

SUBMIT BID TO:
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UF UNIVERSITY of FLORIDA
INVITATION TO BID
Commodity
Acknowledgment Form

Page 1 of 13 pages		BID WILL BE OPENED December 2nd, 2021 at 3:00 PM local time and may not be withdrawn within 90 days after such date and time. Questions are due by November 19, 2021 at 5:00 PM	BID NO.: ITB22WB-118A REBID
DATE: 11/12/21		PROCUREMENT AGENT: Wendy Byrne	BID TITLE: Annual Preventative Maintenance Services for Data Center Battery Backup System REBID
VENDOR NAME			
VENDOR MAILING ADDRESS		REASON FOR NOT SUBMITTING BID	
CITY - STATE - ZIP CODE		POSTING OF BID TABULATIONS Bid tabulations with intended award(s) will be posted electronically for review by interested parties at https://procurement.ufl.edu/ and will remain posted for a period of 72 hours excluding Saturdays, Sundays, or state holidays. Failure to file a protest in accordance with Board of Governors (BOG) Regulation 18.002 or failure to post the bond or other security as required in the BOG regulations 18.002 and 18.003(3), shall constitute a waiver of protest proceedings.	
AREA CODE	TELEPHONE NO.		
	FAX NO.		
	WEB ADDRESS		
	EMAIL ADDRESS		

I certify that this bid is made without prior understanding, agreement, or connection with any corporation, firm or person submitting a bid for the same materials, supplies, or equipment and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud. I agree to abide by all conditions of this bid and certify that I am authorized to sign this bid for the vendor and that the vendor is in compliance with all the requirements of the Invitation to Bid, including but not limited to, certification requirements. In submitting a bid on behalf of the Board of Trustees, hereinafter known as the University, the vendor offers and agrees that if the bid is accepted the vendor will convey, sell, assign, or transfer to the University all rights, title and interest in and to all causes of action it may now or hereafter acquire under the Anti-trust laws of the United States and the University for price fixing relating to the particular commodities or services purchased or acquired by the University. At the University's discretion, such assignment shall be made and become effective at the time the purchasing agency tenders final payment to the vendor.

 AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE (MANUAL)

 NAME AND TITLE (TYPED)

GENERAL CONDITIONS

SEALED BIDS: All bid sheets and this form must be executed and submitted in a sealed envelope. (DO NOT INCLUDE MORE THAN ONE BID PER ENVELOPE.) The face of the envelope shall contain, in addition to the above address, the date, and time of the bid opening and the bid number. Bids not submitted on the attached bid form shall be rejected. All bids are subject to the conditions specified herein. Those which do not comply with these conditions are subject to rejection.

1. **EXECUTION OF BID:** Bid must contain an original manual signature of authorized representative in the space provided above. Bid must be typed or printed in ink. Use of erasable ink is not permitted. All corrections to prices made by vendor must be initialed.

2. **NO BID:** If not submitting a bid, respond by returning only this vendor acknowledgment form, marking it "NO BID", and explain the reason in the space provided above. Failure to respond to a procurement solicitation without giving justifiable reason for such failure, nonconformance to contract conditions, or other pertinent factors deemed reasonable and valid shall be cause for removal of the supplier's name from the bid mailing list. NOTE: To qualify as a respondent, vendor must submit a "NO BID", and it must be received no later than the stated bid opening date and hour.

3. **BID OPENING:** Shall be public, on the date, location and the time specified on the bid form. It is the vendor's responsibility to assure that the bid is delivered at the proper time and place of the bid opening. Bids which for any reason are not so delivered will not be considered. A bid may not be altered after opening of the bids. NOTE: Bid tabulations will be posted electronically at <https://procurement.ufl.edu/>. Bid tabulations will not be provided by telephone.

4. **PRICES, TERMS AND PAYMENT:** Firm prices shall be bid and will include all packing, handling, shipping charges, and delivery to the destination shown herein.

(a) **TAXES:** The University does not pay Federal Excise and Sales taxes on direct purchases of tangible personal property or services. The Florida Tax Exempt Number is 11-06-024056-57C. This exemption does not apply to purchases of tangible personal property or services made by vendors who use the tangible personal property or services in the performance of contracts for the improvement of University-owned real property as defined in Chapter 192, F.S.

(b) **DISCOUNTS:** Vendors are encouraged to reflect trade discounts in the unit prices quoted; however, vendors may offer a discount for prompt payment. Prompt payment discounts will not be considered in the bid award. However, every effort will be made to take the discount within the time offered.

(c) **MISTAKES:** Vendors are expected to examine the specifications, delivery schedule, bid prices, extensions, and all instructions pertaining to supplies and

services. Failure to do so will be at vendor's risk. In case of a mistake in extensions the unit price will govern.

(d) **INVOICING AND PAYMENT:** Payment will be made by the University of Florida after the items awarded to a vendor have been received, inspected, and found to comply with award specifications, free of damage or defect and properly invoiced. All invoices shall bear the purchase order number. Payment for partial shipments shall not be made unless specified. An original invoice shall be submitted. Failure to follow these instructions may result in delay in processing invoices for payment. Payment shall be made in accordance with Section 215.422 (1) (2) F.S. **VENDOR OMBUDSMAN:** The University's vendor ombudsman, whose duties include acting as an advocate for vendors may be experiencing problems in obtaining payment from the University, may be contacted at 352-392-1241.

