



**STATE OF TENNESSEE
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND INSURANCE**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
FOR
TACTICAL, DUTY, AND PROFESSIONAL UNIFORM APPAREL
AND ACCESSORIES**

RFP # 33501-211012

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1. INTRODUCTION

The State of Tennessee, Department of Commerce and Insurance, hereinafter referred to as “the State,” issues this Request for Proposals (RFP) to define minimum contract requirements; solicit responses; detail response requirements; and outline the State’s process for evaluating responses and selecting a contractor to provide the needed goods or services.

Through this RFP, the State seeks to procure necessary goods or services at the most favorable, competitive prices and to give ALL qualified respondents, including those that are owned by minorities, women, service-disabled veterans, persons with disabilities and small business enterprises, an opportunity to do business with the state as contractors, subcontractors or suppliers.

1.1 Statement of Procurement Purpose

The State intends to establish sources of supply to provide tactical, duty, and professional apparel and accessories for uniformed employees and students of the Department of Commerce and Insurance. Product categories include, but are not limited to shirts, pants, footwear, Class A’s. outerwear, vests, headwear, accessories, training gear, and tactical gear.

The State seeks to award up to seven (7) contracts. The best evaluated respondent will be awarded per each of the seven (7) appendices, as detailed in RFP Attachment 6.3. Cost Proposal & Scoring Guide, and as summarized below:

Appendix A:	Embroidered Traditional Products (Port & Company, Eddie Bauer, Port Authority, Sport-Tek, FlexFit)
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Appendix G:	Noncustomized Tactical (Tru-Spec, 5.11 Tactical, Blackinton, Galls, Strong, Propper, Safariland, We the People Holsters, Bianchi, Blackhawk, Rings Manufacturing)

Proposals shall only be submitted for the brands that the respondent is authorized to sell or resell. Respondents are not required to submit a proposal for all seven (7) appendices; Appendices A-G shall be evaluated individually. A Technical and Cost Proposal shall be submitted for each Appendix that lists the goods and/or services the Respondent will provide to the State. Respondents must be able to provide every good or service on the Appendix included in its proposal. The State will consider factors such as each Respondent’s status as an authorized dealer of the required brands, availability of optional brands, the quality of the embroidery work submitted by the Respondent (if applicable), minimum order requirements, lead time for delivery, unit cost, and diversity certification (if applicable). Off-site fittings at Respondent’s location, embroidery, patch application, screen printing, and alterations are all requested by the State as part of this procurement. Respondents with a web-based ordering system and/or a store front in Middle Tennessee are preferred.

Manufacturers/Brands and the respective catalogs specifically requested by the State:

5.11 Tactical	Armor Express
Bianchi	Blackhawk
Blackinton	Blauer
Brooks	Columbia
Cornerstone	Eddie Bauer

First Tactical	FlexFit
Flying Cross	Gildan
Merrell	Muck
Port and Company	Port Authority
Propper	Rings Manufacturing
Safariland	Sport-Tek
Tru-Spec	Under Armour
Viking	We The People Holsters

The best-evaluated Responses for each Appendix will be awarded a contract. No more than one contract per Appendix and one contract per best-evaluated Respondent shall be awarded. If the best-evaluated Respondent is the same for multiple appendices, one contract will be issued that includes all awarded appendices.

1.1.2. The combined total estimated maximum liability for all resulting contracts is anticipated to be between Nine Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$900,000.00) and One Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,300,000.00) for the 5-year contract term.

1.2. **Scope of Service, Contract Period, & Required Terms and Conditions**

The RFP Attachment 6.6., *Pro Forma* Contract details the State's requirements:

1. Scope of Services and Deliverables (Section A);
2. Contract Period (Section B);
3. Payment Terms (Section C);
4. Standard Terms and Conditions (Section D); and,
5. Special Terms and Conditions (Section E).

The *pro forma* contract substantially represents the contract document that the successful Respondent must sign.

1.3. **Nondiscrimination**

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

1.4. **RFP Communications**

1.4.1. The State has assigned the following RFP identification number that must be referenced in all communications regarding this RFP:

RFP # 33501-211012

1.4.2. **Unauthorized contact about this RFP with employees or officials of the State of Tennessee except as detailed below may result in disqualification from consideration under this procurement process.**

1.4.2.1. Prospective Respondents must direct communications concerning this RFP to the following person designated as the Solicitation Coordinator:

Karen Conway, Sourcing Account Specialist
 Department of General Services, Central Procurement Office
 312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, 3rd Floor Tennessee Tower

Nashville, Tennessee 37243
 (615) 507-6211
Karen.Conway@tn.gov

1.4.2.2. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Prospective Respondents may alternatively contact:

- a. staff of the Governor's Office of Diversity Business Enterprise for assistance available to minority-owned, woman-owned, service-disabled veteran-owned, businesses owned by persons with disabilities, and small businesses as well as general, public information relating to this RFP (visit <https://www.tn.gov/generalservices/procurement/central-procurement-office-cpo/governor-s-office-of-diversity-business-enterprise-godbe-/godbe-general-contacts.html> for contact information); and
- b. the following individual designated by the State to coordinate compliance with the nondiscrimination requirements of the State of Tennessee, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and associated federal regulations:

Helen Crowley
 Department of General Services, Central Procurement Office
 312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, 3rd Floor Tennessee Tower
 Nashville, TN 37243
 (615) 741-1035
Helen.Crowley@tn.gov

- 1.4.3. Only the State's official, written responses and communications with Respondents are binding with regard to this RFP. Oral communications between a State official and one or more Respondents are unofficial and non-binding.
- 1.4.4. Potential Respondents must ensure that the State receives all written questions and comments, including questions and requests for clarification, no later than the Written Questions & Comments Deadline detailed in the RFP Section 2, Schedule of Events.
- 1.4.5. Respondents must assume the risk of the method of dispatching any communication or response to the State. The State assumes no responsibility for delays or delivery failures resulting from the Respondent's method of dispatch. Actual or digital "postmarking" of a communication or response to the State by a specified deadline is not a substitute for the State's actual receipt of a communication or response. It is encouraged for Respondents to submit bids digitally.
- 1.4.6. The State will convey all official responses and communications related to this RFP to the prospective Respondents from whom the State has received a Notice of Intent to Respond (refer to RFP Section RFP Section 1.8.).
- 1.4.7. The State reserves the right to determine, at its sole discretion, the method of conveying official, written responses and communications related to this RFP. Such written communications may be transmitted by mail, hand-delivery, facsimile, electronic mail, Internet posting, or any other means deemed reasonable by the State. For internet posting, please refer to the following website: <https://www.tn.gov/generalservices/procurement/central-procurement-office-cpo/supplier-information/request-for-proposals-rfp-opportunities1.html>
- 1.4.8. The State reserves the right to determine, at its sole discretion, the appropriateness and adequacy of responses to written comments, questions, and requests related to this RFP. The State's official, written responses will constitute an amendment of this RFP.
- 1.4.9. Any data or factual information provided by the State (in this RFP, an RFP amendment or any other communication relating to this RFP) is for informational purposes only. The State will make

reasonable efforts to ensure the accuracy of such data or information, however it is the Respondent's obligation to independently verify any data or information provided by the State. The State expressly disclaims the accuracy or adequacy of any information or data that it provides to prospective Respondents.

1.5. **Assistance to Respondents With a Handicap or Disability**

Prospective Respondents with a handicap or disability may receive accommodation relating to the communication of this RFP and participating in the RFP process. Prospective Respondents may contact the Solicitation Coordinator to request such reasonable accommodation no later than the Disability Accommodation Request Deadline detailed in the RFP Section 2, Schedule of Events.

1.6. **Respondent Required Review & Waiver of Objections**

- 1.6.1. Each prospective Respondent must carefully review this RFP, including but not limited to, attachments, the RFP Attachment 6.6., *Pro Forma* Contract, and any amendments, for questions, comments, defects, objections, or any other matter requiring clarification or correction (collectively called "questions and comments").
- 1.6.2. Any prospective Respondent having questions and comments concerning this RFP must provide them in writing to the State no later than the Written Questions & Comments Deadline detailed in the RFP Section 2, Schedule of Events.
- 1.6.3. Protests based on any objection to the RFP shall be considered waived and invalid if the objection has not been brought to the attention of the State, in writing, by the Written Questions & Comments Deadline.

1.7. **Pre-Response Conference**

A Pre-response Conference will be held at the time and date detailed in the RFP Section 2, Schedule of Events. Pre-response Conference attendance is not mandatory, and prospective Respondents may be limited to a maximum number of attendees depending upon overall attendance and space limitations.

The conference will be held at:

Microsoft Teams meeting

Join on your computer, mobile app or room device

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 213 751 548 628

Passcode: eMK9L2

[Download Teams](#) | [Join on the web](#)

Join with a video conferencing device

stateoftn@m.webex.com

Video Conference ID: 111 667 511 0

[Alternate VTC instructions](#)

Or call in (audio only)

[+1 629-209-4396,600385887#](tel:+16292094396600385887) United States, Nashville

Phone Conference ID: 600 385 887#

The purpose of the conference is to discuss the RFP scope of goods or services. The State will entertain questions, however prospective Respondents must understand that the State's oral response to any question at the Pre-response Conference shall be unofficial and non-binding. Prospective Respondents must submit all questions, comments, or other concerns regarding the RFP in writing prior to the Written Questions & Comments Deadline date detailed in the RFP Section 2, Schedule of Events. The State will send the official response to these questions and comments to prospective Respondents from whom the State has received a Notice of Intent to respond as indicated in RFP Section 1.8 and on the date detailed in the RFP Section 2, Schedule of Events.

1.8. **Notice of Intent to Respond**

Before the Notice of Intent to Respond Deadline detailed in the RFP Section 2, Schedule of Events, prospective Respondents should submit to the Solicitation Coordinator a Notice of Intent to Respond (in the form of a simple e-mail or other written communication). Such notice should include the following information:

- the business or individual's name (as appropriate);
- a contact person's name and title; and
- the contact person's mailing address, telephone number, facsimile number, and e-mail address.

A Notice of Intent to Respond creates no obligation and is not a prerequisite for submitting a response, however, it is necessary to ensure receipt of any RFP amendments or other notices and communications relating to this RFP.

1.9. **Response Deadline**

A Respondent must ensure that the State receives a response no later than the Response Deadline time and date detailed in the RFP Section 2, Schedule of Events. The State will not accept late responses, and a Respondent's failure to submit a response before the deadline will result in disqualification of the response. It is the responsibility of the Respondent to ascertain any additional security requirements with respect to packaging and delivery to the State of Tennessee. Respondents should be mindful of any potential delays due to security screening procedures, weather, or other filing delays whether foreseeable or unforeseeable.

2. RFP SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

2.1. The following RFP Schedule of Events represents the State's best estimate for this RFP.

EVENT	TIME (central time zone)	DATE
1. RFP Issued		February 1, 2023
2. Disability Accommodation Request Deadline	2:00 p.m.	February 6, 2023
3. Pre-response Conference	10:00 a.m.	February 14, 2023
4. Notice of Intent to Respond Deadline	2:00 p.m.	February 17, 2023
5. Written "Questions & Comments" Deadline I	2:00 p.m.	February 23, 2023
6. State Response to Written "Questions & Comments"		March 9, 2023
7. Written "Questions & Comments" Deadline II	2:00 p.m.	March 16, 2023
8. State Response to Written "Questions & Comments"		March 28, 2023
9. Response Deadline	2:00 p.m.	April 6, 2023
10. State Completion of Technical Response Evaluations		April 27, 2023
11. State Opening & Scoring of Cost Proposals	2:00 p.m.	April 28, 2023
12. Negotiations	4:30 p.m.	May 1-5, 2023
13. State Notice of Intent to Award Released <u>and</u> RFP Files Opened for Public Inspection	2:00 p.m.	May 10, 2023
14. End of Open File Period		May 17, 2023
15. State sends contract to Contractor for signature		May 19, 2023
16. Contractor Signature Deadline	2:00 p.m.	May 23, 2023

2.2. **The State reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to adjust the RFP Schedule of Events as it deems necessary.** Any adjustment of the Schedule of Events shall constitute an RFP amendment, and the State will communicate such to prospective Respondents from whom the State has received a Notice of Intent to Respond (refer to section 1.8).

3. RESPONSE REQUIREMENTS

3.1. Response Form

A response to this RFP must consist of two parts, a Technical Response and a Cost Proposal.

- 3.1.1. **Technical Response.** RFP Attachment 6.2., Technical Response & Evaluation Guide provides the specific requirements for submitting a response. This guide includes mandatory requirement items, general qualifications and experience items, and technical qualifications, experience, and approach items all of which must be addressed with a written response and, in some instances, additional documentation.

NOTICE: A technical response must not include any pricing or cost information. If any pricing or cost information amounts of any type (even pricing relating to other projects) is included in any part of the technical response, the state may deem the response to be non-responsive and reject it.

- 3.1.1.1. A Respondent should duplicate and use the RFP Attachment 6.2., Technical Response & Evaluation Guide to organize, reference, and draft the Technical Response by duplicating the attachment, adding appropriate page numbers as required, and using the guide as a table of contents covering the Technical Response.
- 3.1.1.2. A response should be economically prepared, with emphasis on completeness and clarity. A response, as well as any reference material presented, must be written in English and must be written on standard 8 ½" x 11" pages (although oversize exhibits are permissible) and use a 12-point font for text. All response pages must be numbered.
- 3.1.1.3. All information and documentation included in a Technical Response should correspond to or address a specific requirement detailed in the RFP Attachment 6.2., Technical Response & Evaluation Guide. All information must be incorporated into a response to a specific requirement and clearly referenced. Any information not meeting these criteria will be deemed extraneous and will not contribute to evaluations.
- 3.1.1.4. The State may determine a response to be non-responsive and reject it if:
- a. the Respondent fails to organize and properly reference the Technical Response as required by this RFP and the RFP Attachment 6.2., Technical Response & Evaluation Guide; or
 - b. the Technical Response document does not appropriately respond to, address, or meet all of the requirements and response items detailed in the RFP Attachment 6.2., Technical Response & Evaluation Guide.
- 3.1.1.5. Each Appendix will be evaluated separately using RFP Attachment 6.2, Technical Response & Evaluation Guide.
- a. Sew outs and high-resolution digital photographs provided as part of a response to RFP Attachment 6.2., Technical Response & Evaluation Guide, Section A, Items A.6. and A.7. will be evaluated as part of the RFP Attachment 6.2, Technical Response & Evaluation Guide PRIOR to opening of the RFP Attachment 6.3, Cost Proposal & Scoring Guide.
 - b. No cost information shall be included with the sew outs or high-resolution digital photographs. If the sew outs or high-resolution digital photographs include pricing

or cost information of any type, the State may deem the response as non-responsive and reject it.

- c. The State will provide graphic files for sew outs in PDF or JPG format upon written request. Graphic files will be provided for the purpose of responding to this RFP ONLY. All written requests for graphic files must be directed to the Solicitation Coordinator at the email address indicated in Section 1.4.2.1.

- 3.1.2. **Cost Proposal.** A Cost Proposal must be recorded on an exact duplicate of the RFP Attachment 6.3., Cost Proposal & Scoring Guide.

NOTICE: If a Respondent fails to submit a cost proposal exactly as required, the State may deem the response to be non-responsive and reject it.

- 3.1.2.1. A Respondent must only record the proposed cost exactly as required by the RFP Attachment 6.3., Cost Proposal & Scoring Guide and must NOT record any other rates, amounts, or information.
- 3.1.2.2. The proposed cost shall incorporate ALL costs for services under the contract for the total contract period, including any renewals or extensions.
- 3.1.2.3. A Respondent must sign and date the Cost Proposal.
- 3.1.2.4. A Respondent must submit the Cost Proposal to the State on a separate e-mail, CD, or USB flash drive from the Technical Response (as detailed in RFP Sections 3.2.3., et. seq)

3.2. **Response Delivery**

- 3.2.1. A Respondent must ensure that both the original Technical Response and Cost Proposal documents meet all form and content requirements, including all required signatures, as detailed within this RFP, as may be amended.
- 3.2.2. A Respondent must submit original Technical Response and Cost Proposal documents and copies as specified below.
 - 3.2.2.1. One (1) original Technical Response paper document labeled:

“RFP # 33501-211012 TECHNICAL RESPONSE ORIGINAL”

and two (2) digital copies of the Technical Response each in the form of one (1) digital document in “PDF” format properly recorded on its own otherwise blank, standard CD-R recordable disc or USB flash drive labeled:

“RFP # 33501-211012 TECHNICAL RESPONSE COPY”

The digital copies should not include copies of sealed customer references, however any other discrepancy between the paper Technical Response document and any digital copies may result in the State rejecting the proposal as non-responsive.

Respondent may submit a written request, at the time of sew out submission, requesting the return of the sew outs at the end of testing. As long as the sew outs are not destroyed in the evaluation and testing processes, the State may return the sew outs at

Respondent's expense. If the State does not receive a written request to return the sew outs at the time of sample submission, the State may utilize or dispose of the sew outs at its discretion. The State may retain the sew outs from the successful Respondent for the term of the Contract. The State assumes no liability for sew outs.

3.2.2.2. One (1) original Cost Proposal paper document labeled:

“RFP # 33501-211012 COST PROPOSAL ORIGINAL”

and one (1) copy in the form of a digital document in “PDF/XLS” format properly recorded on separate, blank, standard CD-R recordable disc or USB flash drive labeled:

“RFP # 33501-211012 COST PROPOSAL COPY”

In the event of a discrepancy between the original Cost Proposal document and the digital copy, the original, signed document will take precedence.

3.2.3. A Respondent must separate, seal, package, and label the documents and copies for delivery as follows:

3.2.3.1. The Technical Response original document and digital copies must be placed in a sealed package that is clearly labeled:

“DO NOT OPEN... RFP # 33501-211012 TECHNICAL RESPONSE FROM [RESPONDENT LEGAL ENTITY NAME]”

3.2.3.2. The Cost Proposal original document and digital copy must be placed in a separate, sealed package that is clearly labeled:

“DO NOT OPEN... RFP # 33501-211012 COST PROPOSAL FROM [RESPONDENT LEGAL ENTITY NAME]”

3.2.3.3. The separately, sealed Technical Response and Cost Proposal components may be enclosed in a larger package for mailing or delivery, provided that the outermost package is clearly labeled:

“RFP # 33501-211012 SEALED TECHNICAL RESPONSE & SEALED COST PROPOSAL FROM [RESPONDENT LEGAL ENTITY NAME]”

3.2.4. A Respondent must ensure that the State receives a response no later than the Response Deadline time and date detailed in the RFP Section 2, Schedule of Events at the following address:

Karen Conway, Sourcing Account Specialist
 Department of General Services, Central Procurement Office
 312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, 3rd Floor Tennessee Tower
 Nashville, Tennessee 37243
 (615) 507-6211
Karen.Conway@tn.gov

3.3. Response & Respondent Prohibitions

3.3.1. A response must not include alternate contract terms and conditions. If a response contains such terms and conditions, the State, at its sole discretion, may determine the response to be a non-responsive counteroffer and reject it.

- 3.3.2. A response must not restrict the rights of the State or otherwise qualify either the offer to deliver goods or provide services as required by this RFP or the Cost Proposal. If a response restricts the rights of the State or otherwise qualifies either the offer to deliver goods or provide services as required by this RFP or the Cost Proposal, the State, at its sole discretion, may determine the response to be a non-responsive counteroffer and reject it.
- 3.3.3. A response must not propose alternative goods or services (*i.e.*, offer services different from those requested and required by this RFP) unless expressly requested in this RFP. The State may consider a response of alternative goods or services to be non-responsive and reject it.
- 3.3.4. A Cost Proposal must be prepared and arrived at independently and must not involve any collusion between Respondents. The State will reject any Cost Proposal that involves collusion, consultation, communication, or agreement between Respondents. Regardless of the time of detection, the State will consider any such actions to be grounds for response rejection or contract termination.
- 3.3.5. A Respondent must not provide, for consideration in this RFP process or subsequent contract negotiations, any information that the Respondent knew or should have known was materially incorrect. If the State determines that a Respondent has provided such incorrect information, the State will deem the Response non-responsive and reject it.
- 3.3.6. A Respondent must not submit more than one Technical Response and one Cost Proposal in response to this RFP, except as expressly requested by the State in this RFP. If a Respondent submits more than one Technical Response or more than one Cost Proposal, the State will deem all of the responses non-responsive and reject them.
- 3.3.7. A Respondent must not submit a response as a prime contractor while also permitting one or more other Respondents to offer the Respondent as a subcontractor in their own responses. Such may result in the disqualification of all Respondents knowingly involved. This restriction does not, however, prohibit different Respondents from offering the same subcontractor as a part of their responses (provided that the subcontractor does not also submit a response as a prime contractor).
- 3.3.8. The State shall not consider a response from an individual who is, or within the past six (6) months has been, a State employee. For purposes of this RFP:
- 3.3.8.1. An individual shall be deemed a State employee until such time as all compensation for salary, termination pay, and annual leave has been paid;
- 3.3.8.2. A contract with or a response from a company, corporation, or any other contracting entity in which a controlling interest is held by any State employee shall be considered to be a contract with or proposal from the employee; and
- 3.3.8.3. A contract with or a response from a company, corporation, or any other contracting entity that employs an individual who is, or within the past six (6) months has been, a State employee shall not be considered a contract with or a proposal from the employee and shall not constitute a prohibited conflict of interest.
- 3.3.9. This RFP is also subject to Tenn. Code Ann. § 12-4-101—105.

3.4. **Response Errors & Revisions**

A Respondent is responsible for any and all response errors or omissions. A Respondent will not be allowed to alter or revise response documents after the Response Deadline time and date detailed in the RFP Section 2, Schedule of Events unless such is formally requested, in writing, by the State.

3.5. **Response Withdrawal**

A Respondent may withdraw a submitted response at any time before the Response Deadline time and date detailed in the RFP Section 2, Schedule of Events by submitting a written request signed by an authorized Respondent representative. After withdrawing a response, a Respondent may submit another response at any time before the Response Deadline. After the Response Deadline, a Respondent may only withdraw all or a portion of a response where the enforcement of the response would impose an unconscionable hardship on the Respondent.

3.6. **Additional Services**

If a response offers goods or services in addition to those required by and described in this RFP, the State, at its sole discretion, may add such services to the contract awarded as a result of this RFP. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a Respondent must not propose any additional cost amounts or rates for additional goods or services. Regardless of any additional services offered in a response, the Respondent's Cost Proposal must only record the proposed cost as required in this RFP and must not record any other rates, amounts, or information.

NOTICE: If a Respondent fails to submit a Cost Proposal exactly as required, the State may deem the response non-responsive and reject it.

3.7. **Response Preparation Costs**

The State will not pay any costs associated with the preparation, submittal, or presentation of any response.

4. GENERAL CONTRACTING INFORMATION & REQUIREMENTS

4.1. RFP Amendment

The State at its sole discretion may amend this RFP, in writing, at any time prior to contract award. However, prior to any such amendment, the State will consider whether it would negatively impact the ability of potential Respondents to meet the response deadline and revise the RFP Schedule of Events if deemed appropriate. If an RFP amendment is issued, the State will convey it to potential Respondents who submitted a Notice of Intent to Respond (refer to RFP Section 1.8). A response must address the final RFP (including its attachments) as amended.

4.2. RFP Cancellation

The State reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to cancel the RFP or to cancel and reissue this RFP in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

4.3. State Right of Rejection

4.3.1. Subject to applicable laws and regulations, the State reserves the right to reject, at its sole discretion, any and all responses.

4.3.2. The State may deem as non-responsive and reject any response that does not comply with all terms, conditions, and performance requirements of this RFP. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the State reserves the right to waive, at its sole discretion, minor variances from full compliance with this RFP. If the State waives variances in a response, such waiver shall not modify the RFP requirements or excuse the Respondent from full compliance, and the State may hold any resulting Contractor to strict compliance with this RFP.

4.4. Assignment & Subcontracting

4.4.1. The Contractor may not subcontract, transfer, or assign any portion of the Contract awarded as a result of this RFP without prior approval of the State. The State reserves the right to refuse approval, at its sole discretion, of any subcontract, transfer, or assignment.

4.4.2. If a Respondent intends to use subcontractors, the response to this RFP must specifically identify the scope and portions of the work each subcontractor will perform (refer to RFP Attachment 6.2., Section B, General Qualifications & Experience Item B.14.).

4.4.3. Subcontractors identified within a response to this RFP will be deemed as approved by the State unless the State expressly disapproves one or more of the proposed subcontractors prior to signing the Contract.

4.4.4. After contract award, a Contractor may only substitute an approved subcontractor at the discretion of the State and with the State's prior, written approval.

4.4.5. Notwithstanding any State approval relating to subcontracts, the Respondent who is awarded a contract pursuant to this RFP will be the prime contractor and will be responsible for all work under the Contract.

4.5. Right to Refuse Personnel or Subcontractors

The State reserves the right to refuse, at its sole discretion and notwithstanding any prior approval, any personnel of the prime contractor or a subcontractor providing goods or services in the performance of a contract resulting from this RFP. The State will document in writing the reason(s) for any rejection of personnel.

4.6. **Insurance**

The State will require the awarded Contractor to provide a Certificate of Insurance issued by an insurance company licensed or authorized to provide insurance in the State of Tennessee. Each Certificate of Insurance shall indicate current insurance coverages meeting minimum requirements as may be specified by this RFP. A failure to provide a current, Certificate of Insurance will be considered a material breach and grounds for contract termination.

4.7. **Professional Licensure and Department of Revenue Registration**

4.7.1. All persons, agencies, firms, or other entities that provide legal or financial opinions, which a Respondent provides for consideration and evaluation by the State as a part of a response to this RFP, shall be properly licensed to render such opinions.

4.7.2. Before the Contract resulting from this RFP is signed, the apparent successful Respondent (and Respondent employees and subcontractors, as applicable) must hold all necessary or appropriate business or professional licenses to provide the goods or services as required by the contract. The State may require any Respondent to submit evidence of proper licensure.

4.7.3. Before the Contract resulting from this RFP is signed, the apparent successful Respondent must be registered with the Tennessee Department of Revenue for the collection of Tennessee sales and use tax. The State shall not award a contract unless the Respondent provides proof of such registration or provides documentation from the Department of Revenue that the Contractor is exempt from this registration requirement. The foregoing is a mandatory requirement of an award of a contract pursuant to this solicitation. To register, please visit the Department of Revenue's Tennessee Taxpayer Access Point (TNTAP) website for Online Registration and the Vendor Contract Questionnaire. These resources are available at the following:
<https://tntap.tn.gov/eservices/#1>

4.8. **Disclosure of Response Contents**

4.8.1. All materials submitted to the State in response to this RFP shall become the property of the State of Tennessee. Selection or rejection of a response does not affect this right. By submitting a response, a Respondent acknowledges and accepts that the full response contents and associated documents will become open to public inspection in accordance with the laws of the State of Tennessee.

4.8.2. The State will hold all response information, including both technical and cost information, in confidence during the evaluation process.

4.8.3. Upon completion of response evaluations, indicated by public release of a Notice of Intent to Award, the responses and associated materials will be open for review by the public in accordance with Tenn. Code Ann. § 10-7-504(a)(7).

4.9. **Contract Approval and Contract Payments**

4.9.1. After contract award, the Contractor who is awarded the contract must submit appropriate documentation with the Department of Finance and Administration, Division of Accounts.

4.9.2. This RFP and its contractor selection processes do not obligate the State and do not create rights, interests, or claims of entitlement in either the Respondent with the apparent best-evaluated response or any other Respondent. State obligations pursuant to a contract award shall commence only after the Contract is signed by the State agency head and the Contractor and after the Contract is approved by all other state officials as required by applicable laws and regulations.

- 4.9.3. No payment will be obligated or made until the relevant Contract is approved as required by applicable statutes and rules of the State of Tennessee.
- 4.9.3.1. The State shall not be liable for payment of any type associated with the Contract resulting from this RFP (or any amendment thereof) or responsible for any goods delivered or services rendered by the Contractor, even goods delivered or services rendered in good faith and even if the Contractor is orally directed to proceed with the delivery of goods or the rendering of services, if it occurs before the Contract Effective Date or after the Contract Term.
- 4.9.3.2. All payments relating to this procurement will be made in accordance with the Payment Terms and Conditions of the Contract resulting from this RFP (refer to RFP Attachment 6.6., *Pro Forma Contract*, Section C).
- 4.9.3.3. If any provision of the Contract provides direct funding or reimbursement for the competitive purchase of goods or services as a component of contract performance or otherwise provides for the reimbursement of specified, actual costs, the State will employ all reasonable means and will require all such documentation that it deems necessary to ensure that such purchases were competitive and costs were reasonable, necessary, and actual. The Contractor shall provide reasonable assistance and access related to such review. Further, the State shall not remit, as funding or reimbursement pursuant to such provisions, any amounts that it determines do not represent reasonable, necessary, and actual costs.

4.10. **Contractor Performance**

The Contractor who is awarded a contract will be responsible for the delivery of all acceptable goods or the satisfactory completion of all services set out in this RFP (including attachments) as may be amended. All goods or services are subject to inspection and evaluation by the State. The State will employ all reasonable means to ensure that goods delivered or services rendered are in compliance with the Contract, and the Contractor must cooperate with such efforts.

4.11. **Contract Amendment**

After Contract award, the State may request the Contractor to deliver additional goods or perform additional services within the general scope of the Contract and this RFP, but beyond the specified Scope, and for which the Contractor may be compensated. In such instances, the State will provide the Contractor a written description of the additional goods or services. The Contractor must respond to the State with a time schedule for delivering the additional goods or accomplishing the additional services based on the compensable units included in the Contractor's response to this RFP. If the State and the Contractor reach an agreement regarding the goods or services and associated compensation, such agreement must be effected by means of a contract amendment. Further, any such amendment requiring additional goods or services must be signed by both the State agency head and the Contractor and must be approved by other state officials as required by applicable statutes, rules, policies and procedures of the State of Tennessee. The Contractor must not provide additional goods or render additional services until the State has issued a written contract amendment with all required approvals.

4.12. **Severability**

If any provision of this RFP is declared by a court to be illegal or in conflict with any law, said decision will not affect the validity of the remaining RFP terms and provisions, and the rights and obligations of the State and Respondents will be construed and enforced as if the RFP did not contain the particular provision held to be invalid.

(1) **Next Ranked Respondent**

The State reserves the right to initiate negotiations with the next ranked Respondent should the State cease doing business with any Respondent selected via this RFP process.

5. EVALUATION & CONTRACT AWARD

5.1. Evaluation Categories & Maximum Points

The State will consider qualifications, experience, technical approach, and cost in the evaluation of responses and award points in each of the categories detailed below (up to the maximum evaluation points indicated) to each response deemed by the State to be responsive.

EVALUATION CATEGORY	MAXIMUM POINTS POSSIBLE
General Qualifications & Experience (refer to RFP Attachment 6.2., Section B)	25
Technical Qualifications, Experience & Approach (refer to RFP Attachment 6.2., Section C)	45
Cost Proposal (refer to RFP Attachment 6.3.)	30

5.2. Evaluation Process

The evaluation process is designed to award the contract resulting from this RFP not necessarily to the Respondent offering the lowest cost, but rather to the Respondent deemed by the State to be responsive and responsible who offers the best combination of attributes based upon the evaluation criteria. ("Responsive Respondent" is defined as a Respondent that has submitted a response that conforms in all material respects to the RFP. "Responsible Respondent" is defined as a Respondent that has the capacity in all respects to perform fully the contract requirements, and the integrity and reliability which will assure good faith performance.)

5.2.1. **Technical Response Evaluation.** The Solicitation Coordinator and the Proposal Evaluation Team (consisting of three (3) or more State employees) will use the RFP Attachment 6.2., Technical Response & Evaluation Guide to manage the Technical Response Evaluation and maintain evaluation records.

5.2.1.1. The State reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to request Respondent clarification of a Technical Response or to conduct clarification discussions with any or all Respondents. Any such clarification or discussion will be limited to specific sections of the response identified by the State. The subject Respondent must put any resulting clarification in writing as may be required and in accordance with any deadline imposed by the State.

5.2.1.2. The Solicitation Coordinator will review each Technical Response to determine compliance with RFP Attachment 6.2., Technical Response & Evaluation Guide, Section A—Mandatory Requirements. If the Solicitation Coordinator determines that a response failed to meet one or more of the mandatory requirements, the Proposal Evaluation Team will review the response and document the team's determination of whether:

- a. the response adequately meets RFP requirements for further evaluation;
- b. the State will request clarifications or corrections for consideration prior to further evaluation; or,
- c. the State will determine the response to be non-responsive to the RFP and reject it.

- 5.2.1.3. Proposal Evaluation Team members will independently evaluate each Technical Response (that is responsive to the RFP) against the evaluation criteria in this RFP and will score each in accordance with the RFP Attachment 6.2., Technical Response & Evaluation Guide.

FOR RFP ATTACHMENT 6.2, TECHNICAL RESPONSE & EVALUATION GUIDE, SECTION A, ITEMS A.6. and A.7.:

- a. Sew outs and high-resolution digital photographs are required. If requested sew outs and high-resolution digital photographs are not provided or are improperly labelled, the State may consider the response to be non-responsive.
- b. Sew outs and high-resolution digital photographs will be evaluated as part of the RFP Attachment 6.2, Technical Response & Evaluation Guide PRIOR to opening of the RFP Attachment 6.3, Cost Proposal & Scoring Guide.
- c. Sew outs must be provided to the State, at no cost, in accordance with RFP Section 3.1 Response Form and RFP Section 3.2. Response Delivery. The Solicitation Coordinator will only accept sew outs where all transportation charges have been prepaid.

Respondent may submit a written request, at the time of sample submission, requesting the return of the samples at the end of testing. As long as the samples are not destroyed in the evaluation and testing processes, the State may return the samples at Respondent's expense. If the State does not receive a written request to return the samples at the time of sample submission, the State may utilize or dispose of the samples at its discretion. The State may retain the samples from the successful Respondent for the term of the Contract. The State assumes no liability for samples.

- 5.2.1.4. Respondent may substitute an equivalent product, instead of the specified brand and item, as allowed on RFP Attachment 6.3 Cost Proposal & Scoring Guide, Part B, as part of the Contractor's Technical Response. In the event that an Appendix item is no longer being manufactured or is replaced by a functionally equivalent item with superior technological features to the item being replaced, Contractor may offer a substitute item ("Substitute") on Part B. The Substitute shall meet or exceed the functional, technical, and performance characteristics of the item being replaced. Contractor shall submit any proposed substitutions with sufficient information to show that the above functional, technical, and performance characteristics are met, as provided in RFP Attachment 6.2, Section C. **DO NOT include any cost information with the Substitute information.** Any substitutions shall be labeled with the Appendix (A to G) and the line-item number associated with the substitute item.
- 5.2.1.5. For each response evaluated, the Solicitation Coordinator will calculate the average of the Proposal Evaluation Team member scores for RFP Attachment 6.2., Technical Response & Evaluation Guide, and record each average as the response score for the respective Appendix Technical Response section.
- 5.2.1.6. Before Cost Proposals are opened, the Proposal Evaluation Team will review the Technical Response Evaluation record and any other available information pertinent to whether or not each Respondent is responsive and responsible. If the Proposal Evaluation Team identifies any Respondent that does not meet the responsive and responsible thresholds such that the team would not recommend the Respondent for Cost Proposal Evaluation and potential contract award, the team members will fully document the determination.

- 5.2.2. **Cost Proposal Evaluation.** The Solicitation Coordinator will open for evaluation the Cost Proposal of each Respondent deemed by the State to be responsive and responsible and calculate and record each Cost Proposal score in accordance with the RFP Attachment 6.3., Cost Proposal & Scoring Guide.
- 5.2.3. **Clarifications and Negotiations:** The State reserves the right to award a contract on the basis of the initial responses received, therefore, each response shall contain the Respondent's best terms and conditions from a technical and cost standpoint. The State reserves the right to conduct clarifications or negotiations with one or more Respondents. All communications, clarifications, and negotiations shall be conducted in a manner that supports fairness in response improvement.
- 5.2.3.1. **Clarifications:** The State may identify areas of a response that may require further clarification or areas in which it is apparent that there may have been miscommunications or misunderstandings as to the State's specifications or requirements. The State may seek to clarify those issues identified during one or multiple clarification rounds. Each clarification sought by the State may be unique to an individual Respondent, provided that the process is conducted in a manner that supports fairness in response improvement.
- 5.2.3.2. **Negotiations:** The State may elect to negotiate with one or more Respondents by requesting revised responses, negotiating costs, or finalizing contract terms and conditions. The State reserves the right to conduct multiple negotiation rounds or no negotiations at all.
- 5.2.3.3. **Cost Negotiations:** All Respondents, selected for negotiation by the State, will be given equivalent information with respect to cost negotiations. All cost negotiations will be documented for the procurement file. Additionally, the State may conduct target pricing and other goods or services level negotiations. Target pricing may be based on considerations such as current pricing, market considerations, benchmarks, budget availability, or other methods that do not reveal individual Respondent pricing. During target price negotiations, Respondents are not obligated to reduce their pricing to target prices, but no Respondent is allowed to increase prices.
- 5.2.3.4. If the State determines that it is unable to successfully negotiate terms and conditions of a contract with the apparent best evaluated Respondent, the State reserves the right to bypass the apparent best evaluated Respondent and enter into terms and conditions contract negotiations with the next apparent best evaluated Respondent.
- 5.2.4. **Total Response Score.** The Solicitation Coordinator will calculate the sum of the Technical Response section scores and the Cost Proposal score and record the resulting number as the total score for the subject Response per Appendix (refer to RFP Attachment 6.5., Score Summary Matrix).

5.3. **Contract Award Process**

- 5.3.1 The Solicitation Coordinator will submit the Proposal Evaluation Team determinations and scores to the head of the procuring agency for consideration along with any other relevant information that might be available and pertinent to contract award.
- 5.3.2 Respondents are not required to submit a proposal for all Appendices however if a Respondent submits a cost proposal for one item on an Appendix, the Respondent must submit a cost proposal for all items on that Appendix.

For embroidered traditional and/or tactical products listed as part of Appendices A and B (RFP Attachment 6.3. Cost Proposal & Scoring Guide, Part B), the State shall require sew outs and

high-resolution digital photographs to be submitted for evaluation under RFP Attachment 6.2. Technical Response & Evaluation Guide, Section A, Items A.6. and A.7.

Products listed as part of the following Appendices under RFP Attachment 6.3. Cost Proposal & Scoring Guide, Part B do not require sew outs or high-resolution digital photographs: Screen Printed Traditional (Appendix C), Altered-Fitted Traditional and Tactical (Appendices D and E), and Non-customized Traditional and Tactical (Appendices F and G).

- 5.3.3. The procuring agency head will determine the apparent best-evaluated Response. The best-evaluated Response for each Appendix may be awarded a contract. If a Respondent submits a bid for multiple Appendices, the contract award shall be applicable to each respective Appendix. No more than one contract per Appendix and no more than one contract per best evaluated Response shall be awarded. To effect a contract award to a Respondent other than the one receiving the highest evaluation process score, the head of the procuring agency must provide written justification and obtain the written approval of the Chief Procurement Officer and the Comptroller of the Treasury.
- 5.3.4. The State will issue a Notice of Intent to Award identifying the apparent best-evaluated response for each Appendix and make the RFP files available for public inspection at the time and date specified in the RFP Section 2, Schedule of Events.

NOTICE: The Notice of Intent to Award shall not create rights, interests, or claims of entitlement in either the apparent best-evaluated Respondent or any other Respondent.

- 5.3.5. The Respondent identified as offering the apparent best-evaluated response must sign a contract drawn by the State pursuant to this RFP. The Contract shall be substantially the same as the RFP Attachment 6.6., *Pro Forma* Contract. The Respondent must sign the contract by the Contractor Signature Deadline detailed in the RFP Section 2, Schedule of Events. If the Respondent fails to provide the signed Contract by this deadline, the State may determine that the Respondent is non-responsive to this RFP and reject the response.
- 5.3.6. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the State may, at its sole discretion, entertain limited terms and conditions or pricing negotiations prior to Contract signing and, as a result, revise the *pro forma* contract terms and conditions or performance requirements in the State's best interests, PROVIDED THAT such revision of terms and conditions or performance requirements shall NOT materially affect the basis of response evaluations or negatively impact the competitive nature of the RFP and contractor selection process.
- 5.3.7. If the State determines that a response is non-responsive and rejects it after opening Cost Proposals, the Solicitation Coordinator will re-calculate scores for each remaining responsive Cost Proposal to determine (or re-determine) the apparent best-evaluated response.

RFP ATTACHMENT 6.1.**RFP # 33501-211012 STATEMENT OF CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES**

The Respondent must sign and complete the Statement of Certifications and Assurances below as required, and it must be included in the Technical Response (as required by RFP Attachment 6.2., Technical Response & Evaluation Guide, Section A, Item A.1.).

The Respondent does, hereby, expressly affirm, declare, confirm, certify, and assure ALL of the following:

1. The Respondent will comply with all of the provisions and requirements of the RFP.
2. The Respondent will provide all services as defined in the Scope of the RFP Attachment 6.6., *Pro Forma* Contract for the total Contract Term.
3. The Respondent, except as otherwise provided in this RFP, accepts and agrees to all terms and conditions set out in the RFP Attachment 6.6., *Pro Forma* Contract.
4. The Respondent acknowledges and agrees that a contract resulting from the RFP shall incorporate, by reference, all proposal responses as a part of the Contract.
5. The Respondent will comply with:
 - (a) the laws of the State of Tennessee;
 - (b) Title VI of the federal Civil Rights Act of 1964;
 - (c) Title IX of the federal Education Amendments Act of 1972;
 - (d) the Equal Employment Opportunity Act and the regulations issued there under by the federal government; and,
 - (e) the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and the regulations issued there under by the federal government.
6. To the knowledge of the undersigned, the information detailed within the response submitted to this RFP is accurate.
7. The response submitted to this RFP was independently prepared, without collusion, under penalty of perjury.
8. No amount shall be paid directly or indirectly to an employee or official of the State of Tennessee as wages, compensation, or gifts in exchange for acting as an officer, agent, employee, subcontractor, or consultant to the Respondent in connection with this RFP or any resulting contract.
9. Both the Technical Response and the Cost Proposal submitted in response to this RFP shall remain valid for at least 120 days subsequent to the date of the Cost Proposal opening and thereafter in accordance with any contract pursuant to the RFP.
10. The Respondent affirms the following statement, as required by the Iran Divestment Act Tenn. Code Ann. § 12-12-111: "By submission of this bid, each bidder and each person signing on behalf of any bidder certifies, and in the case of a joint bid each party thereto certifies as to its own organization, under penalty of perjury, that to the best of its knowledge and belief that each bidder is not on the list created pursuant to §12-12-106." For reference purposes, the list is currently available online at: <https://www.tn.gov/generalservices/procurement/central-procurement-office-cpo/library-public-information-library.html>.

By signing this Statement of Certifications and Assurances, below, the signatory also certifies legal authority to bind the proposing entity to the provisions of this RFP and any contract awarded pursuant to it. If the signatory is not the Respondent (if an individual) or the Respondent's company *President* or *Chief Executive Officer*, this document must attach evidence showing the individual's authority to bind the Respondent.

DO NOT SIGN THIS DOCUMENT IF YOU ARE NOT LEGALLY AUTHORIZED TO BIND THE RESPONDENT

SIGNATURE:

PRINTED NAME & TITLE:

DATE:

**RESPONDENT LEGAL ENTITY
NAME:**

RFP ATTACHMENT 6.2. — Section A

TECHNICAL RESPONSE & EVALUATION GUIDE

SECTION A: MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS. The Respondent must address all items detailed below and provide, in sequence, the information and documentation as required (referenced with the associated item references). The Respondent must also detail the response page number for each item in the appropriate space below. If the Respondent is submitting a proposal on multiple appendices, the Respondent must only submit one (1) RFP Attachment 6.2, Technical Response & Evaluation Guide Section A, applicable to all Appendices. Respondents submitting a proposal for BOTH Appendix A and B, are only required to submit one set of sew outs and photographs.

The Solicitation Coordinator will review the response to determine if the Mandatory Requirement Items are addressed as required and mark each with pass or fail. For each item that is not addressed as required, the Proposal Evaluation Team must review the response and attach a written determination. In addition to the Mandatory Requirement Items, the Solicitation Coordinator will review each response for compliance with all RFP requirements.

RESPONDENT LEGAL ENTITY NAME:			
Response Page # (Respondent completes)	Item Ref.	Section A— Mandatory Requirement Items	Pass/Fail
		The Response must be delivered to the State no later than the Response Deadline specified in the RFP Section 2, Schedule of Events.	
		The Technical Response and the Cost Proposal documentation must be packaged separately as required (refer to RFP Section 3.2., <i>et. seq.</i>).	
		The Technical Response must NOT contain cost or pricing information of any type.	
		The Technical Response must NOT contain any restrictions of the rights of the State or other qualification of the response.	
		A Respondent must NOT submit alternate responses (refer to RFP Section 3.3.).	
		A Respondent must NOT submit multiple responses in different forms (as a prime and a subcontractor) (refer to RFP Section 3.3.).	
	A.1.	Provide the Statement of Certifications and Assurances (RFP Attachment 6.1.) completed and signed by an individual empowered to bind the Respondent to the provisions of this RFP and any resulting contract. The document must be signed without exception or qualification.	
	A.2.	Provide a statement, based upon reasonable inquiry, of whether the Respondent or any individual who shall cause to deliver goods or perform services under the contract has a possible conflict of interest (<i>e.g.</i> , employment by the State of Tennessee) and, if so, the nature of that conflict. NOTE: Any questions of conflict of interest shall be solely within the discretion of the State, and the State reserves the right to cancel any award.	
	A.3.	Provide a current bank reference indicating that the Respondent's business relationship with the financial institution is in positive standing. Such reference must be written in the form of a standard business letter, signed, and dated within the past three (3) months.	

RESPONDENT LEGAL ENTITY NAME:			
Response Page # (Respondent completes)	Item Ref.	Section A— Mandatory Requirement Items	Pass/Fail
	A.4.	Provide two current positive credit references from vendors, with which the Respondent has done business, written in the form of standard business letters, signed, and dated within the past three (3) months.	
	A.5.	Provide a list of the Appendix(ces) in Attachment 6.3, Cost Proposal & Scoring Guide the Respondent is submitting a proposal for as part of this RFP.	
	A.6.	Provide a <i>letter of authorization</i> or similar document from each manufacturer/brand to be included in the Respondent's proposal, acknowledging the Respondent's designation as an authorized dealer, distributor, and/or retailer, if authorization is required by the manufacturer/brand. If authorization is not required, provide a statement indicating such for each manufacturer as applicable.	
	A.7.	<p>If Proposal includes a bid for items located in APPENDIX A or B of RFP Attachment 6.3. Cost Proposal & Scoring Guide, Part B, SEW OUTS of the following <u>must</u> be provided. If Proposal includes a bid for items located in BOTH APPENDIX A and B, Respondent should only send one set of SEW OUTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. 3" x 3" SFMO Badge on Navy Poly/Cotton Ripstop fabric. b. 2.25" x 2.25" TLETA Patch on Khaki Poly/Cotton Ripstop fabric. c. 2.25" x 3" TLETA Patch with Bottom Rocker added, and "INSTRUCTOR" typeset on Black 100% Cotton Pique fabric. d. 3" x 3" SFMO Logo on White 100% Polyester Knit fabric. e. 2" x 3.3" TFACA Logo on Faded Blue or White 60/40 Cotton/Poly Oxford fabric. f. 3" x 3" FFC Logo on Faded Blue or White 60/40 Cotton/Poly Oxford fabric. g. 3" x 3" POST Logo on Black 100% Cotton Pique fabric. h. 1.325" x 3.5" TN Logo on Blue 100% Polyester Knit fabric <p>The State will provide graphic files for sew outs in PDF or JPG format upon written request. All written requests for graphic files must be directed to the Solicitation Coordinator at the email address indicated in Section 1.4.2.1. Graphic files will be provided for the purpose of responding to this RFP ONLY.</p>	
	A.8.	<p>If Proposal includes a bid for items located in APPENDIX A or B of RFP Attachment 6.3. Cost Proposal & Scoring Guide, Part B, COLOR DIGITAL HIGH-RESOLUTION PHOTOGRAPHS of the following <u>must</u> be provided, If Proposal includes a bid for items located in BOTH APPENDIX A and B, Respondent should only send one set of COLOR DIGITAL HIGH-RESOLUTIONS PHOTOGRAPHS:</p> <p>Color digital high-resolution photographs of <u>each</u> physical sew-out from five (5) angles (high, eye, low, left, and right).</p>	
	A.9	<p>IF RESPONDENT PROPOSAL INCLUDES PRODUCTS LISTED AS PART OF RFP ATTACHMENT 6.3. COST PROPOSAL & SCORING GUIDE, PART B, APPENDICIES A, B, C, D, or E, THE FOLLOWING MUST BE PROVIDED:</p> <p>A statement indicating whether Respondent performs customization or alteration services. If so, indicate whether the customization or alteration</p>	

RESPONDENT LEGAL ENTITY NAME:			
Response Page # (Respondent completes)	Item Ref.	Section A— Mandatory Requirement Items	Pass/Fail
		services are performed by the contractor, manufacturer, or by third parties and identify any third parties. Provide the state(s) where specific customization or alteration services would be performed.	
	A.10	<p>IF RESPONDENT PROPOSAL INCLUDES ANY ALTERED-FITTED TRADITIONAL OR TACTICAL PRODUCTS LISTED AS PART OF RFP ATTACHMENT 6.3. COST PROPOSAL & SCORING GUIDE, PART B, APPENDICIES D or E, THE FOLLOWING MUST BE PROVIDED:</p> <p>A statement indicating whether Respondent performs off-site fittings. If so, provide a list of Tennessee locations and storefronts that will be utilized for off-site fittings. Include full address and if not Respondent's location or storefront, the company name. If the Respondent has no storefront location the Respondent should confirm they will provide onsite fittings.</p>	
<i>State Use – Solicitation Coordinator Signature, Printed Name & Date:</i>			

RFP ATTACHMENT 6.2. — SECTION B

TECHNICAL RESPONSE & EVALUATION GUIDE

SECTION B: GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS & EXPERIENCE. The Respondent must address all items detailed below and provide, in sequence, the information and documentation as required (referenced with the associated item references). If the Respondent is bidding on multiple appendices, the Respondent must only submit one (1) RFP Attachment 6.2, Technical Response & Evaluation Guide Section B, applicable to all Appendices. The Respondent must also detail the response page number for each item in the appropriate space below. Proposal Evaluation Team members will independently evaluate and assign one score for all responses to Section B— General Qualifications & Experience Items.

RESPONDENT LEGAL ENTITY NAME:		
Response Page # (Respondent completes)	Item Ref.	Section B— General Qualifications & Experience Items
	B.1.	Detail the name, e-mail address, mailing address, telephone number, and facsimile number of the person the State should contact regarding the response.
	B.2.	Describe the Respondent's form of business (<i>i.e.</i> , individual, sole proprietor, corporation, non-profit corporation, partnership, limited liability company) and business location (physical location or domicile).
	B.3.	Detail the number of years the Respondent has been in business.
	B.4.	Briefly describe how long the Respondent has been providing the goods or services required by this RFP.
	B.5.	Describe the Respondent's number of employees, client base, and location of offices.
	B.6.	Provide a statement of whether there have been any mergers, acquisitions, or change of control of the Respondent within the last ten (10) years. If so, include an explanation providing relevant details.
	B.7.	Provide a statement of whether the Respondent or, to the Respondent's knowledge, any of the Respondent's employees, agents, independent contractors, or subcontractors, involved in the delivery of goods or performance of services on a contract pursuant to this RFP, have been convicted of, pled guilty to, or pled <i>nolo contendere</i> to any felony. If so, include an explanation providing relevant details.
	B.8.	Provide a statement of whether, in the last ten (10) years, the Respondent has filed (or had filed against it) any bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding, whether voluntary or involuntary, or undergone the appointment of a receiver, trustee, or assignee for the benefit of creditors. If so, include an explanation providing relevant details.
	B.9.	Provide a statement of whether there is any material, pending litigation against the Respondent that the Respondent should reasonably believe could adversely affect its ability to meet contract requirements pursuant to this RFP or is likely to have a material adverse effect on the Respondent's financial condition. If such exists, list each separately, explain the relevant details, and attach the opinion of counsel addressing whether and to what extent it would impair the Respondent's performance in a contract pursuant to this RFP. NOTE: All persons, agencies, firms, or other entities that provide legal opinions regarding the Respondent must be properly licensed to render such opinions. The State may require the Respondent to submit proof of license for each person or entity that renders such opinions.
	B.10.	Provide a statement of whether there are any pending or in progress Securities Exchange Commission investigations involving the Respondent. If such exists, list each separately, explain

RFP ATTACHMENT 6.2. — SECTION B (continued)

RESPONDENT LEGAL ENTITY NAME:		
Response Page # (Respondent completes)	Item Ref.	Section B— General Qualifications & Experience Items
		<p>the relevant details, and attach the opinion of counsel addressing whether and to what extent it will impair the Respondent's performance in a contract pursuant to this RFP.</p> <p>NOTE: All persons, agencies, firms, or other entities that provide legal opinions regarding the Respondent must be properly licensed to render such opinions. The State may require the Respondent to submit proof of license for each person or entity that renders such opinions.</p>
	B.11.	Provide a brief, descriptive statement detailing evidence of the Respondent's ability to deliver the goods or services sought under this RFP (e.g., prior experience, training, certifications, resources, program and quality management systems, etc.).
	B.12.	Provide a narrative description of the proposed project team, its members, and organizational structure along with an organizational chart identifying the key people who will be assigned to deliver the goods or services required by this RFP.
	B.13.	Provide a personnel roster listing the names of key people who the Respondent will assign to meet the Respondent's requirements under this RFP along with the estimated number of hours that each individual will devote to that performance. Follow the personnel roster with a resume for each of the people listed. The resumes must detail the individual's title, education, current position with the Respondent, and employment history.
	B.14.	<p>Provide a statement of whether the Respondent intends to use subcontractors to meet the Respondent's requirements of any contract awarded pursuant to this RFP, and if so, detail:</p> <p>(a) the names of the subcontractors along with the contact person, mailing address, telephone number, and e-mail address for each;</p> <p>(b) a description of the scope and portions of the goods each subcontractor involved in the delivery of goods or performance of the services each subcontractor will perform; <u>and</u></p> <p>(c) a statement specifying that each proposed subcontractor has expressly assented to being proposed as a subcontractor in the Respondent's response to this RFP.</p>
	B.15.	<p>Provide documentation of the Respondent's commitment to diversity as represented by the following:</p> <p>(a) <u>Business Strategy</u>. Provide a description of the Respondent's existing programs and procedures designed to encourage and foster commerce with business enterprises owned by minorities, women, service-disabled veterans, persons with disabilities, and small business enterprises. Please also include a list of the Respondent's certifications as a diversity business, if applicable.</p> <p>(b) <u>Business Relationships</u>. Provide a listing of the Respondent's current contracts with business enterprises owned by minorities, women, service-disabled veterans, persons with disabilities, and small business enterprises. Please include the following information:</p> <p>(i) contract description;</p> <p>(ii) contractor name and ownership characteristics (i.e., ethnicity, gender, service-disabled veteran-owned or persons with disabilities);</p> <p>(iii) contractor contact name and telephone number.</p> <p>(c) <u>Estimated Participation</u>. Provide an estimated level of participation by business enterprises owned by minorities, women, service-disabled veterans, persons with disabilities and small business enterprises if a contract is awarded to the Respondent pursuant to this RFP. Please include the following information:</p> <p>(i) a percentage (%) indicating the participation estimate. (Express the estimated participation number as a percentage of the total estimated contract value that will be dedicated to business with subcontractors and supply contractors having such ownership characteristics only and DO NOT INCLUDE DOLLAR AMOUNTS);</p> <p>(ii) anticipated goods or services contract descriptions;</p>

RFP ATTACHMENT 6.2. — SECTION B (continued)

RESPONDENT LEGAL ENTITY NAME:		
Response Page # (Respondent completes)	Item Ref.	Section B— General Qualifications & Experience Items
		<p>(iii) names and ownership characteristics (i.e., ethnicity, gender, service-disabled veterans, or disability) of anticipated subcontractors and supply contractors.</p> <p>NOTE: In order to claim status as a Diversity Business Enterprise under this contract, businesses must be certified by the Governor's Office of Diversity Business Enterprise (Go-DBE). Please visit the Go-DBE website at https://tn.diversitysoftware.com/FrontEnd/StartCertification.asp?TN=tn&XID=9810 for more information.</p> <p>(d) <u>Workforce</u>. Provide the percentage of the Respondent's total current employees by ethnicity and gender.</p> <p>NOTE: Respondents that demonstrate a commitment to diversity will advance State efforts to expand opportunity to do business with the State as contractors and subcontractors. Response evaluations will recognize the positive qualifications and experience of a Respondent that does business with enterprises owned by minorities, women, service-disabled veterans, persons with disabilities, and small business enterprises and who offer a diverse workforce.</p>
	B.16.	<p>Provide a statement of whether or not the Respondent has any current contracts with the State of Tennessee or has completed any contracts with the State of Tennessee within the previous five (5) year period. If so, provide the following information for all of the current and completed contracts:</p> <p>(a) the name, title, telephone number and e-mail address of the State contact knowledgeable about the contract;</p> <p>(b) the procuring State agency name;</p> <p>(c) a brief description of the contract's scope of services;</p> <p>(d) the contract period; and</p> <p>(e) the contract number.</p>
	B.17.	<p>Provide a statement and any relevant details addressing whether the Respondent is any of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any federal or state department or agency; 2) has within the past three (3) years, been convicted of, or had a civil judgment rendered against the contracting party from commission of fraud, or a criminal offence in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (federal, state, or local) transaction or grant under a public transaction; violation of federal or state antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property; 3) is presently indicted or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a government entity (federal, state, or local) with commission of any of the offenses detailed above; and 4) has within a three (3) year period preceding the contract had one or more public transactions (federal, state, or local) terminated for cause or default.
SCORE (for <u>all</u> Section B—Qualifications & Experience Items above): (maximum possible score =)25		

RFP ATTACHMENT 6.2. — SECTION B (continued)

RESPONDENT LEGAL ENTITY NAME:		
Response Page # (Respondent completes)	Item Ref.	Section B— General Qualifications & Experience Items
<i>State Use – Evaluator Identification:</i>		

RFP ATTACHMENT 6.2. — SECTION C: APPENDIX A-B

TECHNICAL RESPONSE & EVALUATION GUIDE

SECTION C APPENDIX A-B: TECHNICAL QUALIFICATIONS, EXPERIENCE & APPROACH. The Respondent must address all items (below) and provide, in sequence, the information and documentation as required (referenced with the associated item references). The Respondent must also detail the response page number for each item in the appropriate space below. If the Respondent is submitting a proposal on multiple appendices, the Respondent must submit the applicable RFP Attachment 6.2 Technical Response & Evaluation Guide for each group of Appendices. Respondent shall include the appropriate RFP Attachment 6.2. Section C for each Appendix A-B and Appendix C-G, as applicable. Each response will be evaluated separately. Respondents submitting a proposal for BOTH Appendix A and B, are only required to submit one set of sew outs and photographs.

A Proposal Evaluation Team, made up of three or more State employees, will independently evaluate and score the response to each item. Each evaluator will use the following whole number, raw point scale for scoring each item:

0 = little value 1 = poor 2 = fair 3 = satisfactory 4 = good 5 = excellent

The Solicitation Coordinator will multiply the Item Score by the associated Evaluation Factor (indicating the relative emphasis of the item in the overall evaluation). The resulting product will be the item's Raw Weighted Score for purposes of calculating the section score as indicated.

RESPONDENT LEGAL ENTITY NAME:					
Response Page # (Respondent completes)	Item Ref.	Section C— Technical Qualifications, Experience & Approach Items	Item Score	Evaluation Factor	Raw Weighted Score
	C.1.	Provide a narrative that illustrates the Respondent's understanding of the State's requirements for each appendix the Respondent has bid on.		1	
	C.2.	Provide a narrative that illustrates how the Respondent will complete the scope of services and accomplish required objectives for each appendix the Respondent has bid on.		1	
	C.3.	Describe any minimum order requirements and applicable lead times for the products being offered to the State for each appendix the Respondent has bid on.		2	
	C.4.	Provide an explanation of the Respondent's inventory policies and whether there is a holding fee to maintain inventory for each appendix the Respondent has bid on (do not include fee in response to this section)		1	
	C.5.	Provide the estimated timeline(s) for providing products to the State from the date ordered for each appendix the Respondent has bid on. Each timeline should be based upon the specific customization service(s), as applicable.		1	

RFP ATTACHMENT 6.2. — SECTION C: APPENDIX A-B (continued)

RESPONDENT LEGAL ENTITY NAME:					
Response Page # (Respondent completes)	Item Ref.	Section C— Technical Qualifications, Experience & Approach Items	Item Score	Evaluation Factor	Raw Weighted Score
	C.6.	Provide a description of the Respondent's ordering process and detail applicable policies/processes that relate to purchase orders, email requests for orders, and Respondent's order confirmations. for each appendix the Respondent has bid on.		2	
	C.7.	Provide a narrative regarding the Respondent's customer service practices as it pertains to the Appendix. Describe the response time for inputting order updates and order changes as well as providing product suggestions upon request.		2	
	C.8.	Provide a list of any Tennessee locations and storefronts that offer on-site purchases of products offered by Respondent for each Appendix. Please indicate which locations go with which items, if applicable. Include full address and if not Respondent's location or storefront, the company name		1	
	C.9.	Provide a narrative describing the Respondent's policy and processes for: 1. back ordered products; 2. partial shipments; and 3. partial billing		2	
	C.10.	Provide a description of the Respondent's return policy for each appendix the Respondent has bid on. Please indicate the procedures for products that have been customized including, but not limited to, embroidered, screen printed, patched, and/or hemmed.		2	
	C.11.	Provide a list of the product catalog(s) that would be made available to the State as part of this contract as well as a web address to view the product catalog(s), if applicable		3	
	C.12.	If respondent proposal includes any substitute item or catalog as part of RFP Attachment 6.3 Cost Proposal & Scoring Guide, Part B the following must be provided: A statement listing the Appendix tab, line-item number, and item name for		3	

RFP ATTACHMENT 6.2. — SECTION C: APPENDIX A-B (continued)

RESPONDENT LEGAL ENTITY NAME:					
Response Page # (Respondent completes)	Item Ref.	Section C— Technical Qualifications, Experience & Approach Items	Item Score	Evaluation Factor	Raw Weighted Score
		<p>which Respondent is proposing a substitute item. The statement shall include sufficient information and/or specifications showing that the proposed item's functional, technical, and performance characteristics meet or exceed that of the item listed.</p> <p>NOTICE: DO NOT include any cost information with the substitute information.</p>			
	C.13.	<p>If Respondent's proposal includes bid on APPENDIX A and/or B, provide a full color sew out of a 3" x 3" State Fire Marshal's Office (SFMO) Logo on White 100% Polyester Knit fabric.</p> <p>The sew out must be free of puckering, missed trim, bunching, and design distortions (including, but not limited to, legibility).</p> <p>NOTE: The State shall provide graphic files for sew outs in PDF or JPG format upon written request. All written requests for graphic files must be directed to the Solicitation Coordinator at the email address indicated in Section 1.4.2.1. Graphic files will be provided for the purpose of responding to this RFP ONLY</p>		3	
	C.14.	<p>If Respondent's proposal includes bid on APPENDIX A and/or B, provide a full color sew out of a 2.25" x 2.25" TN Law Enforcement Training Academy (TLETA) Patch with Bottom Rocker added, and "DIRECTOR" typeset on Khaki Poly/Cotton Ripstop fabric.</p> <p>The sew out must be free of puckering, missed trim, bunching, and design distortions (including, but not limited to, legibility).</p> <p>NOTE: The State shall provide graphic files for sew outs in PDF or JPG format upon written request. All written requests for graphic files must be directed to the Solicitation Coordinator at the email address indicated in Section 1.4.2.1. Graphic files will be provided for the purpose of responding to this RFP ONLY.</p>		3	
	C.15.	<p>If Respondent's proposal includes bid on APPENDIX A and/or B, provide a full color sew out of a <u>2.25" x 3" TN Law Enforcement Training Academy (TLETA) Patch with Bottom Rocker</u></p>		3	

RFP ATTACHMENT 6.2. — SECTION C: APPENDIX A-B (continued)

RESPONDENT LEGAL ENTITY NAME:					
Response Page # (Respondent completes)	Item Ref.	Section C— Technical Qualifications, Experience & Approach Items	Item Score	Evaluation Factor	Raw Weighted Score
		<p><u>added, and "INSTRUCTOR" typeset on Black 100% Cotton Pique fabric.</u></p> <p>The sew out must be free of puckering, missed trim, bunching, and design distortions (including, but not limited to, legibility).</p> <p><u>NOTE:</u> The State shall provide graphic files for sew outs in PDF or JPG format upon written request. All written requests for graphic files must be directed to the Solicitation Coordinator at the email address indicated in Section 1.4.2.1. Graphic files will be provided for the purpose of responding to this RFP ONLY.</p>			
	C.16.	<p>If Respondent's proposal includes bid on APPENDIX A and/or B, provide a full color sew out of a 3" x 3" State Fire Marshal's Office (SFMO) Logo on Navy Poly/Cotton Ripstop fabric</p> <p>The sew out must be free of puckering, missed trim, bunching, and design distortions (including, but not limited to, legibility).</p> <p><u>NOTE:</u> The State shall provide graphic files for sew outs in PDF or JPG format upon written request. All written requests for graphic files must be directed to the Solicitation Coordinator at the email address indicated in Section 1.4.2.1. Graphic files will be provided for the purpose of responding to this RFP ONLY</p>		3	
	C.17.	<p>If Respondent's proposal includes bid on APPENDIX A and/or B, provide a full color sew out of a <u>2" x 3.3" TN Fire Service and Codes Enforcement Academy (TFACA) Logo on Faded Blue or White 60/40 Cotton/Poly Oxford fabric.</u></p> <p>The sew out must be free of puckering, missed trim, bunching, and design distortions (including, but not limited to, legibility).</p> <p><u>NOTE:</u> The State shall provide graphic files for sew outs in PDF or JPG format upon written request. All written requests for graphic files must be directed to the Solicitation Coordinator at the email address indicated in Section 1.4.2.1. Graphic files will be</p>		3	

RFP ATTACHMENT 6.2. — SECTION C: APPENDIX A-B (continued)

RESPONDENT LEGAL ENTITY NAME:					
Response Page # (Respondent completes)	Item Ref.	Section C— Technical Qualifications, Experience & Approach Items	Item Score	Evaluation Factor	Raw Weighted Score
		provided for the purpose of responding to this RFP ONLY.			
	C.18.	<p>If Respondent's proposal includes bid on APPENDIX A and/or B, provide a full color sew out of a <u>3" x 3" Firefighting Commission (FFC) Logo on Faded Blue or White 60/40 Cotton/Poly Oxford fabric.</u></p> <p>The sew out must be free of puckering, missed trim, bunching, and design distortions (including, but not limited to, legibility).</p> <p>NOTE: The State shall provide graphic files for sew outs in PDF or JPG format upon written request. All written requests for graphic files must be directed to the Solicitation Coordinator at the email address indicated in Section 1.4.2.1. Graphic files will be provided for the purpose of responding to this RFP ONLY.</p>		3	
	C.19.	<p>If Respondent's proposal includes bid on APPENDIX A and/or B, provide a full color sew out of a <u>3" x 3" Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission (POST) Logo on Black 100% Cotton Pique fabric.</u></p> <p>The sew out must be free of puckering, missed trim, bunching, and design distortions (including, but not limited to, legibility).</p> <p>NOTE: The State shall provide graphic files for sew outs in PDF or JPG format upon written request. All written requests for graphic files must be directed to the Solicitation Coordinator at the email address indicated in Section 1.4.2.1. Graphic files will be provided for the purpose of responding to this RFP ONLY.</p>		3	
	C.20.	<p>If Respondent's proposal includes bid on APPENDIX A and/or B, provide a full color sew out of a <u>1.325" x 3.5" TN Logo on Blue 100% Polyester Knit fabric.</u></p> <p>The sew out must be free of puckering, missed trim, bunching, and design distortions (including, but not limited to, legibility).</p> <p>NOTE: The State shall provide graphic files for sew outs in PDF or JPG</p>		3	

RFP ATTACHMENT 6.2. — SECTION C: APPENDIX A-B (continued)

RESPONDENT LEGAL ENTITY NAME:					
Response Page # (Respondent completes)	Item Ref.	Section C— Technical Qualifications, Experience & Approach Items	Item Score	Evaluation Factor	Raw Weighted Score
		format upon written request. All written requests for graphic files must be directed to the Solicitation Coordinator at the email address indicated in Section 1.4.2.1. Graphic files will be provided for the purpose of responding to this RFP ONLY.			
<i>The Solicitation Coordinator will use this sum and the formula below to calculate the section score. All calculations will use and result in numbers rounded to two (2) places to the right of the decimal point.</i>			Total Raw Weighted Score: <i>(sum of Raw Weighted Scores above)</i>		
Total Raw Weighted Score		X 45 <i>(maximum possible score)</i>	= SCORE:		
Maximum Possible Raw Weighted Score <i>(i.e., 5 x the sum of item weights above)</i>					
<i>State Use – Evaluator Identification:</i>					
<i>State Use – Solicitation Coordinator Signature, Printed Name & Date:</i>					

RFP ATTACHMENT 6.2. — SECTION C: APPENDIX C-G

TECHNICAL RESPONSE & EVALUATION GUIDE

SECTION C APPENDIX C-G: TECHNICAL QUALIFICATIONS, EXPERIENCE & APPROACH. The Respondent must address all items (below) and provide, in sequence, the information and documentation as required (referenced with the associated item references). The Respondent must also detail the response page number for each item in the appropriate space below. If the Respondent is submitting a proposal on multiple appendices, the Respondent must submit an RFP Attachment 6.2 Technical Response & Evaluation Guide for each Appendix separately. Respondent shall include the appropriate RFP Attachment 6.2 Section C for each Appendix A-B and Appendix C-G, as applicable. Each response will be evaluated separately.

A Proposal Evaluation Team, made up of three or more State employees, will independently evaluate and score the response to each item. Each evaluator will use the following whole number, raw point scale for scoring each item:

0 = little value 1 = poor 2 = fair 3 = satisfactory 4 = good 5 = excellent

The Solicitation Coordinator will multiply the Item Score by the associated Evaluation Factor (indicating the relative emphasis of the item in the overall evaluation). The resulting product will be the item's Raw Weighted Score for purposes of calculating the section score as indicated.

RESPONDENT LEGAL ENTITY NAME:					
Response Page # (Respondent completes)	Item Ref.	Section C— Technical Qualifications, Experience & Approach Items	Item Score	Evaluation Factor	Raw Weighted Score
	C.1.	Provide a narrative that illustrates the Respondent's understanding of the State's requirements for each appendix the Respondent has bid on.		3	
	C.2.	Provide a narrative that illustrates how the Respondent will complete the scope of services and accomplish required objectives for each appendix the Respondent has bid on.		3	
	C.3.	Describe any minimum order requirements and applicable lead times for the products being offered to the State for each appendix the Respondent has bid on.		4	
	C.4.	Provide an explanation of the Respondent's inventory policies and whether there is a holding fee to maintain inventory for each appendix the Respondent has bid on (do not include fee in response to this section)		4	
	C.5.	Provide the estimated timeline(s) for providing products to the State from the date ordered for each appendix the Respondent has bid on. Each timeline should be based upon the specific customization service(s), as applicable.		4	
	C.6.	Provide a description of the Respondent's ordering process and detail applicable policies/processes that relate to purchase orders, email requests for orders, and Respondent's order confirmations. for each appendix the Respondent has bid on.		4	
	C.7.	Provide a narrative regarding the Respondent's customer service practices as it pertains to the Appendix. Describe the response time for inputting order updates and order changes as well as providing product suggestions upon request.		4	
	C.8.	Provide a list of any Tennessee locations and storefronts that offer on-site purchases of products offered by		3	

RFP ATTACHMENT 6.2. — SECTION C: APPENDIX C-G (continued)

RESPONDENT LEGAL ENTITY NAME:					
Response Page # (Respondent completes)	Item Ref.	Section C— Technical Qualifications, Experience & Approach Items	Item Score	Evaluation Factor	Raw Weighted Score
		Respondent for each appendix the Respondent has bid on. Please indicate which locations go with which items, if applicable. Include full address and if not Respondent's location or storefront, the company name			
	C.9.	Provide a narrative describing the Respondent's policy and processes for: 1. back ordered products; 2. partial shipments; and 3. partial billing		4	
	C.10.	Provide a description of the Respondent's return policy for each appendix the Respondent has bid on. Please indicate the procedures for products that have been customized including, but not limited to, embroidered, screen printed, patched, and/or hemmed.		4	
	C.11.	Provide a list of the product catalog(s) that would be made available to the State as part of this contract as well as a web address to view the product catalog(s), if applicable		4	
	C.12.	If respondent proposal includes any substitute item as part of RFP Attachment 6.3 Cost Proposal & Scoring Guide, Part B the following must be provided: A statement listing the Appendix tab, line-item number, and item name for which Respondent is proposing a substitute item. The statement shall include sufficient information and/or specifications showing that the proposed item's functional, technical, and performance characteristics meet or exceed that of the item listed. NOTICE: DO NOT include any cost information with the substitute information.		4	
<i>The Solicitation Coordinator will use this sum and the formula below to calculate the section score. All calculations will use and result in numbers rounded to two (2) places to the right of the decimal point.</i>			Total Raw Weighted Score: <i>(sum of Raw Weighted Scores above)</i>		
Total Raw Weighted Score			X 45 <i>(maximum possible score)</i>		= SCORE:
Maximum Possible Raw Weighted Score <i>(i.e., 5 x the sum of item weights above)</i>					
<i>State Use – Evaluator Identification:</i>					
<i>State Use – Solicitation Coordinator Signature, Printed Name & Date:</i>					

RFP ATTACHMENT 6.3. PART A**COST PROPOSAL INSTRUCTIONS & SCORING GUIDE**

NOTICE: COST PROPOSAL (Part B) MUST BE COMPLETED EXACTLY AS REQUIRED

COST PROPOSAL SCHEDULE— The Cost Proposal, (Part B), shall indicate the proposed price for goods or services defined in the Scope of Services of the RFP Attachment 6.6., *Pro Forma* Contract and for the entire contract period. The Cost Proposal shall remain valid for at least one hundred twenty (120) days subsequent to the date of the Cost Proposal opening and thereafter in accordance with any contract resulting from this RFP. All monetary amounts shall be in U.S. currency and limited to two (2) places to the right of the decimal point.

NOTICE: The Evaluation Factor associated with each cost item is for evaluation purposes only. The evaluation factors do NOT and should NOT be construed as any type of volume guarantee or minimum purchase quantity. The evaluation factors shall NOT create rights, interests, or claims of entitlement in the Respondent.

Notwithstanding the cost items herein, pursuant to the second paragraph of the Pro Forma Contract section C.1. (refer to RFP Attachment 6.6.), "The State is under no obligation to request work from the Contractor in any specific dollar amounts or to request any work at all from the Contractor during any period of this Contract."

Respondents are instructed to review the appendix descriptions, customizations if applicable, and brand examples listed below to determine which appendix(ces) apply to the products and services they provide. **For each applicable appendix, respondents must complete the following sections highlighted blue on the appendix:**

- Row 4 Respondent's Signature (An electronic or facsimile signature, as applicable, is acceptable)
- Row 5 Respondent's Printed Name and Title
- Row 6 Submission Date
- Row 7 Respondent's Legal Entity Name
- Column K Appendix(ces) A to E Unit Cost for each of the products in the appendix
- Column J Appendix(ces) F to G Unit Cost for each of the products in the appendix

This Cost Proposal must be signed in a PDF copy of the applicable appendix(ces), by an individual empowered to bind the Respondent to the provisions of this RFP and any contract awarded pursuant to it. If said individual is not the President or Chief Executive Officer, this document must attach evidence showing the individual's authority to legally bind the Respondent.

Respondent shall provide costs by reviewing the instructions below and as part of the attached Excel spreadsheet and completing the applicable Appendix(ces) in the protected spreadsheet, RFP Attachment 6.3. Cost Proposal & Scoring Guide, Part B.

Respondents will find seven (7) tabs/appendices on the attached RFP Attachment 6.3. Cost Proposal & Scoring Guide, Part B. Each appendix references either Tactical products or Traditional products and the type of customization required, if any. **Respondents are not required to submit a proposal for all appendices however if a Respondent submits a cost proposal for one line item on an appendix, the Respondent must submit a cost proposal for all line items on that appendix.**

Appendix descriptions, customizations if applicable, and brand examples are listed below.

- Appendix A: Embroidered Traditional Products (Port & Company, Eddie Bauer, Port Authority, Sport-Tek, FlexFit)
- Appendix B: Embroidered Tactical Products (5.11 Tactical, Propper, Tru-Spec, Blauer)

RFP ATTACHMENT 6.3. PART A. (continued)

- Appendix C: Screen Printed Traditional (Gildan, Sport-Tek)
- Appendix D: Altered-Fitted Traditional (Eddie Bauer)
- Appendix E: Altered-Fitted Tactical (Flying Cross, 5.11 Tactical, Propper, Tru-Spec, Blauer, Armor Express)
- Appendix F: Noncustomized Traditional (Brooks, Cornerstone, Merrell, Muck, Under Armour, Viking Wear)
- Appendix G: Noncustomized Tactical (Tru-Spec, 5.11 Tactical, Blackinton, Galls, Strong, Propper, Safariland, We the People Holsters, Bianchi, Blackhawk, Rings Manufacturing)

Respondent may substitute an equivalent product, instead of the specified brand and item, as allowed on RFP Attachment 6.3 Cost Proposal & Scoring Guide, Part B, as part of the Contractor's Technical Response. In the event an Appendix item is no longer being manufactured or is replaced by a functionally equivalent item with superior technological features to the item being replaced, Contractor may offer a substitute item ("Substitute") on Part B. The Substitute shall meet or exceed the functional, technical, and performance characteristics of the item being replaced. Contractor shall submit any proposed substitutions with sufficient information to show that the above functional, technical, and performance characteristics are met, as provided in RFP Attachment 6.2, Section B.

Any substitutions shall be added to the Appendix (A to G), noting the line-item number associated with the substitute item in column A, brand, product number, product description, available sizes, and unit cost in the applicable columns.

Respondents submitting a proposal for **Appendix A and/or B** are required to submit the following embroidery samples that are full color sew outs, free of puckering, missed trim, bunching, and design distortions. The State will provide graphic files in PDF or JPG format upon written request to the solicitation coordinator for purposes of responding to this RFP ONLY.

Respondents submitting a proposal for **Appendix A and/or B** are also required to submit color digital high-resolution photographs of each physical sew-out from five (5) angles (high, eye, low, left, and right).

Respondents submitting a proposal for **BOTH Appendix A and B**, are only required to submit one set of sew outs and photographs.

- Sample 1. 3" x 3" SFMO Badge on Navy Poly/Cotton Ripstop fabric.
- Sample 2. 2.25" x 2.25" TLETA Patch on Khaki Poly/Cotton Ripstop fabric.
- Sample 3. 2.25" x 3" TLETA Patch with bottom rocker added and "INSTRUCTOR" typeset on Black 100% Cotton Pique fabric.
- Sample 4. 3" x 3" SFMO Logo on White 100% Polyester Knit fabric.
- Sample 5. 2" x 3.3" TFACA Logo on Faded Blue or White 60/40 Cotton/Poly Oxford fabric.
- Sample 6. 3" x 3" FFC Logo on Faded Blue or White 60/40 Cotton/Poly Oxford fabric.
- Sample 7. 3" x 3" POST Patch on Black 100% Cotton Pique fabric.
- Sample 8. 1.325" x 3.5" TN Logo on Blue 100% Polyester Knit fabric.

REFERENCE QUESTIONNAIRE

The standard reference questionnaire provided on the following pages of this attachment should be completed by all individuals offering a reference for the Respondent.

The Respondent will be solely responsible for obtaining completed reference questionnaires as detailed below. Provide references from individuals who are not current State employees of the procuring State Agency for projects similar to the goods or services sought under this RFP and which represent:

- a. two (2) contracts Respondent currently services that are similar in size and scope to the services required by this RFP; and
- b. three (3) completed contracts that are similar in size and scope to the services required by this RFP.

References from at least three (3) different individuals are required to satisfy the requirements above, e.g., an individual may provide a reference about a completed project and another reference about a currently serviced account. The individual contact reference provided for each contract or project shall not be a current State employee of the procuring State agency. Procuring State agencies that accept references from another State agency shall document, in writing, a plan to ensure that no contact is made between the procuring State agency and a referring State agency. The standard reference questionnaire should be used and completed and is provided on the next page of this RFP Attachment 6.4.

In order to obtain and submit the completed reference questionnaires following one of the two processes below.

Written:

- (a) Add the Respondent's name to the standard reference questionnaire at RFP Attachment 6.4. and make a copy for each reference.
- (b) Send a reference questionnaire and new, standard #10 envelope to each reference.
- (c) Instruct the reference to:
 - (i) complete the reference questionnaire;
 - (ii) sign and date the completed reference questionnaire;
 - (iii) seal the completed, signed, and dated reference questionnaire within the envelope provided;
 - (iv) sign his or her name in ink across the sealed portion of the envelope; and
 - (v) return the sealed envelope directly to the Respondent (the Respondent may wish to give each reference a deadline, such that the Respondent will be able to collect all required references in time to include them within the sealed Technical Response).
- (d) Do NOT open the sealed references upon receipt.
- (e) Enclose all sealed reference envelopes within a larger, labeled envelope for inclusion in the Technical Response as required.

Email:

- (a) Add the Respondent's name to the standard reference questionnaire at RFP Attachment 6.4. and make a copy for each reference.
- (b) E-mail a reference questionnaire to each reference.
- (c) Instruct the reference to:
 - (i) complete the reference questionnaire;
 - (ii) sign and date the completed reference questionnaire;
 - (iii) E-mail the reference directly to the Solicitation Coordinator by the RFP Technical Response Deadline with the Subject line of the e-mail as "[Respondent's Name] Reference for RFP # 33501-211012".

NOTES:

- a. The State will not accept late references or references submitted by any means other than the two which are described above, and each reference questionnaire submitted must be completed as required.

- b. The State will not review more than the number of required references indicated above.
- c. While the State will base its reference check on the contents of the reference e-mails or sealed reference envelopes included in the Technical Response package, the State reserves the right to confirm and clarify information detailed in the completed reference questionnaires and may consider clarification responses in the evaluation of references.
- d. The State is under no obligation to clarify any reference information.

RFP # 33501-211012 REFERENCE QUESTIONNAIRE

REFERENCE SUBJECT: RESPONDENT NAME (completed by Respondent before reference is requested)

The “reference subject” specified above, intends to submit a response to the State of Tennessee in response to the Request for Proposals (RFP) indicated. As a part of such response, the reference subject must include a number of completed and sealed reference questionnaires (using this form).

Each individual responding to this reference questionnaire is asked to follow these instructions:

- a. complete this questionnaire (either using the form provided or an exact duplicate of this document);
- b. sign and date the completed questionnaire and follow either process outlined below;

Physical:

- c. seal the completed, signed, and dated questionnaire in a new standard #10 envelope;
- d. sign in ink across the sealed portion of the envelope; and
- e. return the sealed envelope containing the completed questionnaire directly to the reference subject.

E-Mail:

- f. e-mail the completed questionnaire to:
Karen Conway, Sourcing Account Specialist, Karen.Conway@tn.gov

- a. **What is the name of the individual, company, organization, or entity responding to this reference questionnaire?**

- b. **Please provide the following information about the individual completing this reference questionnaire on behalf of the above-named individual, company, organization, or entity.**

NAME:	
TITLE:	
TELEPHONE #	
E-MAIL ADDRESS:	

- c. **What goods or services does/did the reference subject provide to your company or organization?**

RFP ATTACHMENT 6.5.

SCORE SUMMARY MATRIX

Appendix _____ [to be filled in to indicate A, B, C, D, E, F or G]

	<i>RESPONDENT NAME</i>		<i>RESPONDENT NAME</i>		<i>RESPONDENT NAME</i>	
GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS & EXPERIENCE (maximum: 25)						
<i>EVALUATOR NAME</i>						
<i>EVALUATOR NAME</i>						
<i>REPEAT AS NECESSARY</i>						
	AVERAGE:		AVERAGE:		AVERAGE:	
TECHNICAL QUALIFICATIONS, EXPERIENCE & APPROACH (maximum: 45)						
<i>EVALUATOR NAME</i>						
<i>EVALUATOR NAME</i>						
<i>REPEAT AS NECESSARY</i>						
	AVERAGE:		AVERAGE:		AVERAGE:	
COST PROPOSAL (maximum: 30)	SCORE:		SCORE:		SCORE:	
TOTAL RESPONSE EVALUATION SCORE: (maximum: 100)						
<i>Solicitation Coordinator Signature, Printed Name & Date:</i>						

RFP # 33501-211012 PRO FORMA CONTRACT

The *Pro Forma* Contract detailed in following pages of this exhibit contains some “blanks” (signified by descriptions in capital letters) that will be completed with appropriate information in the final contract resulting from the RFP.

CONTRACT
BETWEEN THE STATE OF TENNESSEE,
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND INSURANCE
AND
CONTRACTOR NAME

This Contract, by and between the State of Tennessee, Department of Commerce and Insurance ("State") and **Contractor Legal Entity Name** ("Contractor"), is for the provision of Tactical, Duty, and Professional Apparel and Accessories for Uniformed Employees and Students, as further defined in the "SCOPE." State and Contractor may be referred to individually as a "Party" or collectively as the "Parties" to this Contract.

The Contractor is **a/an Individual, For-Profit Corporation, Non-Profit Corporation, Special Purpose Corporation or Association, Partnership, Joint Venture, Or Limited Liability Company.**

Contractor Place of Incorporation or Organization: **Location**

Contractor Edison Registration ID # **Number**

A. SCOPE:

- A.1. The Contractor shall provide all goods or services and deliverables as required, described, and detailed below and shall meet all service and delivery timelines as specified by this Contract.
- A.2. Definitions. For purposes of this Contract, definitions shall be as follows and as set forth in the Contract:
- a. Alterations: Adjustments to apparel to improve fit such as hemming or lengthening pant legs, taking in or expanding waist-lines, and shortening sleeves.
 - b. Emergency Orders: delivery within one (1) to seven (7) calendar days of receipt of the order from the State and completion of any fittings, as applicable.
 - c. FFC: Tennessee Commission on Firefighting (Firefighting Commission)
 - d. Off-Site: Contractor owned or other property not used by TDCI.
 - e. On-Site: Property owned or leased by TDCI. TDCI does not have any other locations outside Davidson County, Tennessee for purposes of fittings.
 - f. POST: Tennessee Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission
 - g. Rush Orders: delivery within eight (8) to fourteen (14) calendar days of receipt of the order from the State and completion of any fittings, as applicable.
 - h. SFMO: Tennessee State Fire Marshal's Office
 - i. Standard delivery (On-Time): delivery within fourteen (14) to thirty (30) calendar days of receipt of the order from the State and completion of any fittings, as applicable
 - j. TDCI: Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance
 - k. Tactical: products that contain features, functions, or parts that serve a variety of purposes for a variety of needs, are built with unprecedented durability and versatility, military-inspired utility, and combat readiness. Products used by law enforcement, firefighting, emergency response, and training personnel include, but are not limited to, BDU shirts, pants, polos, boots, coats, badges, holsters, and body armor.
 - l. TFACA: Tennessee Fire Service and Codes Enforcement Academy
 - m. TLETA: Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Academy

- n. Traditional: products ideal for office and public settings, as well as training. Professional and operational styles include, but are not limited to, oxford button down shirts, polos, rain gear, t-shirts, jackets, vests, sweaters, sneakers, and caps
- A.3. The Contractor shall provide the brand and model products specified in Appendix [to be filled in after award of RFP # 33501-211012 to indicate A, B, and/or C, etc.] as indicated by the Contractor's proposal to RFP # 33501-211012 attached hereto as Attachment B. If any of the specified products are discontinued or become unavailable, the Contractor shall notify the Contract Administrator in writing within seven (7) calendar days from the date the Contractor becomes aware of the product's discontinuation or unavailability. The Contractor shall recommend replacement items of similar type, quality, and price in the notification.
- A.4. The Contractor shall be an authorized dealer, distributor, and/or retailer, of the products listed in applicable Appendix [to be filled in after award of RFP # 33501-211012 to indicate A, B, and/or C, etc.] if authorization is required by the manufacturer/brand. The Contractor shall provide an updated letter of authorization or similar document from the manufacturer/brand upon request of the State.
- A.5. The Contractor shall provide customization services such as embroidery, patch application, hemming, screen printing, and Alterations as specified in Appendix [to be filled in after award of RFP # 33501-211012 to indicate A, B, and/or C, etc.] if included as part of the Contractor's proposal to RFP # 33501-211012 attached hereto as Attachment B.
- A.6. The Contractor shall conduct Off-Site fittings within the state of Tennessee if storefronts listed by Contractor in the Contractor's proposal to RFP # 33501-211012, RFP attachment 6.2. – Section B, Item B.19 and Section C, Item C.8. attached hereto as Attachment D, upon request from the State. If any of the specified off-site locations become unavailable, the Contractor shall notify the Contract Administrator in writing within seven (7) calendar days from the date the Contractor causes or becomes aware of the unavailability of the location.

The Contractor shall conduct On-Site fittings within fourteen (14) calendar days of receiving a written request from the State or on a date agreed upon by the State as specified in Appendix [to be filled in after award of RFP # 33501-211012 to indicate A, B, and/or C, etc.] if included as part of the Contractor's proposal to RFP # 33501-211012 attached hereto as Attachment B. On-site fittings shall take place at the following locations:

TN Department of Commerce and Insurance
500 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, TN 37243

TN Department of Commerce and Insurance
TN Law Enforcement Training Academy
3025 Lebanon Pike
Nashville, TN 37219

- A.7. The Contractor shall provide the State with visual catalogs (paper, electronic, and/or web-based) that include the product name, product description, product number, and original price.
- Contractor shall provide visual catalogs for each brand specified in Appendix [to be filled in after award of RFP # 33501-211012 to indicate A, B, and/or C, etc.]. If off-brand apparel product(s) or product lines are substituted (as authorized in A. 15.), Contractor shall provide a visual catalog that includes the off-brand apparel product(s) or product lines to the State.
- A.8. The Contractor shall provide the State with the ability to order all products electronically.
- A.9. The State may order products at Off-Site locations. Contractor shall submit an electronic invoice to the State for products ordered at Off-Site locations, and the purchase shall be approved electronically by an authorized State employee prior to the Contractor releasing products at Off-

Site locations. Payment for the products shall not be required prior to releasing the products and shall be subject to the processes identified in Section C. of this Contract.

A.10. Shipping and Delivery:

- a. Standard Delivery (On-Time): The Contractor shall deliver products to the State, at the location requested by the State, within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt of the order from the State and completion of any fittings, as applicable.
 - (1) If more than thirty (30) calendar days is necessary for delivery at the time of the order, the Contractor shall provide the State with written notification that includes the estimated delivery time within three (3) business days of receiving the order. The State shall have the right to cancel all or part of the order within three (3) business days without penalty. Orders accepted under these circumstances are considered on-time if delivered within the initial estimated delivery time provided in the Contractor's written notification to the State.
 - (2) The Contractor shall not charge handling fees for Standard Delivery.
- b. If more than thirty (30) calendar days becomes necessary for delivery due to unanticipated circumstances, the Contractor shall notify the State in writing within two (2) calendar days from the date it becomes aware of the unanticipated circumstances and provide the estimated delivery date. The Contractor shall provide the State with options of similar type, quality and price to replace products for which delivery is delayed by more than thirty (30) calendar days. If more than sixty (60) calendar days, the State shall have the right to cancel all or part of the order without penalty.
- c. The State shall make all requests for Rush Order deliveries or Emergency Order deliveries in writing.
- d. The Contractor shall deliver and invoice for partial orders to ensure Standard Delivery of available products in accordance with this Section. Contractor shall be responsible for shipping delayed products separately.

A.11. The Contractor shall adhere to the return policy as indicated in the Contractor's proposal to RFP # 33501-211012, RFP attachment 6.2. – Section C, Item C.10. attached hereto as Attachment E to the extent that it does not conflict with Sections A. or C. of this Contract. The Contractor shall ensure delivery of products to correct Contractor's errors within fourteen (14) calendar days of being notified by the State.

A.12. Graphic Design. The Contractor shall provide graphic design services as necessary to ensure adjustments are made to any design from the State such that State badges, logos, and other insignia appear on the products in a clear, neat, professional, and correctly proportioned fashion. These graphic design services shall be provided at no additional cost to the State.

- a. If the State adds or changes its badges, logos, or other insignia, the Contractor shall be provided with an updated design. The Contractor shall create a sew-out of the new design and submit it by mail and by providing color digital high-resolution photographs of physical sew-outs from five angles (high, eye, low, left, and right) to the Contract Administrator for approval within ten (10) calendar days of receipt of request.
- b. The State shall retain ownership of all designs submitted to the Contractor, including any adjustments/modifications made by the Contractor.

A.13. Product Details and Customizations. Product categories, sizes, logo scaling, customization options, and applications for each badge, logo, and text are listed in TDCI Uniform Contract Specifications Attachment C. Customization options are subject to change upon request of the State. Designs for State badges, logos, and other insignia will be provided at the time of the order in PDF, JPEG, or EPS format.

- A. 14. The State may, at its sole discretion and with written notice to the Contractor, request changes in the Scope that are necessary, but were inadvertently unspecified in this Contract.
- A. 15. Substitute Items Offered by the Contractor. In the event that an awarded item is no longer being manufactured or is replaced by a functionally equivalent item with superior technological features to the item being replaced, Contractor may offer a substitute item ("Substitute"). The Substitute shall: (a) meet or exceed the functional, technical, and performance characteristics of the item being replaced; (b) not exceed the cost of the item being replaced by more than ten percent (10%); and (c) be available for order on the date Contractor requests to make the substitution. Contractor shall not make any substitutions for awarded items without the State's prior, written approval. Contractor shall submit any proposed substitutions to the State's Agency Procurement Officer, as designated in Section D.2. below, and include sufficient information to show that criteria (a) – (c) above are met. The Agency Procurement Officer may request sample Substitutes for inspection or testing.
- A. 16. Warranty. Contractor represents and warrants that the term of the warranty ("Warranty Period") shall be the greater of the Term of this Contract or any other warranty generally offered by Contractor, its suppliers, or manufacturers to customers of its goods or services. The goods or services provided under this Contract shall conform to the terms and conditions of this Contract throughout the Warranty Period. Any nonconformance of the goods or services to the terms and conditions of this Contract shall constitute a "Defect" and shall be considered "Defective." If Contractor receives notice of a Defect during the Warranty Period, then Contractor shall correct the Defect, at no additional charge.

Contractor represents and warrants that the State is authorized to possess and use all equipment, materials, software, and deliverables provided under this Contract.

Contractor represents and warrants that all goods or services provided under this Contract shall be provided in a timely and professional manner, by qualified and skilled individuals, and in conformity with standards generally accepted in Contractor's industry.

If Contractor fails to provide the goods or services as warranted, then Contractor will re-provide the goods or services at no additional charge. If Contractor is unable or unwilling to re-provide the goods or services as warranted, then the State shall be entitled to recover the fees paid to Contractor for the Defective goods or services. Any exercise of the State's rights under this Section shall not prejudice the State's rights to seek any other remedies available under this Contract or applicable law.

- A. 17. Inspection and Acceptance. The State shall have the right to inspect all goods or services provided by Contractor under this Contract. If, upon inspection, the State determines that the goods or services are Defective, the State shall notify Contractor, and Contractor shall re-deliver the goods or provide the services at no additional cost to the State. If after a period of thirty (30) days following delivery of goods or performance of services the State does not provide a notice of any Defects, the goods or services shall be deemed to have been accepted by the State.

B. TERM OF CONTRACT:

- B. 1. This Contract shall be effective on DATE ("Effective Date") and extend for a period of sixty (60) months after the Effective Date ("Term"). The State shall have no obligation for goods or services provided by the Contractor prior to the Effective Date.

C. PAYMENT TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

- C. 1. Maximum Liability. In no event shall the maximum liability of the State under this Contract exceed Written Dollar Amount (\$Number) ("Maximum Liability"). This Contract does not grant the Contractor any exclusive rights. The State does not guarantee that it will buy any minimum quantity of goods or services under this Contract. Subject to the terms and conditions of this Contract, the Contractor will only be paid for goods or services provided under this Contract after a purchase order is issued to Contractor by the State or as otherwise specified by this Contract.

- C.2. Price Changes. Prices listed in Section C.3. of this Contract, Appendix [to be filled in after award of RFP #33501-211012 to indicate A, B, and/or C etc.], and the catalog(ues) listed in the Contractor's proposal attached hereto as Attachment B, shall remain firm for twenty-four (24) months ("Firm Price Period").
- a. Price Decreases. After the Firm Price Period, prices shall be equitably adjusted to reflect a decrease in Contractor's costs.
 - b. Price Increases. After the Firm Price Period, Contractor may request price increases no more frequently than once per twelve (12) month period for the duration of this Contract. The request shall: include copies of the new price lists or catalog that reflect a change in the Contractor's cost; not constitute an increase in profit; and apply to all of the Contractor's customers.
 - c. Approval of Price Changes. The State may at its sole option: (1) grant the Contractor's request; (2) cancel the Contract and award it to the next apparent best evaluated Respondent; (3) cancel the Contract and reissue the solicitation; or (4) deny the Contractor's request. If approved, any price changes of less than seven percent (7%) will become effective upon the State's approval in writing. Price changes exceeding seven percent (7%) shall require a Contract amendment. The Contractor shall honor all purchase orders dated prior to the approved price change. Upon request from the State, the Contractor shall furnish the approved catalog, price schedule or price list as applicable to the State at no charge.
- C.3. Payment Methodology. The Contractor shall be compensated based on the payment rates for goods or services contained in Appendix [to be filled in after award of RFP # 33501-211012 to indicate A, B, and/or C, etc.], the catalog(s) listed in the Contractor's proposal to RFP # 33501-211012 attached hereto as Attachment B, and as authorized by the State in a total amount as set forth in Section C.1. The Contractor's compensation shall be contingent upon the satisfactory provision of goods or services as set forth in Section A.
- C.4. Travel Compensation. The Contractor shall not be compensated or reimbursed for travel time, travel expenses, meals, or lodging.
- C.5. Invoice Requirements. The Contractor shall invoice the State only for goods delivered and accepted by the State or services satisfactorily provided at the amounts stipulated in Section C.3., above. Contractor shall submit invoices and necessary supporting documentation, no more frequently than once a month, and no later than thirty (30) days after goods or services have been provided to the following address:

Department of Commerce and Insurance
 Attn: Accounts Payable
 500 James Robertson Parkway
 Nashville, TN 37243
 Email invoice to ciaccounts.payable@tn.gov (preferred)

- a. Each invoice, on Contractor's letterhead, shall clearly and accurately detail all of the following information (calculations must be extended and totaled correctly):
 - (1) Invoice number (assigned by the Contractor);
 - (2) Invoice date;
 - (3) Contract number (assigned by the State);
 - (4) Customer account name: Department of Commerce and Insurance
 - (5) Customer account number (assigned by the Contractor to the above-referenced Customer);
 - (6) Contractor name;
 - (7) Contractor Tennessee Edison registration ID number;
 - (8) Contractor contact for invoice questions (name, phone, or email);

- (9) Contractor remittance address;
- (10) Description of delivered goods or services provided and invoiced, including identifying information as applicable;
- (11) Number of delivered or completed units, increments, hours, or days as applicable, of each good or service invoiced;
- (12) Applicable payment methodology (as stipulated in Section C.3.) of each good or service invoiced;
- (13) Amount due for each compensable unit of good or service; and
- (14) Total amount due for the invoice period.

b. Contractor's invoices shall:

- (1) Only include charges for goods delivered or services provided as described in Section A and in accordance with payment terms and conditions set forth in Section C;
- (2) Only be submitted for goods delivered or services completed and shall not include any charge for future goods to be delivered or services to be performed;
- (3) Not include Contractor's taxes, which includes without limitation Contractor's sales and use tax, excise taxes, franchise taxes, real or personal property taxes, or income taxes; and
- (4) Include shipping or delivery charges only as authorized in this Contract.

c. The timeframe for payment (or any discounts) begins only when the State is in receipt of an invoice that meets the minimum requirements of this Section C.5.

C.6. Payment of Invoice. A payment by the State shall not prejudice the State's right to object to or question any payment, invoice, or other matter. A payment by the State shall not be construed as acceptance of goods delivered, any part of the services provided, or as approval of any amount invoiced.

C.7. Invoice Reductions. The Contractor's invoice shall be subject to reduction for amounts included in any invoice or payment that is determined by the State, on the basis of audits conducted in accordance with the terms of this Contract, to not constitute proper compensation for goods delivered or services provided.

C.8. Deductions. The State reserves the right to deduct from amounts, which are or shall become due and payable to the Contractor under this or any contract between the Contractor and the State of Tennessee, any amounts that are or shall become due and payable to the State of Tennessee by the Contractor.

C.9. Prerequisite Documentation. The Contractor shall not invoice the State under this Contract until the State has received the following, properly completed documentation.

- a. The Contractor shall complete, sign, and present to the State the "Authorization Agreement for Automatic Deposit Form" provided by the State. By doing so, the Contractor acknowledges and agrees that, once this form is received by the State, payments to the Contractor, under this or any other contract the Contractor has with the State of Tennessee, may be made by ACH; and
- b. The Contractor shall complete, sign, and return to the State the State-provided W-9 form. The taxpayer identification number on the W-9 form must be the same as the Contractor's Federal Employer Identification Number or Social Security Number referenced in the Contractor's Edison registration information.

D. MANDATORY TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

D.1. Required Approvals. The State is not bound by this Contract until it is duly approved by the Parties and all appropriate State officials in accordance with applicable Tennessee laws and regulations. Depending upon the specifics of this Contract, this may include approvals by the

Commissioner of Finance and Administration, the Commissioner of Human Resources, the Comptroller of the Treasury, and the Chief Procurement Officer. Approvals shall be evidenced by a signature or electronic approval.

- D.2. Communications and Contacts. All instructions, notices, consents, demands, or other communications required or contemplated by this Contract shall be in writing and shall be made by certified, first-class mail, return receipt requested and postage prepaid, by overnight courier service with an asset tracking system, or by email or facsimile transmission with recipient confirmation. All communications, regardless of method of transmission, shall be addressed to the respective Party at the appropriate mailing address, facsimile number, or email address as stated below or any other address provided in writing by a Party.

The State:

Angela Lay, Agency Procurement Officer
 Department of Commerce and Insurance
 500 James Robertson Parkway
 Nashville, TN 37243
 Angela.Lay@tn.gov
 Telephone # 615-741-4703

The Contractor:

Contractor Contact Name & Title
Contractor Name
Address
Email Address
Telephone # Number
FAX # Number

All instructions, notices, consents, demands, or other communications shall be considered effective upon receipt or recipient confirmation as may be required.

- D.3. Modification and Amendment. This Contract may be modified only by a written amendment signed by all Parties and approved by all applicable State officials.
- D.4. Subject to Funds Availability. The Contract is subject to the appropriation and availability of State or federal funds. In the event that the funds are not appropriated or are otherwise unavailable, the State reserves the right to terminate this Contract upon written notice to the Contractor. The State's exercise of its right to terminate this Contract shall not constitute a breach of Contract by the State. Upon receipt of the written notice, the Contractor shall cease all work associated with the Contract. If the State terminates this Contract due to lack of funds availability, the Contractor shall be entitled to compensation for all conforming goods requested and accepted by the State and for all satisfactory and authorized services completed as of the termination date. Should the State exercise its right to terminate this Contract due to unavailability of funds, the Contractor shall have no right to recover from the State any actual, general, special, incidental, consequential, or any other damages of any description or amount.
- D.5. Termination for Convenience. The State may terminate this Contract for convenience without cause and for any reason. The State shall give the Contractor at least thirty (30) days written notice before the termination date. The Contractor shall be entitled to compensation for all conforming goods delivered and accepted by the State or for satisfactory, authorized services completed as of the termination date. In no event shall the State be liable to the Contractor for compensation for any goods neither requested nor accepted by the State or for any services neither requested by the State nor satisfactorily performed by the Contractor. In no event shall the State's exercise of its right to terminate this Contract for convenience relieve the Contractor of any liability to the State for any damages or claims arising under this Contract.

- D.6. Termination for Cause. If the Contractor fails to properly perform its obligations under this Contract in a timely or proper manner, or if the Contractor materially violates any terms of this Contract ("Breach Condition"), the State shall have the right to immediately terminate the Contract and withhold payments in excess of compensation for completed services or provided goods. Notwithstanding the above, the Contractor shall not be relieved of liability to the State for damages sustained by virtue of any Breach Condition and the State may seek other remedies allowed at law or in equity for breach of this Contract.
- D.7. Assignment and Subcontracting. The Contractor shall not assign this Contract or enter into a subcontract for any of the goods or services provided under this Contract without the prior written approval of the State. Notwithstanding any use of the approved subcontractors, the Contractor shall be the prime contractor and responsible for compliance with all terms and conditions of this Contract. The State reserves the right to request additional information or impose additional terms and conditions before approving an assignment of this Contract in whole or in part or the use of subcontractors in fulfilling the Contractor's obligations under this Contract.
- D.8. Conflicts of Interest. The Contractor warrants that no part of the Contractor's compensation shall be paid directly or indirectly to an employee or official of the State of Tennessee as wages, compensation, or gifts in exchange for acting as an officer, agent, employee, subcontractor, or consultant to the Contractor in connection with any work contemplated or performed under this Contract.

The Contractor acknowledges, understands, and agrees that this Contract shall be null and void if the Contractor is, or within the past six (6) months has been, an employee of the State of Tennessee or if the Contractor is an entity in which a controlling interest is held by an individual who is, or within the past six (6) months has been, an employee of the State of Tennessee.

- D.9. Nondiscrimination. The Contractor hereby agrees, warrants, and assures that no person shall be excluded from participation in, be denied benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination in the performance of this Contract or in the employment practices of the Contractor on the grounds of handicap or disability, age, race, creed, color, religion, sex, national origin, or any other classification protected by federal or state law. The Contractor shall, upon request, show proof of nondiscrimination and shall post in conspicuous places, available to all employees and applicants, notices of nondiscrimination.
- D.10. Prohibition of Illegal Immigrants. The requirements of Tenn. Code Ann. § 12-3-309 addressing the use of illegal immigrants in the performance of any contract to supply goods or services to the state of Tennessee, shall be a material provision of this Contract, a breach of which shall be grounds for monetary and other penalties, up to and including termination of this Contract.
- a. The Contractor agrees that the Contractor shall not knowingly utilize the services of an illegal immigrant in the performance of this Contract and shall not knowingly utilize the services of any subcontractor who will utilize the services of an illegal immigrant in the performance of this Contract. The Contractor shall reaffirm this attestation, in writing, by submitting to the State a completed and signed copy of the document at Attachment A, semi-annually during the Term. If the Contractor is a party to more than one contract with the State, the Contractor may submit one attestation that applies to all contracts with the State. All Contractor attestations shall be maintained by the Contractor and made available to State officials upon request.
 - b. Prior to the use of any subcontractor in the performance of this Contract, and semi-annually thereafter, during the Term, the Contractor shall obtain and retain a current, written attestation that the subcontractor shall not knowingly utilize the services of an illegal immigrant to perform work under this Contract and shall not knowingly utilize the services of any subcontractor who will utilize the services of an illegal immigrant to perform work under this Contract. Attestations obtained from subcontractors shall be maintained by the Contractor and made available to State officials upon request.

- c. The Contractor shall maintain records for all personnel used in the performance of this Contract. Contractor's records shall be subject to review and random inspection at any reasonable time upon reasonable notice by the State.
 - d. The Contractor understands and agrees that failure to comply with this section will be subject to the sanctions of Tenn. Code Ann. § 12-3-309 for acts or omissions occurring after its effective date.
 - e. For purposes of this Contract, "illegal immigrant" shall be defined as any person who is not: (i) a United States citizen; (ii) a Lawful Permanent Resident; (iii) a person whose physical presence in the United States is authorized; (iv) allowed by the federal Department of Homeland Security and who, under federal immigration laws or regulations, is authorized to be employed in the U.S.; or (v) is otherwise authorized to provide services under the Contract.
- D.11. Records. The Contractor shall maintain documentation for all charges under this Contract. The books, records, and documents of the Contractor, for work performed or money received under this Contract, shall be maintained for a period of five (5) full years from the date of the final payment and shall be subject to audit at any reasonable time and upon reasonable notice by the State, the Comptroller of the Treasury, or their duly appointed representatives. The financial statements shall be prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.
- D.12. Monitoring. The Contractor's activities conducted and records maintained pursuant to this Contract shall be subject to monitoring and evaluation by the State, the Comptroller of the Treasury, or their duly appointed representatives.
- D.13. Progress Reports. The Contractor shall submit brief, periodic, progress reports to the State as requested.
- D.14. Strict Performance. Failure by any Party to this Contract to require, in any one or more cases, the strict performance of any of the terms, covenants, conditions, or provisions of this Contract shall not be construed as a waiver or relinquishment of any term, covenant, condition, or provision. No term or condition of this Contract shall be held to be waived, modified, or deleted except by a written amendment signed by the Parties.
- D.15. Independent Contractor. The Parties shall not act as employees, partners, joint venturers, or associates of one another. The Parties are independent contracting entities. Nothing in this Contract shall be construed to create an employer/employee relationship or to allow either Party to exercise control or direction over the manner or method by which the other transacts its business affairs or provides its usual services. The employees or agents of one Party are not employees or agents of the other Party.
- D.16. Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. The Contractor agrees that it will be responsible for compliance with the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act ("PPACA") with respect to itself and its employees, including any obligation to report health insurance coverage, provide health insurance coverage, or pay any financial assessment, tax, or penalty for not providing health insurance. The Contractor shall indemnify the State and hold it harmless from any costs to the State arising from Contractor's failure to fulfill its PPACA responsibilities for itself or its employees.
- D.17. Limitation of State's Liability. The State shall have no liability except as specifically provided in this Contract. In no event will the State be liable to the Contractor or any other party for any lost revenues, lost profits, loss of business, decrease in the value of any securities or cash position, time, goodwill, or any indirect, special, incidental, punitive, exemplary or consequential damages of any nature, whether based on warranty, contract, statute, regulation, tort (including but not limited to negligence), or any other legal theory that may arise under this Contract or otherwise. The State's total liability under this Contract (including any exhibits, schedules, amendments or other attachments to the Contract) or otherwise shall under no circumstances exceed the Maximum Liability. This limitation of liability is cumulative and not per incident.

D.18. Limitation of Contractor's Liability. In accordance with Tenn. Code Ann. § 12-3-701, the Contractor's liability for all claims arising under this Contract shall be limited to an amount equal to two (2) times the Maximum Liability amount detailed in Section C.1. and as may be amended, PROVIDED THAT in no event shall this Section limit the liability of the Contractor for: (i) intellectual property or any Contractor indemnity obligations for infringement for third-party intellectual property rights; (ii) any claims covered by any specific provision in the Contract providing for liquidated damages; or (iii) any claims for intentional torts, criminal acts, fraudulent conduct, or acts or omissions that result in personal injuries or death. For clarity, except as otherwise expressly set forth in this Section, Contractor's indemnification obligations and other remedies available under this Contract are subject to the limitations on liability set forth in this Section.

D.19. Hold Harmless. The Contractor agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the State of Tennessee as well as its officers, agents, and employees from and against any and all claims, liabilities, losses, and causes of action which may arise, accrue, or result to any person, firm, corporation, or other entity which may be injured or damaged as a result of acts, omissions, or negligence on the part of the Contractor, its employees, or any person acting for or on its or their behalf relating to this Contract. The Contractor further agrees it shall be liable for the reasonable cost of attorneys' fees, court costs, expert witness fees, and other litigation expenses for the State to enforce the terms of this Contract.

In the event of any suit or claim, the Parties shall give each other immediate notice and provide all necessary assistance to respond. The failure of the State to give notice shall only relieve the Contractor of its obligations under this Section to the extent that the Contractor can demonstrate actual prejudice arising from the failure to give notice. This Section shall not grant the Contractor, through its attorneys, the right to represent the State in any legal matter, as the right to represent the State is governed by Tenn. Code Ann. § 8-6-106.

D.20. HIPAA Compliance. The State and Contractor shall comply with obligations under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 ("HIPAA"), Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health ("HITECH") Act and any other relevant laws and regulations regarding privacy (collectively the "Privacy Rules"). The obligations set forth in this Section shall survive the termination of this Contract.

- a. Contractor warrants to the State that it is familiar with the requirements of the Privacy Rules and will comply with all applicable requirements in the course of this Contract.
- b. Contractor warrants that it will cooperate with the State, including cooperation and coordination with State privacy officials and other compliance officers required by the Privacy Rules, in the course of performance of the Contract so that both parties will be in compliance with the Privacy Rules.
- c. The State and the Contractor will sign documents, including but not limited to business associate agreements, as required by the Privacy Rules and that are reasonably necessary to keep the State and Contractor in compliance with the Privacy Rules. This provision shall not apply if information received or delivered by the parties under this Contract is NOT "protected health information" as defined by the Privacy Rules, or if the Privacy Rules permit the parties to receive or deliver the information without entering into a business associate agreement or signing another document.
- d. The Contractor will indemnify the State and hold it harmless for any violation by the Contractor or its subcontractors of the Privacy Rules. This includes the costs of responding to a breach of protected health information, the costs of responding to a government enforcement action related to the breach, and any fines, penalties, or damages paid by the State because of the violation.

D.21. Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System. Subject to statutory exceptions contained in Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 8-36-801, *et seq.*, the law governing the Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System ("TCRS"), provides that if a retired member of TCRS, or of any superseded system

administered by TCRS, or of any local retirement fund established under Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 8-35-101, *et seq.*, accepts State employment, the member's retirement allowance is suspended during the period of the employment. Accordingly and notwithstanding any provision of this Contract to the contrary, the Contractor agrees that if it is later determined that the true nature of the working relationship between the Contractor and the State under this Contract is that of "employee/employer" and not that of an independent contractor, the Contractor, if a retired member of TCRS, may be required to repay to TCRS the amount of retirement benefits the Contractor received from TCRS during the Term.

- D.22. Tennessee Department of Revenue Registration. The Contractor shall comply with all applicable registration requirements contained in Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 67-6-601 – 608. Compliance with applicable registration requirements is a material requirement of this Contract.
- D.23. Debarment and Suspension. The Contractor certifies, to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it, its current and future principals, its current and future subcontractors and their principals:
- a. are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any federal or state department or agency;
 - b. have not within a three (3) year period preceding this Contract been convicted of, or had a civil judgment rendered against them from commission of fraud, or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (federal, state, or local) transaction or grant under a public transaction; violation of federal or state antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification, or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
 - c. are not presently indicted or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a government entity (federal, state, or local) with commission of any of the offenses detailed in section b. of this certification; and
 - d. have not within a three (3) year period preceding this Contract had one or more public transactions (federal, state, or local) terminated for cause or default.

The Contractor shall provide immediate written notice to the State if at any time it learns that there was an earlier failure to disclose information or that due to changed circumstances, its principals or the principals of its subcontractors are excluded, disqualified, or presently fall under any of the prohibitions of sections a-d.

- D.24. Force Majeure. "Force Majeure Event" means fire, flood, earthquake, elements of nature or acts of God, wars, riots, civil disorders, rebellions or revolutions, acts of terrorism or any other similar cause beyond the reasonable control of the Party except to the extent that the non-performing Party is at fault in failing to prevent or causing the default or delay, and provided that the default or delay cannot reasonably be circumvented by the non-performing Party through the use of alternate sources, workaround plans or other means. A strike, lockout or labor dispute shall not excuse either Party from its obligations under this Contract. Except as set forth in this Section, any failure or delay by a Party in the performance of its obligations under this Contract arising from a Force Majeure Event is not a default under this Contract or grounds for termination. The non-performing Party will be excused from performing those obligations directly affected by the Force Majeure Event, and only for as long as the Force Majeure Event continues, provided that the Party continues to use diligent, good faith efforts to resume performance without delay. The occurrence of a Force Majeure Event affecting Contractor's representatives, suppliers, subcontractors, customers or business apart from this Contract is not a Force Majeure Event under this Contract. Contractor will promptly notify the State of any delay caused by a Force Majeure Event (to be confirmed in a written notice to the State within one (1) day of the inception of the delay) that a Force Majeure Event has occurred and will describe in reasonable detail the nature of the Force Majeure Event. If any Force Majeure Event results in a delay in Contractor's performance longer than forty-eight (48) hours, the State may, upon notice to Contractor: (a) cease payment of the fees for the affected obligations until Contractor resumes performance of the affected obligations; or (b) immediately terminate this Contract or any purchase order, in

whole or in part, without further payment except for fees then due and payable. Contractor will not increase its charges under this Contract or charge the State any fees other than those provided for in this Contract as the result of a Force Majeure Event.

- D.25. State and Federal Compliance. The Contractor shall comply with all State and federal laws and regulations applicable to Contractor in the Contractor's performance of this Contract.
- D.26. Governing Law. This Contract shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Tennessee, without regard to its conflict or choice of law rules. The Tennessee Claims Commission or the state or federal courts in Tennessee shall be the venue for all claims, disputes, or disagreements arising under this Contract. The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that any rights, claims, or remedies against the State of Tennessee or its employees arising under this Contract shall be subject to and limited to those rights and remedies available under Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 9-8-101 - 408.
- D.27. Entire Agreement. This Contract is complete and contains the entire understanding between the Parties relating to its subject matter, including all the terms and conditions of the Parties' agreement. This Contract supersedes any and all prior understandings, representations, negotiations, and agreements between the Parties, whether written or oral.
- D.28. Severability. If any terms and conditions of this Contract are held to be invalid or unenforceable as a matter of law, the other terms and conditions of this Contract shall not be affected and shall remain in full force and effect. The terms and conditions of this Contract are severable.
- D.29. Headings. Section headings of this Contract are for reference purposes only and shall not be construed as part of this Contract.
- D.30. Incorporation of Additional Documents. Each of the following documents is included as a part of this Contract by reference. In the event of a discrepancy or ambiguity regarding the Contractor's duties, responsibilities, and performance under this Contract, these items shall govern in order of precedence below:
- a. any amendment to this Contract, with the latter in time controlling over any earlier amendments;
 - b. this Contract with any attachments or exhibits (excluding the items listed at subsections c. through f., below), which includes Attachments A, B, and C;
 - c. any clarifications of or addenda to the Contractor's proposal seeking this Contract;
 - d. the State solicitation, as may be amended, requesting responses in competition for this Contract;
 - e. any technical specifications provided to proposers during the procurement process to award this Contract; and
 - f. the Contractor's response seeking this Contract.
- D.31. Iran Divestment Act. The requirements of Tenn. Code Ann. § 12-12-101, *et seq.*, addressing contracting with persons as defined at Tenn. Code Ann. §12-12-103(5) that engage in investment activities in Iran, shall be a material provision of this Contract. The Contractor certifies, under penalty of perjury, that to the best of its knowledge and belief that it is not on the list created pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 12-12-106.
- D.32. Insurance. Contractor shall maintain insurance coverage as specified in this Section. The State reserves the right to amend or require additional insurance coverage, coverage amounts, and endorsements required under this Contract. Contractor's failure to maintain or submit evidence of insurance coverage, as required, is a material breach of this Contract. If Contractor loses insurance coverage, fails to renew coverage, or for any reason becomes uninsured during the Term, Contractor shall immediately notify the State. All insurance companies providing coverage must be: (a) acceptable to the State; (b) authorized by the Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance ("TDCI"); and (c) rated A- / VII or better by A.M. Best. All coverage must be on a primary basis and noncontributory with any other insurance or self-insurance carried by the State. Contractor agrees to name the State as an additional insured on any insurance policy with the exception of workers' compensation (employer liability) and professional liability (errors and omissions) insurance. All policies must contain an endorsement for a waiver of subrogation in

favor of the State. Any deductible or self-insured retention (“SIR”) over fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) must be approved by the State. The deductible or SIR and any premiums are the Contractor’s sole responsibility. The Contractor agrees that the insurance requirements specified in this Section do not reduce any liability the Contractor has assumed under this Contract including any indemnification or hold harmless requirements.

To achieve the required coverage amounts, a combination of an otherwise deficient specific policy and an umbrella policy with an aggregate meeting or exceeding the required coverage amounts is acceptable. For example: If the required policy limit under this Contract is for two million dollars (\$2,000,000) in coverage, acceptable coverage would include a specific policy covering one million dollars (\$1,000,000) combined with an umbrella policy for an additional one million dollars (\$1,000,000). If the deficient underlying policy is for a coverage area without aggregate limits (generally Automobile Liability and Employers’ Liability Accident), Contractor shall provide a copy of the umbrella insurance policy documents to ensure that no aggregate limit applies to the umbrella policy for that coverage area. In the event that an umbrella policy is being provided to achieve any required coverage amounts, the umbrella policy shall be accompanied by an endorsement at least as broad as the Insurance Services Office, Inc. (also known as “ISO”) “Noncontributory—Other Insurance Condition” endorsement or shall be written on a policy form that addresses both the primary and noncontributory basis of the umbrella policy if the State is otherwise named as an additional insured.

Contractor shall provide the State a certificate of insurance (“COI”) evidencing the coverages and amounts specified in this Section. The COI must be on a form approved by the TDCI (standard ACORD form preferred). The COI must list each insurer’s National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) number and be signed by an authorized representative of the insurer. The COI must list the State of Tennessee – CPO Risk Manager, 312 Rosa L. Parks Ave., 3rd floor Central Procurement Office, Nashville, TN 37243 as the certificate holder. Contractor shall provide the COI ten (10) business days prior to the Effective Date and again thirty (30) calendar days before renewal or replacement of coverage. Contractor shall provide the State evidence that all subcontractors maintain the required insurance or that subcontractors are included under the Contractor’s policy. At any time, the State may require Contractor to provide a valid COI. The Parties agree that failure to provide evidence of insurance coverage as required is a material breach of this Contract. If Contractor self-insures, then a COI will not be required to prove coverage. Instead, Contractor shall provide a certificate of self-insurance or a letter, on Contractor’s letterhead, detailing its coverage, policy amounts, and proof of funds to reasonably cover such expenses. The State reserves the right to require complete copies of all required insurance policies, including endorsements required by these specifications, at any time.

The State agrees that it shall give written notice to the Contractor as soon as practicable after the State becomes aware of any claim asserted or made against the State, but in no event later than thirty (30) calendar days after the State becomes aware of such claim. The failure of the State to give notice shall only relieve the Contractor of its obligations under this Section to the extent that the Contractor can demonstrate actual prejudice arising from the failure to give notice. This Section shall not grant the Contractor or its insurer, through its attorneys, the right to represent the State in any legal matter, as the right to represent the State is governed by Tenn. Code Ann. § 8-6-106.

The insurance obligations under this Contract shall be: (1)—all the insurance coverage and policy limits carried by the Contractor; or (2)—the minimum insurance coverage requirements and policy limits shown in this Contract; whichever is greater. Any insurance proceeds in excess of or broader than the minimum required coverage and minimum required policy limits, which are applicable to a given loss, shall be available to the State. No representation is made that the minimum insurance requirements of the Contract are sufficient to cover the obligations of the Contractor arising under this Contract. The Contractor shall obtain and maintain, at a minimum, the following insurance coverages and policy limits.

a. Commercial General Liability (“CGL”) Insurance

- 1) The Contractor shall maintain CGL, which shall be written on an ISO Form CG 00 01 occurrence form (or a substitute form providing equivalent coverage) and shall cover liability arising from property damage, premises and operations

products and completed operations, bodily injury, personal and advertising injury, and liability assumed under an insured contract (including the tort liability of another assumed in a business contract).

The Contractor shall maintain single limits not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence. If a general aggregate limit applies, either the general aggregate limit shall apply separately to this policy or location of occurrence or the general aggregate limit shall be twice the required occurrence limit.

b. Workers' Compensation and Employer Liability Insurance

- 1) For Contractors statutorily required to carry workers' compensation and employer liability insurance, the Contractor shall maintain:
 - i. Workers' compensation in an amount not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000) including employer liability of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) per accident for bodily injury by accident, one million dollars (\$1,000,000) policy limit by disease, and one million dollars (\$1,000,000) per employee for bodily injury by disease.
- 2) If the Contractor certifies that it is exempt from the requirements of Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 50-6-101 – 103, then the Contractor shall furnish written proof of such exemption for one or more of the following reasons:
 - i. The Contractor employs fewer than five (5) employees;
 - ii. The Contractor is a sole proprietor;
 - iii. The Contractor is in the construction business or trades with no employees;
 - iv. The Contractor is in the coal mining industry with no employees;
 - v. The Contractor is a state or local government; or
 - vi. The Contractor self-insures its workers' compensation and is in compliance with the TDCI rules and Tenn. Code Ann. § 50-6-405.

c. Automobile Liability Insurance

- 1) The Contractor shall maintain automobile liability insurance which shall cover liability arising out of any automobile (including owned, leased, hired, and non-owned automobiles).
- 2) The Contractor shall maintain bodily injury/property damage with a limit not less than one million dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence or combined single limit.

D.33. Major Procurement Contract Sales and Use Tax. Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-39-102 and to the extent applicable, the Contractor and the Contractor's subcontractors shall remit sales and use taxes on the sales of goods or services that are made by the Contractor or the Contractor's subcontractors and that are subject to tax.

D.34. Confidentiality of Records. Strict standards of confidentiality of records and information shall be maintained in accordance with applicable state and federal law. All material and information, regardless of form, medium or method of communication, provided to the Contractor by the State or acquired by the Contractor on behalf of the State that is regarded as confidential under state or federal law shall be regarded as "Confidential Information." Nothing in this Section shall permit Contractor to disclose any Confidential Information, regardless of whether it has been disclosed or made available to the Contractor due to intentional or negligent actions or inactions of agents of the State or third parties. Confidential Information shall not be disclosed except as required or permitted under state or federal law. Contractor shall take all necessary steps to safeguard the confidentiality of such material or information in conformance with applicable state and federal law.

The obligations set forth in this Section shall survive the termination of this Contract.

- D.35. Boycott of Israel. The Contractor certifies that it is not currently engaged in, and covenants that it will not, for the duration of the Contract, engage in a Boycott of Israel, as that term is defined in Public Chapter No. 775.

E. SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

- E.1. Conflicting Terms and Conditions. Should any of these special terms and conditions conflict with any other terms and conditions of this Contract, the special terms and conditions shall be subordinate to the Contract's other terms and conditions.
- E.2. Contractor Commitment to Diversity. The Contractor shall comply with and make reasonable business efforts to exceed the commitment to diversity represented by the Contractor's Response to RFP 33501-211012 (Attachment 6.2. — SECTION B, Item B. 15.) and resulting in this Contract.

The Contractor shall assist the State in monitoring the Contractor's performance of this commitment by providing, as requested, a monthly report of participation in the performance of this Contract by small business enterprises and businesses owned by minorities, women, service-disabled veterans, and persons with disabilities. Such reports shall be provided to the State of Tennessee Governor's Office of Diversity Business Enterprise in the TN Diversity Software available online at:

<https://tn.diversitysoftware.com/FrontEnd/StartCertification.asp?TN=tn&XID=9810>.

- E.3. Additional lines, items, or options. At its sole discretion, the State may make written requests to the Contractor to add lines, items, or options that are needed and within the Scope but were not included in the original Contract. Such lines, items, or options will be added to the Contract through a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU"), not an amendment.
- a. After the Contractor receives a written request to add lines, items, or options, the Contractor shall have ten (10) business days to respond with a written proposal. The Contractor's written proposal shall include:
 - (1) The effect, if any, of adding the lines, items, or options on the other goods or services required under the Contract;
 - (2) Any pricing related to the new lines, items, or options;
 - (3) The expected effective date for the availability of the new lines, items, or options; and
 - (4) Any additional information requested by the State.
 - b. The State may negotiate the terms of the Contractor's proposal by requesting revisions to the proposal.
 - c. To indicate acceptance of a proposal, the State will sign it. The signed proposal shall constitute a MOU between the Parties, and the lines, items, or options shall be incorporated into the Contract as if set forth verbatim.
 - d. Only after a MOU has been executed shall the Contractor perform or deliver the new lines, items, or options.
- E.4. State Ownership of Goods. The State shall have ownership, right, title, and interest in all goods provided by Contractor under this Contract including full rights to use the goods and transfer title in the goods to any third parties.
- E.5. License. State hereby grants to Contractor the non-exclusive, non-transferable license, privilege and authority to use the Property in connection with the project as approved, set out in this Contract at Section A/Attachment Reference all other rights being reserved to State for the Term of this contract as provided below.
- a. Property. The "Property" licensed [Insert word portion of mark, if any] mark:

[Insert picture of mark]
 - i. Exclusivity. None.

- ii. Territory. Worldwide.
- b. Term. Contractor shall begin to use the Property as set out in Contract Section A/Attachment Reference and shall cease upon termination of the Contract unless otherwise agreed to herein.
- c. Use Limitations and Collateral Materials. The Property may be used on signs, promotional materials, marketing materials, Contractor's visitor website, and/or as otherwise set out in Contract [insert Contract #], Section A/Attachment Reference. The License also includes the right to create and use promotional, advertising and packing material in connection with marketing of the services. In advertising and promoting with use of the Property, Contractor shall seek prior approval as set out in this Section. The Contractor does not have any rights to use the Property on any consumer products or merchandise rights.
- d. Use of Signage and Other Materials. Upon expiration of this License, Contractor shall cease use of the Property on current materials. If this License is terminated earlier than contemplated by this Contract, