailed cost breakdown for the installation, including labor, materials, travel (if applicable), and any ongoing maintenance fees related to the installation.

11.0 CONFIDENTIAL, PROPRIETARY, OR EXEMPT INFORMATION:

Please indicate whether your proposal contains any confidential, proprietary, or exempt information (e.g., trade secrets, copyrighted material, personally identifiable information, or data exempt from public disclosure under applicable laws)
If yes, provide specific sections, pages, or attachments containing such information and ensure such information is labeled "Confidential" or "Proprietary".

12.0 BUILD AMERICA, BUY AMERICA:

Proposer certifies and agrees to abide by all applicable Build America, Buy America (BABA) national and local regulations as they may apply in order to contract with the lead and/or participating agency.
Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

13.0 CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS:

13.1 Have you reviewed, completed, and signed the Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters (Exhibit 3), indicate "yes" or "no" below?
Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

Exhibit 1

RETAIL, DISTRIBUTION AND SERVICE/SUPPORT LOCATIONS

	Number of retail stores in each state? (leave blank for none)	Number of distribution centers in each state? (leave blank for none)	Number of support locations in each state? (leave blank for none)
ALABAMA			
ALASKA			
ARIZONA			
ARKANSAS			
CALIFORNIA			
COLORADO			
CONNECTICUT			
DELAWARE			
FLORIDA			
GEORGIA			
HAWAII			
IDAHO			
ILLINOIS			
INDIANA			
IOWA			
KANSAS			
KENTUCKY			
LOUISIANA			
MAINE			
MARYLAND			
MASSACHUSETTS			
MICHIGAN			
MINNESOTA			
MISSISSIPPI			
MISSOURI			
MONTANA			
NEBRASKA			
NEVADA			
NEW HAMPSHIRE			
NEW JERSEY			
NEW MEXICO			
NEW YORK			
NORTH CAROLINA			
NORTH DAKOTA			
OHIO			
OKLAHOMA			
OREGON			
PENNSYLVANIA			
RHODE ISLAND			
SOUTH CAROLINA			
SOUTH DAKOTA			
TENNESSEE			
TEXAS			

UTAH			
VERMONT			
VIRGINIA			
WASHINGTON			
WEST VIRGINIA			
WISCONSIN			
WYOMING			

THE FORM LISTED BELOW MUST BE SIGNED AND RETURNED WITH SOLICITATION RESPONSE

Exhibit 2

Declaration of Non-Collusion

The undersigned does hereby declare that there has been no collusion between the undersigned, the LEAGUE OF OREGON CITIES, and National Purchasing Partners, and in further support of said Declaration, states as follows:

The person, firm, association, co-partnership or corporation herein named has not, either directly or indirectly, participated in any collusion, or otherwise taken any action in restraint of free competitive bidding or solicitation in the preparation and submission of a proposal to the LEAGUE OF OREGON CITIES for consideration in the award of a contract or Master Price Agreement negotiated as a result of this Request for Proposal.

DATED this _____ day of _____, _____.

(Name of Firm)

By: _____
(Authorized Signature)

Title: _____

Exhibit 3

Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters

Proposer's Name: _____

Date: _____

RFP No.: _____

By submitting a proposal, the prospective proposer certifies that, to the best of their knowledge, neither they, their principals, nor their subcontractors are currently debarred, suspended, or proposed for debarment by any federal agency; have not been excluded from programs operated by any state, federal or Canadian government entity; and that neither they nor their employees or agents have been convicted of fraud or other serious offenses related to public transactions in the past three years, not currently charged with such offenses, have not had a public transaction terminated for cause or default during this period, and agrees to provide immediate written notice to the Lead Public Agency if any of these certifications change. The prospective proposer further certifies that they are not excluded from programs operated by any state, federal or Canadian government entity.

The prospective proposal further certifies and warrants that it is not in bankruptcy or has previously disclosed such information to the Lead Public Agency. Signature of Authorized

Representative: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

Proposer's Company Name: _____

ATTACHMENT C

SPECIFICATIONS

INDUSTRIAL GASES, WELDING AND SAFETY SUPPLIES

These specifications are intended to cover the complete range of Industrial Gases, Welding and Safety Supplies. Several categories are included below but are in no means intended to limit the Proposer to responding to just these categories if there are other related products and services that Proposer would like to be considered for the award. Proposers should respond with pricing for all products and services they wish to be considered in the evaluation for a possible award and master price agreement.

The following categories are provided to indicate the intended extent of the RFP but do not necessarily represent the format of the Proposer's response. Proposers may combine any and all categories and elements in a format that is most appropriate to represent their business in their response.

NOTE: Proposers are not required to respond to all categories. Proposals will only be evaluated based on the categories to which they respond.

CATEGORY 1: INDUSTRIAL, MEDICAL, AND SPECIALTY GASES

Including but not limited to atmospheric gases such as oxygen, nitrogen, and argon, industrial process gases, medical gases, specialty and calibration gases, EPA protocol gases, food grade gases, refrigerant gases, cryogenic liquids, bulk gases, shop gases, and dry ice.

CATEGORY 2: COMPRESSED GAS CYLINDERS AND BULK SUPPLY SYSTEMS

Including but not limited to compressed gas cylinders, cylinder rental and management programs, bulk storage tanks, dewars and cryogenic containers, microbulk systems, and related supply infrastructure.

CATEGORY 3: GAS DELIVERY AND SUPPLY SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT

Including but not limited to regulators, control valves, flowmeters, check valves, specialty gas manifolds, line filters and purifiers, cryogenic equipment, EMS-related gas delivery products, and related accessories.

CATEGORY 4: GAS DETECTION AND MONITORING SYSTEMS

Including but not limited to fixed gas detection systems, portable gas monitors and detectors, gas leak detection equipment, multi-gas monitors, area gas monitoring systems, and related accessories and services.

CATEGORY 5: WELDING EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES

Including but not limited to welding machines and power sources, plasma and oxy-fuel cutting equipment, welding consumables including electrodes, wire, rods, and flux, arc gouging equipment, welding accessories and tools, and welding PPE including helmets, gloves, and protective clothing.

CATEGORY 6: GAS SYSTEM INSTALLATION AND SERVICES

Including but not limited to design, engineering, and installation of gas piping and distribution systems, gas system maintenance and repair, cylinder fill and exchange services, gas supply chain management, and related technical services.

CATEGORY 7: OTHER

Associated products and services related to industrial gases, welding, and safety supplies not otherwise captured in the above categories.

ATTACHMENT D

PRICING SCHEDULE

The intent is for each Proposer to submit their complete product line so that Participating Agencies may order a wide array of products and services as appropriate for their needs. Proposer is encouraged but is not required to respond to all categories. Proposer may suggest additional categories and sub-categories as applicable. Proposer may subcontract items Proposer does not supply.

The Proposer should not necessarily limit the proposal to the performance of the services in accordance with this document but should outline any additional services and their costs if the Proposer deems them necessary to accomplish the program.

Pricing and resulting relative discount to LOC and NPPGov membership shall be clearly delineated on each proposal. Contract admin fee (established in the "Requirements" Section of the RFP) may not be listed or charged as a separate line item to users of the contract. Contract pricing shall be based upon:

- 1) Fixed discount(s) off published price list(s) or catalog(s)
- 2) Firm fixed price with economic adjustment (contingencies for economic price adjustments must be identified in the proposal)
- 3) A combination of the above.

EXAMPLE

INDUSTRIAL GASES, WELDING AND SAFETY SUPPLIES	
Product Category	Percentage (%) off List Price* (OR fixed price if % off pricing is not available)
INDUSTRIAL, MEDICAL, AND SPECIALTY GASES	
COMPRESSED GAS CYLINDERS AND BULK SUPPLY SYSTEMS	
GAS DELIVERY AND SUPPLY SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT	
GAS DETECTION AND MONITORING SYSTEMS	
WELDING EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES	
GAS SYSTEM INSTALLATION AND SERVICES	
OTHER (If responding <u>solely</u> to this product category, provide a specific subcategory(ies) and/or provide a detailed description of the product(s) and/or service(s) proposed.)	

Options

Proposers shall provide pricing on all options, modifications, and accessories in a format that best represents their product line and pricing structure. This may include specific pricing for some options and may also include general pricing/discounts for categories of options. Proposer may also indicate availability and pricing of all other non-specified options. The intent is to provide Proposers the opportunity to present as much product as possible in the format that fits within their individual formatting needs so that the resulting award allows LOC and NPPGov members the greatest number of procurement options.

Miscellaneous

Proposers should include any applicable pricing information related to Section 2.3 of the RFP including but not limited to: large volume purchases, cash terms, rebates, freight/delivery costs and individual discounts.

ATTACHMENT E

PROPOSAL EVALUATION FORM

Proposals will be evaluated using a two-step process.

The first step evaluates the responsiveness of the proposer and determines 1) if the proposer is deemed fully responsive enabling the proposal to move to the second step and 2) if the proposal will be evaluated as a local response (within the State of Oregon), regional response (covering multiple States, but not the entire US) or a national response (covering the entire US, or at least the continental US, and, if applicable, Canada).

The second step of the evaluation process will only occur with proposals deemed fully responsive from the first step. The second step fully evaluates the proposer's response based on the criteria found in the proposal evaluation form.

STEP 1

Proposal Responsiveness

Component	YES	NO	
Submitted on time (REQUIRED)			
Completed Proposer Profile Workbook (PPW) (REQUIRED)			
Included references (REQUIRED)			
Proposal signed (REQUIRED)			
Deemed Fully Responsive	YES	NO	
Categorized as Local, Regional or National	Local	Regional	National

Proposal Evaluation Form

STEP 2

Full Evaluation of Proposal

Point Value Definitions

- (5) Exceeded Requirements – Compelling Detail, Showed Ability to Complete
- (4) Met Requirements – Thorough, Provided Supportive Material/Examples
- (3) Satisfied Requirements - Sufficient
- (2) Unclear if Requirements Met - Poor or Confusing
- (1) Did Not Comply with Requirements - Substandard
- (0) Blank

Component Evaluated	Weight	Possible Points (0-5)	Total Points (Weight x PP)	Evaluator's Comments
<p><u>Pricing:</u> Product price and discounts proposed included favorable pricing for cooperative purchasing. Shipping conditions.</p> <p><i>Attachment D and PPW Section 7.0.</i></p>	25			Comments:
<p><u>Product Line</u> (Score only categories proposed): Breadth, variety, quality of product line and innovation of products. Warranty availability.</p> <p><i>Attachment C and PPW Section 9.0.</i></p>	15			Comments:
<p><u>Marketing:</u> Marketing plan to promote the resulting contractual agreement and ability to incorporate use of agreement in their sales system throughout indicated coverage region. Willingness to allow training of salesforce.</p> <p><i>PPW Section 4.0.</i></p>	15			Comments
<p><u>Customer Service:</u> Support dedicated to Participating Agencies. Ability to meet promised delivery timelines. Additional services offered. Conduct e-commerce.</p> <p><i>PPW Sub-Sections 2.3 & 2.4 and Section 6.0.</i></p>	15			Comments:
<p><u>Proven Experience:</u> Success in providing products and services in a timely manner. Years in business, references and reputation. Experience with cooperative purchasing.</p> <p><i>PPW Sub-Section 1.2.</i></p>	15			Comments:
<p><u>Coverage:</u> Ability to provide products and services for indicated coverage region including distribution, retail & service facilities, coordination of manufacturer and distribution, and staff availability. Clearly states distribution model and provides dealer list if applicable.</p> <p><i>PPW Section 3.0 and Exhibit 1.</i></p>	10			Comments:
<p><u>Conformance:</u> Completeness of proposal and the degree to which the Proposer responded to the terms and all requirements and specifications of the RFP. Followed the response format and content, was clear and easily understood. Provided Term's and Condition's, if applicable.</p> <p><i>PPW Section 8.0 and 4.5 of RFP.</i></p>	5			Comments:
<u>TOTAL</u>	100			

ATTACHMENT F

OREGON REVISED STATUTES (AS MAY BE AMENDED) REQUIREMENTS

Successful Proposer (Contractor) shall comply with the requirements of this ATTACHMENT F to the extent required by any applicable federal or state law.

- (1) Contractor shall pay promptly, as due, all persons supplying labor or materials for the performance of the work provided for in the contract and shall be responsible for such payment of all persons supplying such labor or material to any Subcontractor.
- (2) Contractor shall promptly pay all contributions or amounts due the Industrial Accident Fund from such Contractor or Subcontractor incurred in the performance of the contract.
- (3) Contractor shall not permit any lien or claim to be filed or prosecuted against the LOC or any Participating Agency on account of any labor or material furnished and agrees to assume responsibility for satisfaction of any such lien so filed or prosecuted.
- (4) Contractor and any Subcontractor shall pay to the Department of Revenue all sums withheld from employees pursuant to ORS 316.167
- (5) If Contractor fails, neglects or refuses to make prompt payment of any claim for labor or materials furnished to the Contractor or a Subcontractor by any person in connection with the contract as such claim becomes due, the LOC or any Participating Agency may pay such claim to the persons furnishing the labor or material and charge the amount of payment against funds due or to become due Contractor by reason of the contract. The payment of a claim in the manner authorized hereby shall not relieve the Contractor or Contract surety from Contractor or its obligation with respect to any unpaid claim. If the LOC or any Participating Agency is unable to determine the validity of any claim for labor or material furnished, the District may withhold from any current payment due Contractor an amount equal to said claim until its validity is determined and the claim, if valid, is paid.
- (6) Contractor shall promptly, as due, make payment to any person, co-partnership, association, or corporation, furnishing medical, surgical and hospital care services or other needed care and attention, incident to sickness or injury, to employees of such Contractor, of all sums which the Contractor agrees to pay for such services and all monies and sums which the Contractor collected or deducted from the wages of employees pursuant to any law, contract or agreement for the purpose of providing or paying for such service.
- (7) In a contract for personal services, contractor shall pay employees at least time and half for all overtime worked in excess of 40 hours in any one week under the contract in accordance with ORS 653.010 to 653.261 and the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (29 USC 201, *et seq.*). In contracts for services, contractors shall pay employees at least time and a half pay for work performed on the legal holidays specified in a collective bargaining agreement or in ORS 279B.020(1)(b)(A) to (G) and for all time worked in excess of 10 hours in any one day or in excess of 40 hours in any one week, whichever is greater.
- (8) The Contractor must give notice in writing to employees who work on this contract, either at the time of hire or before commencement of work on the contract, or by posting a notice in a location frequented by employees, of the number of hours per day and the days per week that the employees may be required to work.
- (9) All subject employers working under the contract are either employers that will comply with ORS 656.017, or employers that are exempt under ORS 656.126.
- (10) All sums due the State Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund from the Contractor or any Subcontractor in connection with the performance of the contract shall be promptly so paid.
- (11) The contract may be canceled at the election of LOC for any willful failure on the part of Contractor to faithfully perform the contract according to its terms.
- (12) Contractor certifies compliance with all applicable Oregon tax laws, in accordance with ORS 305.385.

- (13) Contractor certifies that it has not discriminated against minorities, women, emerging small business enterprises certified under ORS 200.055, or business enterprises owned or controlled by or that employ a disabled veteran in obtaining any required subcontractors.

ATTACHMENT G
WIPHE RESPONSE FORM

THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED WITH SOLICITATION RESPONSE

Vendor servicing Washington State AGREES to sell items included in this solicitation to WIPHE institutions at prices offered, unless otherwise noted below:

_____ **DOES NOT** agree to sell to WIPHE Institutions.

_____ **AGREES** to sell to WIPHE Institutions at same prices and discounts, with the following exceptions:
(attach additional pages as necessary)

Vendor must state geographic areas or specific institution(s) listed below within the State of Washington that are EXCLUDED from the contract(s) resulting from this solicitation:

Washington Institutions of Public Higher Education (WIPHE). See list on following page.

If Vendor agrees to sell to the WIPHE Institutions, a WIPHE Contract number will be assigned and the information will be reported to the Council of Presidents. The Council of Presidents notifies all the other schools when a WIPHE contract has been awarded and a master list will be maintained and the WIPHE website updated. WIPHE shall determine, at its absolute discretion, whether it shall accept and/or utilize the contract resulting from the Request for Proposal

Washington Institutions of Public Higher Education (WIPHE)

FOUR-YEAR UNIVERSITIES

CENTRAL WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
EASTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
THE EVERGREEN STATE COLLEGE
UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON
WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY
WESTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGES:

BATES TECHNICAL COLLEGE
BELLEVUE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
BELLINGHAM TECHNICAL COLLEGE
BIG BEND COMMUNITY COLLEGE
CASCADE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
CASCADIA COLLEGE
CENTRALIA COLLEGE
CLARK COLLEGE
CLOVER PARK TECHNICAL COLLEGE
COLUMBIA BASIN COLLEGE
EDMONDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
EVERETT COMMUNITY COLLEGE
GRAYS HARBOR COLLEGE
GREEN RIVER COMMUNITY COLLEGE
HIGHLINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
LAKE WASHINGTON TECHNICAL COLLEGE
LOWER COLUMBIA COLLEGE
OLYMPIC COLLEGE
PENINSULA COLLEGE
PIERCE COLLEGE
RENTON TECHNICAL COLLEGE
SEATTLE CENTRAL COMMUNITY COLLEGES
SHORELINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
SKAGIT VALLEY COLLEGE
SOUTH PUGET SOUND COMMUNITY COLLEGE
SPOKANE COMMUNITY COLLEGES
STATE BOARD FOR TECHNICAL & COMMUNITY
COLLEGES
WENATCHEE VALLEY COLLEGE
YAKIMA VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
WHATCOM COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Miscellaneous local agencies within Washington State*

ADAMS COUNTY
PUYALLUP SCHOOL DIST 3
KITSAP COUNTY
FIFE SCHOOL DIST 417
RIVERVIEW SCHOOL DIST 407
GONZAGA UNIVERSITY
PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF WESTERN
WASHINGTON
SNOHOMISH COUNTY
MASON COUNTY
FEDERAL WAY SCHOOL DIST
SPOKANE COUNTY
ISSAQUAH SCHOOL DIST 411
ADAMS COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT
ADAMS COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT
AFFILIATED HEALTH SERVICES
ALDERWOOD WATER DISTRICT
ANACORTES PORT OF
ANACORTES SCHOOL DISTRICT 103
ANNAPOLIS WATER DISTRICT
ASOTIN COUNTY
AUBURN SCHOOL DISTRICT 408
BAINBRIDGE IS SCHOOL DISTRICT 303
BAINBRIDGE ISLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT
BAINBRIDGE ISLAND PARKS
BATTLE GROUND SCHOOL DISTRICT 119
BELLEVUE SCHOOL DISTRICT 405
BELLINGHAM PORT OF
BELLINGHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT 501
BENTON COUNTY
BENTON COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT
BENTON COUNTY PUD
BENTON FRANKLIN COUNTY
BENTON FRANKLIN PRIVTE INDUST CNCL
BENTON PORT OF
BETHEL SCHOOL DISTRICT 403
BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF KING CO
BIRCH BAY WATER & SEWER DISTRICT
BLANCHET SCHOOL DISTRICT
BREMERTON KITSAP CO HEALTH DISTRICT
BREMERTON PORT OF
BREMERTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 100
BURLINGTON EDISON SCHOOL DIST 100
CANCER RESEARCH AND BOISTATISTICS
CASCADE BLUE MT FD SHR
CASCADE IRRIGATION DISTRICT
CASHMERE SCHOOL DISTRICT 222
CATHOLIC COMM SVCS OF KING CO
CENTRAL KITSAP SCHOOL DISTRICT 401
CENTRAL WAS COMP MENTAL HEALTH
CENTRALIA SCHOOL DISTRICT 40
CHEHALIS SCHOOL DISTRICT 302
CHELAN COUNTY
CHELAN COUNTY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL
CHELAN COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT
CHELAN COUNTY PUD 1
CHELAN DOUGLAS COUNTY HEALTH DIST
CHENEY CARE CENTER
CHILD CARE RESOURCE & REFERRAL
CHILDRENS THERAPY CENTER
CHIMACUM SCHOOL DISTRICT 49
CLALLAM COUNTY
CLALLAM COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT
CLALLAM COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
CLALLAM COUNTY PUD
CLARK COUNTY
CLARK COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT
CLARK COUNTY PUD
CLE ELUM-ROSLYN SCHOOL DISTRICT 404
CLOVER PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT 400
CNTRL WHIDBEY FIRE & RESCUE
COAL CREEK UTILITY DISTRICT
COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
COLUMBIA COUNTY
COLUMBIA IRRIGATION DISTRICT
COLUMBIA MOSQUITO CONTROL DISTRICT
COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY
COMMUNITY PSYCHIATRIC CLINIC
COMMUNITY TRANSIT
CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF CHEHALIS
CONSOLIDATED DIKING IMPROVEMENT DIST
CONSOLIDATED IRRIGATION
COWLITZ COUNTY
COWLITZ COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT
COWLITZ COUNTY PUD
CROSS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
DAYTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 2
DOUGLAS COUNTY
DOUGLAS COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT
DOUGLAS COUNTY PUD
DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION CENTER
E COLUMBIA BASIN IRRIGATION DIST
EAST WENATCHEE WATER
EATONVILLE SCHOOL DIST 404
EDMONDS SCHOOL DISTRICT 15
EDUCATIONAL SERVICE DIST 114
EDUCATIONAL SERVICE DISTRICT 113
ELLENSBURG SCHOOL DIST 401
ENUMCLAW SCHOOL DIST
EVERETT PORT OF
EVERETT PUBLIC FACILITIES DIST
EVERGREEN MANOR INC
EVERGREEN SCHOOL DIST 114
FEDERAL WAY FD
FERRY COUNTY
FERRY COUNTY PUBLIC HOSPITAL
FERRY OKAHOGAN FPD
FOSS WATERWAY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
FRANKLIN COUNTY
FRANKLIN COUNTY PUD

FRANKLIN PIERCE SCHOOL DIST 402
FRIDAY HARBOR PORT OF
GARDENA FARMS IRRIGATION DIST 13
GARFIELD COUNTY
GRAND COULEE PROJECT
GRANDVIEW SCHOOL DIST 116/200
GRANITE FALLS SCHOOL DIST 332
GRANT COUNTY
GRANT COUNTY HEALTH DIST
GRANT COUNTY PUD
GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY
GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY FIRE DIST
GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY PUD # 1
GRAYS HARBOR PORT OF
GRAYS HARBOR PUB DEV AUTH
GRAYS HARBOR TRANSIT
GRIFFIN SCHOOL DIST 324
HARBORVIEW MEDICAL CENTER
HAZEL DELL SEWER DIST
HEALTHY MOTHERS HEALTHY BABIES COAL
HIGHLINE SCHOOL DIST 401
HIGHLINE WATER DIST
HOMESIGHT
HOPELINK
HOQUIAM SCHOOL DIST 28
HOUSING AUTHORITY OF PORTLAND
ILWACO PORT OF
INCHELIUM SCHOOL DIST 70
ISLAND COUNTY
ISLAND COUNTY FIRE DIST
JEFFERSON COUNTY
JEFFERSON COUNTY FIRE DIST
JEFFERSON COUNTY LIBRARY
JEFFERSON COUNTY PUD
JEFFERSON GENERAL HOSPITAL
KARCHER CREEK SEWER DIST
KELSO SCHOOL DIST 458
KENNEWICK GENERAL HOSPITAL
KENNEWICK SCHOOL DISTRICT 17
KENT SCHOOL DIST 415
KETTLE FALLS SCHOOL DIST 212
KING COUNTY
KING COUNTY FIRE DIST
KING COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY
KING COUNTY LIBRARY
KING COUNTY WATER SEWER
KINGSTON PORT OF
KITSAP COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE
KITSAP COUNTY LIBRARY
KITSAP COUNTY PUD 1
KITTTITAS COUNTY
KITTTITAS COUNTY PUD
KITTTITAS COUNTY RECLAMATION DIST
KCLICKITAT COUNTY
KCLICKITAT COUNTY PUD
LAKE CHELAN RECLAMATION DIST
LAKE STEVENS SCHOOL DIST 4

LAKE WASHINGTON SCHOOL DIST 414
LAKEHAVEN UTILITY DIST
LAKEWOOD SCHOOL DIST 306
LEWIS CO PUD 1
LEWIS COUNTY
LEWIS COUNTY FIRE DIST
LEWIS PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION
LIBERTY LAKE SEWER & WATER DIST
LINCOLN COUNTY
LINCOLN COUNTY FIRE DIST
LONGVIEW PORT OF
LONGVIEW SCHOOL DIST 122
LOTT WASTEWATER ALLIANCE
LUMMI INDIAN NATION
MANCHESTER WATER DIST
MARYSVILLE SCHOOL DIST 25
MASON COUNTY FIRE DIST
MASON COUNTY PUD
MEAD SCHOOL DIST 354
METRO PARK DISTRICT OF TACOMA
MID COLUMBIA LIBRARY
MIDWAY SEWER DISTRICT
MONROE SCHOOL DIST 103
MORTON SCHOOL DIST 214
MOSES LAKE PORT OF
MOUNT BAKER SCHOOL DIST
MT VERNON SCHOOL DISTRICT 320
MUKILTEO SCHOOL DIST 6
MUKILTEO WATER DIST
NAVAL STATION EVERETT
NE TRI COUNTY HEALTH DIST
NORTH CENTRAL REGIONAL LIBRARY DIST
NORTH KITSAP SCHOOL DIST 400
NORTH SHORE UTILITY DISTRICT
NORTH THURSTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
NORTHSHORE SCHOOL DIST 417
NORTHWEST KIDNEY CTR
NORTHWEST WORK FORCE DEVELOPMENT CO
NW REGIONAL COUNCIL
OAK HARBOR SCHOOL DIST 201
OAKVILLE SCHOOL DIST 400
OCOSTA SCHOOL DIST 172
OKANOGAN COUNTY
OKANOGAN COUNTY FIRE DIST
OKANOGAN COUNTY PUD
OKANOGAN SCHOOL DISTRICT
OLYMPIA PORT OF
OLYMPIA SCHOOL DISTRICT 111
OLYMPIA THURSTON CHAMBER FOUNDATION
OLYMPIC AREA AGENCY ON AGING
OLYMPIC MEMORIAL HOSPITAL DIST
OLYMPIC REGION CLEAN AIR AGENCY
OLYMPIC VIEW WATER & SEWER DIST
OLYMPUS TERRACE SEWER DIST
PACIFIC COUNTY
PACIFIC COUNTY FIRE
PARATRANSIT SERVICES

PASCO SCHOOL DIST
PEND OREILLE COUNTY CONSERV DIST
PEND OREILLE COUNTY PUB HOSP DIST
PEND OREILLE COUNTY PUD
PENINSULA SCHOOL DISTRICT 401
PERRY TECHNICAL INSTITUTE
PIERCE COUNTY
PIERCE COUNTY FIRE DIST
PORT ANGELES PORT OF
PORT ANGELES SCHOOL DISTRICT 121
PRESCOTT SCHOOL DIST
PUGET SOUND CLEAN AIR AGENCY
PUGET SOUND SCHOOL DIST
QUINCY COLUMBIA BASIN IRRIG DIST
RICHLAND SCHOOL DIST 400
S KITSAP SCHOOL DISTRICT 402
S SNOHOMISH CO PUBLIC FAC DIST
SAFEPLACE
SAMISH WATER DIST
SAMMAMISH WATER AND SEWER DIST
SAN JUAN COUNTY
SAN JUAN COUNTY FIRE DIST
SEA MAR COMM HEALTH CTR
SEATTLE JEWISH PRIMARY SCHOOL
SEATTLE PORT OF
SEATTLE SCHOOL DIST 1
SEATTLE UNIVERSITY
SECOND AMENDMENT FOUNDATION
SECOND CHANCE INC
SENIOR OPPORTUNITY SERVICES
SHELTON SCHOOL DISTRICT 309
SILVERDALE WATER
SKAGIT COUNTY
SKAGIT COUNTY CONSERVATION DIST
SKAGIT COUNTY FIRE DIST
SKAGIT COUNTY ISLAND HOSPITAL
SKAGIT COUNTY PORT OF
SKAGIT COUNTY PUD 1
SKAGIT TRANSIT
SKAMANIA COUNTY
SKOOKUM INC
SNOHOMISH COUNTY LIBRARY
SNOHOMISH COUNTY PUD
SNOHOMISH HEALTH DISTRICT
SNOHOMISH SCHOOL DISTRICT 201
SOAP LAKE SCHOOL DISTRICT 156
SOOS CREEK WATER AND SEWER DIST
SOUND TRANSIT
SOUTH COLUMBIA BASIN IRRIG DIST
SOUTH EAST EFFECTIVE DEVELOPMENT
SOUTH SOUND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
SOUTHWEST YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES
SPECIAL MOBILITY SERVICES INC
SPOKANE CO AIR POLLUTION CNTRL AUTHORITY
SPOKANE COUNTY FIRE DIST
SPOKANE COUNTY LIBRARY
SPOKANE SCHOOL DISTRICT 81

ST JOSEPH/MARQUETTE SCHOOL
STANWOOD SCHOOL DIST 410
STEVENS COUNTY
STEVENS COUNTY PUD
STILLAGUAMISH TRIBE OF INDIANS
SUMNER SCHOOL DISTRICT 320
SUNNYSIDE PORT OF
SUNNYSIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT 201
SUQUAMISH TRIBE
SW CLEAN AIR AGENCY
SWINOMISH TRIBE
TACOMA DAY CHILD CARE AND PRESCHOOL
TACOMA MUSICAL PLAYHOUSE
TACOMA PORT OF
TACOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT 10
TACOMA-PIERCE CO
TAHOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT 409
TERRACE HEIGHTS SEWER DISTRICT
THURSTON COMMUNITY TELEVISION
THURSTON COUNTY
THURSTON COUNTY CONSERVATION DIST
THURSTON COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT
TOPPENISH SCHOOL DISTRICT 202
TOUCHET SD 300
TRIUMPH TREATMENT SERVICES
TUKWILA SCHOOL DIST 406
TUMWATER SCHOOL DISTRICT 33
U S DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
UNITED WAY OF KING COUNTY
UNIVERSITY PLACE SCHOOL DIST
UPPER SKAGIT INDIAN TRIBE
VAL VUE SEWER DISTRICT
VALLEY TRANSIT
VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
VANCOUVER PORT OF
VANCOUVER SCHOOL DISTRICT 37
VASHON ISLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT 402
VERA IRRIGATION
VETERANS ADMINISTRATION
VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA
WA ASSOC OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS
WA ASSOC SHERIFFS & POLICE CHIEFS
WA GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY POOL
WA LABOR COUNCIL AFL-CIO
WA PUBLIC PORTS ASSOCIATION
WA RESEARCH COUNCIL
WA ST ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES
WA STATE PUBLIC STADIUM AUTHORITY
WAHIAKUM COUNTY
WALLA WALLA COLLEGE
WALLA WALLA COUNTY
WALLA WALLA COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT
WALLA WALLA PORT OF
WALLA WALLA SD 140
WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION
WASHINGTON COUNTIES RISK POOL
WASHINGTON FIRE COMMISSIONERS ASSOC

WASHINGTON HEALTH CARE ASSOCIATION
WASHINGTON PUBLIC AFFAIRS NETWORK
WASHINGTON STATE MIGRANT COUNCIL WEST
VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT 208
WEST VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT 363
WESTERN FOUNDATION THE WHATCOM
CONSERVATION DIST WHATCOM COUNTY
WHATCOM COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT WHATCOM
COUNTY RURAL LIBRARY DIST WHIDBEY
GENERAL HOSPITAL
WHITMAN COUNTY
WHITWORTH WATER
WILLAPA COUNSELING CENTER WILLAPA
VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT 160 WILLAPA
VALLEY WATER DISTRICT WINLOCK SCHOOL
DISTRICT 232 WOODINVILLE FIRE & LIFE
SAFETY DIST WOODLAND PORT OF
YAKIMA COUNTY
YAKIMA COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT YAKIMA
COUNTY REGIONAL LIBRARY YAKIMA
SCHOOL DISTRICT 7
YAKIMA VALLEY FARMWORKERS CLINIC
YAKIMA-TIETON IRRIGATION DISTRICT
YELM COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
YMCA - TACOMA PIERCE COUNTY
YMCA OF GREATER SEATTLE

*Washington State cities and other unnamed
Washington State local and municipal agencies may
also utilize the resulting Master Price Agreement;
provided they enter into the Intergovernmental
Cooperative Purchasing Agreement.

ATTACHMENT H

ELIGIBLE POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS BY STATE

ELIGIBLE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION BY STATE is provided as a separate document, which is incorporated by reference into this Agreement.

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