(e) **ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS:** The University's performance and obligation to pay under any contract awarded is contingent upon an annual appropriation by the Legislature.

(f) **CONDITION AND PACKAGING:** It is understood and agreed that any item offered or shipped as a result of this bid shall be a new, current standard production model available at the time of this bid. All containers shall be suitable for storage or shipment, and all prices shall include standard commercial packaging.

(g) **SAFETY STANDARDS:** Unless otherwise stipulated in the bid, all manufactured items and fabricated assemblies shall comply with applicable requirements of Occupational Safety and Health Act and any standards hereunder.

5. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** The award hereunder is subject to the provisions of Chapter 112, F.S. All vendors must disclose with their bid the name of any officer, director, or agent who is also an employee of the University of Florida. Further, all vendors must disclose the name of any University employee who owns, directly or indirectly, an interest of five percent (5%) or more in the vendor's firm or any of its branches.

6. **AWARDS:** As the best interest of the University may require, the right is reserved to make award(s) by individual item, group of items, all or none or a combination thereof; to reject any and all bids or waive any minor irregularity or technicality in bids received. When it is determined there is no competition to the lowest responsible vendor, evaluation of other bids are not required. Vendors are cautioned to make no assumptions unless their bid has been evaluated as being responsive.

7. **INTERPRETATIONS/DISPUTES:** Any questions concerning conditions or specifications shall be directed in writing to the Procurement Department. Inquiries must reference the date of bid opening and bid number. No interpretations shall be

considered binding unless provided in writing by the University in response to requests in full compliance with this provision.

8 NOTICE OF BID PROTEST BONDING REQUIREMENT: Any person or entity who files an action protesting a decision or an intended decision pertaining to a competitive solicitation shall at the time of filing the formal protest, post with the University a bond payable to the University in an amount equal to: 10% of the estimated value of the protestor's bid or proposal; 10% of the estimated expenditure during the contract term; \$10,000.00; or whichever is less. The bond shall be conditioned upon the payment of all costs which may be adjudged against the person or entity filing the protest action. In lieu of a bond, the University may accept a cashier's check, bank official check or money order in the amount of the bond. **FAILURE OF THE PROTESTING PERSON OR ENTITY TO FILE THE REQUIRED BOND, CASHIER'S CHECK, BANK OFFICIAL CHECK OR MONEY ORDER AT THE TIME OF THE FILING THE FORMAL PROTEST SHALL RESULT IN DENIAL OF THE PROTEST.**

9. GOVERNMENTAL RESTRICTIONS: In the event any governmental restrictions may be imposed which would necessitate alteration of the material, quality, workmanship or performance of the items offered in this bid prior to their delivery, it shall be the responsibility of the successful vendor to notify the purchaser at once, indicating in writing the specific regulation which requires an alteration. The University reserves the right to accept any such alteration, including any price adjustments occasioned thereby, or to cancel the contract at no expense to the University.

10. LEGAL REQUIREMENTS: Applicable provision of all Federal, State, county and local laws, and of all ordinances, rules and regulations shall govern development, submittal and evaluation of all bids received in response hereto and shall govern any and all claims and disputes which may arise between person(s) submitting a bid response hereto and the University, by and through its officers, employees and authorized representatives, or any other person, natural or otherwise: and lack of knowledge by any vendor shall not constitute a cognizable defense against the legal effect thereof.

11. LOBBYING: Vendor is prohibited from using funds provided under any contract or purchase order for the purpose of lobbying the Legislature or any official, officer, commission, board, authority, council, committee, or department of the executive branch or the judicial branch of state government.

12. ADVERTISING: In submitting a bid, the vendor agrees not to use the results therefrom as a part of any commercial advertising. Vendor may not use the names, logos, or trademarks of the University, its employees, or affiliates without the prior written consent of the University.

13. ASSIGNMENT: Any contract or purchase order issued pursuant to this Invitation to Bid and the monies which may become due hereunder are not assignable except with the prior written approval of the purchaser.

14. LIABILITY: The vendor agrees to indemnify and save the University of Florida, the State of Florida and the Florida Board of Governors, their officers, agents, and employees harmless from any and all judgments, orders, awards, costs and expenses, including attorney's fees, and also all claims on account of damages to property, including loss of use thereof, or bodily injury (including death) which may be hereafter sustained by the vendor, its employees, its subcontractors, or the University of Florida, the State of Florida and the Florida Board of Governors, their officers, agents, or employees, or third persons, arising out of or in connection with any contract awarded and which are the result of the vendor's breach of contract or of the negligent acts of the vendor, its officers, agents, and employees. This clause does not apply to contracts between government agencies.

15. FACILITIES: The University reserves the right to inspect the vendor's facilities at any time with prior notice.

16. ADDITIONAL QUANTITIES: For a period not exceeding ninety (90) days from the date of acceptance of any offer by the University of Florida, the right is reserved to acquire additional quantities up to but not exceeding those shown on bid or the bid level at the prices bid in this invitation. If additional quantities are not acceptable, the bid sheets must be noted "BID IS FOR SPECIFIED QUANTITY ONLY".

17. SERVICE AND WARRANTY: Unless otherwise specified, the vendor shall define any warranty service and replacements that will be provided during and subsequent to this contract. Vendors must explain on an attached sheet to what extent warranty and service facilities are provided.

18. SAMPLES: Samples of items, when called for, must be furnished free of expense, on or before bid opening time and date, and if not destroyed, may upon request, be returned at the vendor's expense. Each individual sample must be labeled with vendor's name, manufacturer's brand name and number, bid number and item reference. Request for return of samples shall be accompanied by instructions which include shipping authorization and name of carrier and must be received with the bid. If instructions are not received within this time, the commodities shall be disposed of by the University.

19. INSPECTION, ACCEPTANCE AND TITLE: Inspection and acceptance will be at destination unless otherwise provided. Title and risk of loss or damage of all items shall be the responsibility of the contract supplier until accepted by the University, unless loss or damage results from negligence by the University. The contract supplier shall be responsible for filing, processing and collecting all damage claims. However, to assist him in the expeditious handling of damage claims, the University will:

- (a) Record any evidence of visible damage on all copies of the delivering carrier's Bill of Lading.
- (b) Report damage (Visible or Concealed) to the carrier and contract supplier confirming such reports in writing within 15 days of delivery, requesting that the carrier inspect the damaged merchandise.

- (c) Retain the item and its shipping container, including inner packing material until inspection is performed by the carrier, and disposition given by the contract supplier.
- (d) Provide the contract supplier with a copy of the carrier's Bill of Lading and damage inspection report.

20. PATENTS, COPYRIGHTS, TRADEMARKS, ROYALTIES and other Intellectual Property: The vendor, without exception, shall indemnify and save harmless the University and its employees from liability of any nature or kind, including cost and expenses for or on account of any copyrighted, patented, or unpatented invention, process, or article manufactured or used in the performance of the contract, including its use by the University of Florida. If the vendor uses any design, device, or materials covered by letters, patent or copyright, it is mutually agreed and understood without exception that the bid prices shall include all royalties or costs arising from the use of such design, device, or materials in any way involved in the work.

21. CONFLICT BETWEEN DOCUMENTS: If any terms and conditions contained within the documents that are a part of this ITB or resulting contract are in conflict with any other terms and conditions contained therein, then the various documents comprising this ITB or resulting contract, as applicable, shall govern in the following order of precedence: change order, purchase order, addenda, special conditions, general conditions, specifications, departmental description of work, and bid.

22. MANUFACTURERS' NAMES AND APPROVED EQUIVALENTS: Any manufacturer's names, trade names, brand names, information and/or catalog numbers listed in a specification are for information and not intended to limit competition. If bids are based on equivalent products, indicate on the bid form the manufacturer's name and number. Vendor shall submit with the bid, cuts, sketches, and descriptive literature, and/or complete specifications. Reference to literature submitted with a previous bid will not satisfy this provision. The vendor shall also explain in detail the reasons why the proposed equivalent will meet the specifications and not be considered an exception thereto. The University of Florida reserves the right to determine acceptance of item(s) as an approved equivalent. Bids which do not comply with these requirements are subject to rejection. Bids lacking any written indication of intent to quote an alternate brand will be received and considered in complete compliance with the specifications as listed on the bid form.

23. NONCONFORMANCE TO CONTRACT CONDITIONS: Items may be tested and/or inspected for compliance with specifications by any appropriate testing facilities. Should the items fail, the University may require the vendor to reimburse the University for costs incurred by the University in connection with the examination or testing. The data derived from any tests for compliance with specifications are public records and open to examination thereto in accordance with Chapter 119, F.S. Items delivered not conforming to specifications may be rejected and returned at vendor's expense. These items and items not delivered as per delivery data in bid and/or purchase order may result in vendor being found in default in which event any and all procurement costs may be charged against the defaulting vendor. Any violation of these conditions may also result in the vendor's name being removed from the University of Florida's vendor file.

24. PUBLIC RECORDS: Any material submitted in response to this Invitation to Bid will become a public document pursuant to Section 119.07 F.S. This includes material which the responding vendor might consider to be confidential or a trade secret. Any claim of confidentiality is waived upon submission, effective after opening pursuant to Section 119.07 F.S.

25. DELIVERY: Unless actual date of delivery is specified (or if specified delivery cannot be met), show number of days required to make delivery after receipt of purchase order in space provided. Delivery time may become a basis for making an award (see Special Conditions). Delivery shall be within the normal working hours of the University of Florida, Monday through Friday, unless otherwise specified.

26. PUBLIC PRINTING - PREFERENCE GIVEN PRINTING WITHIN THE STATE: The University of Florida shall give preference to vendors located within the state when awarding contracts to have materials printed, whenever such printing can be done at no greater expense than, and at a level of quality comparable to, that obtainable from a vendor located outside of the state.

(a) **CONTRACTS NOT TO BE SUBLET:** In accordance with Class B Printing Laws and Regulations "Printing shall be awarded only to printing firms. No contract shall be awarded to any broker, agent, or independent contractor offering printing manufactured by other firms or persons."

(b) **DISQUALIFICATION OF VENDOR:** Reasonable grounds for believing that a vendor is involved in more than one bid for the same work will be cause for rejection of all bids in which such vendors are believed to be involved. Any or all bids will be rejected if there is reason to believe that collusion exists between vendors. Bids in which the prices obviously are unbalanced will be subject to rejection.

(c) **TRADE CUSTOMS:** Current trade customs of the printing industry are recognized unless accepted by Special Conditions or Specifications herein.

(d) **COMMUNICATIONS:** It is expected that all materials and proofs will be picked up and delivered by the printer or his representative, unless otherwise specified. Upon request, materials will be forwarded by registered mail.

(e) **RETURN OF MATERIAL:** All copy, photos, artwork, and other materials supplied by the University of Florida must be handled carefully and returned in good condition upon completion of the job. Such return is a condition of the contract and payment will not be made until return is affected

27. E-VERIFY COMPLIANCE: Agency is obligated to comply with the provisions of Section 448.095, Fla. Stat., "Employment Eligibility." Compliance with Section 448.095, Fla. Stat., includes, but is not limited to, utilization of the E-Verify System to verify the work authorization status of all newly hired employees. Vendor affirms and represents that it is registered with the E-Verify system and are using same, and will continue to use same as required by Section 448.095, Fla. Statute.

END OF SECTION

Specifications and Requirements

Purpose:

The University of Florida is seeking preventative maintenance services for its Data Center's battery backup system, located at UF East Campus, 2060 N.E. Waldo Road, Gainesville, FL 32609 . The contract will be awarded according to the annual pricing submitted. It is envisioned that a single vendor will be awarded the annual contract which should include all visits detailed/services in the scope of work below. The contract for this service will be for one year, with up to two (2) annual renewals. Award will be made in the best interest of the University to a pool of two (2) vendors that meet the requirements listed herein. After award, it will be up to the discretion of the University which of the awarded contractors will be selected as the primary service provider under this contract. Award does not guarantee work.

Service Requirements:

- Service provider should provide service for all components listed over the course of the year.
- 4 hour "On Site" response & 24-hour customer support and dispatch.
- Service Provider will perform preventative maintenance on all UPS modules and communications cards once per year, during off hours (The UPS units do have SNMP cards installed but the repair/replacement of these cards would be considered corrective maintenance not preventative or pro-active.).*
- Service Provider will perform preventative maintenance on all batteries four (4) times per year at intervals of approximately ninety (90) days, during off hours.*
 - *"Off-hours" are defined as Monday thru Friday, 00:00-05:59 and 17:30-23:59, and all day Saturday and Sunday.
 - (Example Scheduling: In an 8-hour window, all four (4) sets of batteries are to be completed. In a different 8-hour window, the four (4) UPS Systems would receive service. There would be a maximum of six (6) potential visits: four (4) quarterly battery PMs, one of which could include the semi-annual UPS inspection. If conducted independently of a battery PM, one (1) semi-annual UPS inspection. Finally, there is one (1) annual UPS PM. The preferred schedule is four (4) visits for battery maintenance, one (1) visit for semi-annual service and one (1) annual service visit. Any alternate schedule could be proposed and reviewed, and may be possible when awarded vendor has sufficient specialists available. There should be no more than six (6) visits to campus for scheduled maintenance on an annual basis. (Corrective maintenance is not included in the six (6) visits.))
- All technicians shall have OEM training certification for the UPS models to be serviced. Service Provider shall provide proof of OEM training attached to Company's response to this ITB.
- The scope of this ITB is the quarterly battery PMs, the annual and semi-annual servicing of the UPS. For any service that requires the use of the OEM, UF would expect that the awarded vendor would subcontract that work.
- Service Provider must have the proprietary software to diagnose and fix any issue, without calling in the equipment manufacturer.
- All maintenance, inspections, corrective repairs, firmware updates shall be performed in compliance with OEM specifications and procedures.
- Service Provider shall at no additional cost to University provide repair parts (excluding replacement batteries) at the same or newer revision level of the existing components for corrective repairs.
- Service Provider's use of refurbished parts shall be permitted only by prior written approval of UF IT supervisory personnel.
- Service Provider shall include all labor and travel costs in proposed price.
- While at the facility, Service Provider agrees to comply with all University & UF IT Security Policies in

effect at the time of each visit. UFIT will review these policies with the Company awarded the contract resulting from this bid. UFIT Security Policies can be found at <https://it.ufl.edu/it-policies/information-security/>, special coronavirus policies at <https://coronavirus.ufl.edu/university-updates/september-16-uf-masking-and-physical-distancing-policy-update.html>.

- Service scheduling will be coordinated in advance with the designated UFIT contact. This is to ensure no maintenance activity will occur during University designated “Restrictive Change Windows.” The University shall not be liable for changes associated with Company arrival without prior coordination.
- Service Provider must comply with all OSHA requirements and adhere to all regulations related to current NFPA 70E and arc flash standards.
- Service Provider shall email the Service Report to University immediately after service is provided. Service Provider agrees to work with University to provide additional detail as may be necessary.
- Service Provider shall supply sufficient qualified technicians to perform the agreed upon service work within the after-hours service window, which shall not exceed 8 hours.
- Pricing Sheet (Attachment 1) should include hourly rates charged to UF for this work when work must be subcontracted to the OEM (24/7 corrective service in the event of a component or system failure), along with any markup applicable to parts, but this will be for informational purposes only. (Also include on Attachment 1 Price Sheet hourly rates charged to UF for this work when done by the vendor) UF is looking to identify one point of contact to schedule work and request corrective maintenance and expects the awarded vendor to subcontract to the OEM when required.

Equipment in Scope:

Product Description	Product	Serial #
UPS 1A- EPS7000		
MGE EPS 7000 500 kVA	E7TUPS500#1162989	UD1209001197
EPS7000 500KVA BATTERY SOLUTION	Battery Cabinet	IP1200962-2A
EPS7000 500KVA BATTERY SOLUTION	Battery Cabinet	IP1200962-2B
EPS7000 500KVA BATTERY SOLUTION	Battery Cabinet	IP1200962-2C
UPS 2A- EPS8000		
POWER MODULE MGE GALAXY EPS8000 625 KVA	E8TUPSPM625	S12-100006
EPS8000 625 KVA BATTERY SOLUTION	Battery Cabinet	IP1200964-1A
EPS8000 625 KVA BATTERY SOLUTION	Battery Cabinet	IP1200964-1B
EPS8000 625 KVA BATTERY SOLUTION	Battery Cabinet	IP1200964-1C
UPS 3A- EPS7000		
MGE EPS 7000 500 kVA	E7TUPS500#1162989	UD1209000569
EPS7000 500KVA BATTERY SOLUTION	Battery Cabinet	IP1200962-1A
EPS7000 500KVA BATTERY SOLUTION	Battery Cabinet	IP1200962-1B
EPS7000 500KVA BATTERY SOLUTION	Battery Cabinet	IP1200962-1C
UPS 3B- EPS8000		
POWER MODULE MGE GALAXY EPS8000 625 KVA	E8TUPSPM625	S14-10060
EPS8000 625 KVA BATTERY SOLUTION	Battery Cabinet	IP1401648-1A
EPS8000 625 KVA BATTERY SOLUTION	Battery Cabinet	IP1401648-1B
EPS8000 625 KVA BATTERY SOLUTION	Battery Cabinet	IP1401648-1C

(Sealed VRLA; batteries consist of two strings of DataSafe 12HX505-FR and two strings of DataSafe 12HX540-FR. There are 120 batteries per UPS (3 cabinets of 40 batteries per cabinet).).

Expected Service Start Date:

Service as per pre-approved schedule must begin within fourteen (14) days of award.

Schedule of Events:

- Bid Posting: November 12th, 2021
- Questions Due: November 19th, 2021
- Addendum Issued with answers to Questions: On or Around November 24th, 2021
- Bid Opening: December 2nd 2021, 3:00pm EST

NON-TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

(1) **AWARD** - Award will be made on a "Total Annual Bid Price" basis. Pricing should be submitted detailing the **annual cost to UF**. Any contract awarded pursuant to this Invitation to Bid will be awarded to the two best responsive bidders.

(2) **FLORIDA PREFERENCE**—Preference for Florida Based Vendors for Purchases of Personal Property in accordance with §.287.084, Florida Statute; a preference shall be provided to vendors with a principal place of business in Florida. If the lowest responsible and responsive bid for personal property is from a vendor whose principal place of business is outside of Florida and is in a state or political subdivision thereof that grants a preference for the same purchase of personal property to a vendor in such state or political subdivision, as applicable, then the University shall grant the same preference to the Florida based vendor with the lowest responsible and responsive bid received pursuant to this Invitation to Bid.

If the lowest responsible and responsive bid is from a vendor whose principal place of business is in a state that does not grant a preference for the purchase of personal property to a vendor in such state, then the University shall grant a preference in the amount of 5 percent to the lowest and responsive Florida base vendor.

For vendors whose principal place of business is outside of Florida, such vendors must, at the time of submitting its bid, provide a written opinion from a licensed attorney in its state specifying (a) the preference(s) granted by the state or political subdivision and (b) how the preference(s) is/are calculated.

The attached Attestation of Principal Place of Business must be completed and returned with your ITB response.

(3) **INQUIRIES** - The University will not give verbal answers to inquiries regarding the specifications, or verbal instructions prior to or after the award of the bid. A verbal statement regarding same by any person shall be non-binding. The University is not liable for any increased costs resulting from the Bidder accepting verbal direction. All changes, if necessary, shall be made by written addendum to the bid.

Any explanation desired by bidders must be requested of UF Procurement Services in writing, and if an explanation is necessary, a reply shall be made in the form of an addendum. Direct all inquiries to Wendy Byrne, Procurement Agent II, wbyrne@ufl.edu.

All addenda will be posted to UF Procurement Services website only:
<https://procurement.ufl.edu/vendors/schedule-of-bids/>

Bidders who want the addenda supplied to them in another form must notify the Procurement Agent listed above of that request. Otherwise, it will be the bidder's sole responsibility to check the website for any additional information and addenda concerning this ITB.

The University may not respond to any questions/requests for clarification that require addenda, if received by the University after **November 24th, 2021**.

(4) **BID SUBMITTAL** - All bids should include a completed and signed University of Florida Invitation to Bid Commodity Acknowledgment Form, Price Sheet, Attestation of Principal Place of Business, and any Addenda. Submit one (1) complete original bid and one (1) electronic copy, on a flash drive or CD/DVD, in a sealed envelope, with the following information on the outside of the envelope: bid number (ITB22WB-118A), date and time of bid opening (12/02/2021, 3:00pm EST) and company name.

Bids are due no later than December 2nd, 2021 at 3:00pm EST.

Late bids, emailed bids or faxed bids will not be accepted.

(5) BID DELIVERY - If this bid will be mailed through the U. S. Postal Service as regular mail, address the bid to the PO Box as shown on the Invitation to Bid Commodity Acknowledgment Form.

If the bid will be hand delivered or if the bid will be delivered by a service other than the U. S. Postal Service regular mail, i.e., Federal Express, United Parcel Service, Courier, U. S. Postal Express Mail, etc., address the bid to the street address as shown on the Invitation to Bid Commodity Acknowledgment form.

(6) BID OPENING – Bid opening will take place at 3:00pm EST at UF's Procurement Office, located at 971 Elmore Drive, Gainesville, FL.

(7) ERRORS – The University is not liable for any errors or misinterpretations made by the proposer in responding to this Invitation to Bid.

(8) CONFIDENTIALITY – From the date of issuance of this ITB, until a bid is made, the vendor must not make available or discuss his or her bid, or any part thereof, with any employee or agent of the University, unless permitted by UF Procurement Services, in writing, for purposes of clarification only.

(9) VENDOR'S EXPENSE – All bids submitted in response to the ITB must be submitted at the sole expense of the Bidder, whether or not any agreement is signed as a result of this Invitation to Bid. Bidders will pay all costs associated with the preparation of bids and necessary visits to campus and/or any required site visits.

(10) OPEN COMPETITION - The University encourages free and open competition among vendors. Whenever possible, specifications and ITB terms and conditions are designed to accomplish the objective, consistent with the necessity to satisfy the University's needs and the accomplishment of a sound economical operation. The vendor's signature on this bid guarantees that the prices quoted have been established without collusion with other vendors and without effort to preclude the University from obtaining the lowest possible competitive price. The vendor certifies that its officers or employees have not bribed or attempted to bribe or influence in any way on officer, employee or agent of the University.

(11) QUALIFICATIONS OF BIDDERS - This bid will be awarded only to a responsible bidder qualified by experience to provide the work specified. If the bidder has not been pre-qualified with UF Procurement Services within the fiscal year (July 1 through June 30), the following evidence of eligibility may be required to be submitted:

1. Evidence that bidder is licensed by the appropriate government agency to perform the work specified.
2. Experience record showing bidder's training and experience in similar work.
3. List and briefly describe projects of similar size and/or complexity which have been completed satisfactorily. List should include names of contracts, dates of contracts, location, and names and addresses of owners.

As part of the qualification process, the University may make inquiries and investigations, including verbal or written references from vendor's customers, to determine the ability of the vendor to offer service.

(12) RIGHT TO TERMINATE - In the event that any of the provisions of a contract resulting from the bid award are violated by the successful bidder, the University may serve written notice upon such bidder of its intention to terminate the contract. Such notice is to state the reason(s) for such intention to terminate the contract, and unless within ten (10) days after serving such notice upon the bidder, such violation shall cease and satisfactory arrangements for correction are made, the contract shall, upon expiration of said ten (10) days, cease and terminate, but the liability of such bidder and his surety for any and all such violations(s) shall not be affected by any such termination.

(13) ASSEMBLY AND/OR PLACEMENT - It will be the responsibility of the successful bidder to supply the necessary labor and materials for the placement of all product as specified in the Invitation to Bid and assure proper installation and satisfactory operation of all product prior to acceptance by the University.

(14) DEBRIS - Successful bidder shall be responsible for the prompt removal of all debris which is a result of delivery, assembly, or installation.

(15) F.O.B. POINT – The F.O.B. Point shall be destination. Exact delivery point will be indicated on the Purchase Order.

(16) WARRANTY - The successful bidder shall furnish factory warranty on all replacement products furnished against defect in material and/or workmanship. The factory warranty shall become effective on the date of acceptance by the University. The successful bidder shall warranty the installation for one (1) year from the date of installation. Should any defect in material or workmanship, not including ordinary wear and tear, appear during the above stated warranty period, the successful bidder shall repair or replace same at no cost to the University immediately upon written notice from the University. The successful bidder will not be liable under the above warranty for any defects or damages resulting from unforeseeable causes beyond the control and without the fault or neglect by the University, acts of God, fires, floods, and hurricanes.

(17) INSURANCE – The Contractor shall purchase from and maintain with a company or companies, lawfully authorized to do business in Florida and acceptable to the University, such insurance as will protect the Contractor from claims arising out of or resulting from the Contractor's operations under the Contract and for which the Contractor may be legally liable, whether such operations be by the Contractor or by a Subcontractor or by anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them, or by anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable. All insurance policies shall be issued and countersigned by representatives of such companies duly authorized for the State of Florida and shall be written on ISO standard forms or their equivalents. The Contractor shall file with the University Certificates of Insurance prior to the commencement of the work and shall file certificates of insurance evidencing the renewal of such policies at least thirty (30) days prior to the date the each applicable insurance policy is scheduled to expire. Please note that the University of Florida must be named "additional insured" on automobile and general liability policies.

Contractors Liability Insurance - The Contractor shall provide the ISO Commercial General Liability policy for general liability coverage's for limits of not less than of \$500,000 per occurrence. Coverage's shall be maintained without interruption from date of commencement of work until date of final payment.

Worker's Compensation - The Contractor shall secure and maintain for the life of this Agreement, valid Worker's Compensation Insurance as required by Chapter 440, Florida Statutes.

Automobile Liability - The Contractor shall secure and maintain during the life of this Agreement, Automobile Liability insurance on all vehicles against bodily injury and property damage in the amount of at least, \$500,000 per occurrence.

(18) OSHA REGULATIONS - It is the responsibility of the contractor to insure that ALL OSHA regulations applying to this job are adhered to at all times.

(19) LIABILITY - The University, as a public entity, is protected by sovereign immunity from tort liability, subject to a limited statutory waiver. The University will not agree to (i) indemnify or hold harmless any vendor; (ii) be liable for vendor's attorneys' fees under any circumstances; or (iii) binding arbitration. The Agreement shall not be construed or interpreted as (i) denying to either party any remedy or defense available to such party under the laws of the State of Florida; (ii) the consent of University or the State of Florida or their agents and agencies to be sued; or (iii) a waiver of either University's or the State of Florida's sovereign immunity beyond the limited waiver provided in section 768.28, Florida Statutes.

(20) CHANGES IN THE WORK - The University may order, in writing, extra work or make changes by altering, adding to or deducting from the work, the Contract Sum and Time of Performance being adjusted accordingly. The value of any such change shall be determined by estimate and acceptance of a lump sum. Claims by the Contractor for extra cost must be made in writing before executing the work involved.

(21) EQUAL OPPORTUNITY STATEMENT - University of Florida is an equal opportunity employer and federal contractor or subcontractor. Consequently, the parties agree that, as applicable, they will abide by the requirements of 41 CFR 60-1.4(a), 41 CFR 60-300.5(a) and 41 CFR 60-741.5(a) and that these laws are incorporated herein by reference. These regulations prohibit discrimination against qualified individuals based on their status as protected veterans or individuals with disabilities, and prohibit discrimination against all individuals based on their race, color,

religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or national origin. These regulations require that covered prime contractors and subcontractors take affirmative action to employ and advance in employment individuals without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, protected veteran status, or physical or mental disability. **The parties also agree that, as applicable, they will abide by the requirements of Executive Order 13496 (29 CFR Part 471, Appendix A to Subpart A), relating to the notice of employee rights under federal labor laws. This contractor and subcontractor shall abide by the requirements of 41 CFR §§ 60-1.4(a), (or for construction contractors, 41 CFR § 60-4.3(a)), 60-300.5(a) and 60-741.5(a), and Executive Order 11246, as amended. These regulations prohibit discrimination against qualified individuals based on their status as protected veterans or individuals with disabilities, and prohibit discrimination against all individuals based on their race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin. Moreover, these regulations require that covered prime contractors and subcontractors take affirmative action to employ and advance in employment individuals without regard to the aforementioned protected groups.**

- (22) **PUBLIC ENTITY CRIME** - A person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list by the Department of Management Services, State of Florida, may not submit a proposal on a contract to provide any goods or services, including construction, repairs, or leases and may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant for the University of Florida for a period of 36 months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list, a "person" or "affiliate" includes any natural person or any entity, including predecessor or successor entities or any entity under the control of any natural person who is active in its management and who has been convicted of a public entity crime (Section 287.133 Florida Statutes).
- (23) **FEDERAL DEBARMENT** - By signing this bid, the offeror certifies, to the best of its knowledge or belief, that the offeror and its principals are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, or declared ineligible for the award of contracts by any Federal agency; or have not within a three-year period preceding this offer, been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them in connection with a public contract or subcontract; or are not criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity with commission of offenses; or has not within a three year period preceding this offer had a contract terminated for default by any Federal agency. (Federal Acquisition Regulation 52.209-5).
- (24) **DISCRIMINATION** – An entity or affiliate who has been placed on the discriminatory vendor list may not submit a bid on a contract to provide goods or services to a public entity, may not submit a bid on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit bids on leases of real property to a public entity, may not award or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor or consultant under contract with any public entity, and may not transact business with any public entity.
- (25) **SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAM** - University is an equal opportunity institution and, as such, encourages the use of small businesses, including women and minority-owned small businesses in the provision of goods and services. Small businesses should have a fair and equal opportunity to compete for dollars spent by the University. Competition ensures that prices are competitive, and a broad vendor base is available. Vendor shall use good faith efforts to ensure opportunities are available to small businesses, including women and minority-owned businesses. For questions about the University's Small Business Program contact Dwan Courtney, Director of Small Business and Supplier Diversity, 352-392-0380.
- (26) **USE OF TERMS:** - The terms University of Florida, University, UF, UF Procurement Services, and UFIT are used synonymously in this Invitation to Bid unless otherwise indicated. The terms vendor, bidder, proposer and contractor are used synonymously in this ITB unless otherwise indicated.
- (27) **AMERICANS WITH DISABILITY ACT** - If special accommodations are needed in order to attend a pre-bid meeting, contact procurement@ufl.edu, three (3) business days prior to the event.
- (28) **NOTICE TO CONTRACTOR:** - The University shall consider the employment by any contractor of unauthorized aliens a violation of section 274A(e) of the Immigration and Nationality Act. Such violation shall be cause for unilateral cancellation of this contract.
- (29) **CONTRACTOR SHALL IMPLEMENT** - a drug-free workplace program in accordance with the requirements of Section 440.102, Florida Statutes.

- (30) **TOBACCO-FREE CAMPUS POLICY** – As of July 1, 2010 the University of Florida campus has been tobacco-free. The use of cigarettes or other tobacco products in UF buildings, parking lots, or in vehicles in these areas is prohibited. The successful vendor is expected to respect this smoke free policy and fully comply with it.
- (31) **AS SPECIFIED** - A purchase order will be issued to the successful bidder with the understanding that all items delivered must meet the specifications herein. Items delivered not as specified will be returned to the vendor, at no expense to the University, and vendor will be required to deliver items meeting specifications or be held in default in accordance with General Condition #22 of this bid.

- (32) **PRISON REHABILITATIVE INDUSTRIES** - IT IS EXPRESSLY UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED THAT ANY ARTICLES THAT ARE THE SUBJECT OF, OR REQUIRED TO CARRY OUT, THIS CONTRACT SHALL BE PURCHASED FROM A NONPROFIT AGENCY FOR THE BLIND OR FOR THE SEVERELY HANDICAPPED THAT IS QUALIFIED PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 413, FLORIDA STATUTES, IN THE SAME MANNER AND UNDER THE SAME PROCEDURES SET FORTH IN SECTION 413.036(1) AND (2), FLORIDA STATUTES; AND FOR PURPOSES OF THIS CONTRACT THE CONTRACTOR SHALL BE DEEMED TO BE SUBSTITUTED FOR THE UNIVERSITY INsofar AS DEALINGS WITH SUCH QUALIFIED NONPROFIT AGENCY ARE CONCERNED. This requirement applies only if any such nonprofit agency produces a product covered by this CONTRACT and can satisfy the terms of this CONTRACT with respect to price, quantity, quality, and delivery time. Any questions concerning available products should be directed to: Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Headquarters, 2002 Old St. Augustine Road, Building A, Tallahassee, Florida 32301-4862, (800) 451-4327 (Voice/TDD).

IT IS EXPRESSLY UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED THAT ANY ARTICLES WHICH ARE THE SUBJECT OF, OR REQUIRED TO CARRY OUT, THIS CONTRACT SHALL BE PURCHASED FROM THE CORPORATION IDENTIFIED UNDER CHAPTER 946, F.S., IN THE SAME MANNER AND UNDER THE SAME PROCEDURES SET FORTH IN SECTION 946.515(2), AND (4), F.S.; AND FOR PURPOSES OF THIS CONTRACT THE CONTRACTOR CARRYING OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS CONTRACT SHALL BE DEEMED TO BE SUBSTITUTED FOR UNIVERSITY INsofar AS DEALINGS WITH SUCH CORPORATION ARE CONCERNED. This requirement applies only if the corporation produces a product covered by this CONTRACT and can satisfy the terms of this CONTRACT with respect to price, quantity, quality, and delivery time. Any questions concerning the corporation's ability to provide products or services should be directed to: Prison Rehabilitative Industries and Diversified Enterprises, Inc., 12425 - 28th Street North, Saint Petersburg, Florida 33716, (727) 572-1987.

- (33) **PUBLIC RECORDS** - All proposal information submitted and opened becomes subject to the public records law set forth in Chapter 119 Florida Statutes.

Any resulting Agreement may be unilaterally canceled for refusal by the vendor to allow public access to all documents, papers, letters, or other materials made or received by the Successful Vendor in conjunction with the Agreement and subject to the provisions of Chapter 119. Florida Statutes.

- (34) **INVOICING AND PAYMENT TO CONTRACTOR** - All invoices will need to contain either a UF purchase order number or the 8-digit department ID number of the department with which you are doing business. Please include your Tax Identification number. All invoices for payment should be submitted to the University of Florida via:

Email:

UFL.invoices@edmgroupp.com

Or by Fax:

1-570-496-5411

Or by Mail: University of Florida

Attn: Accounts Payable

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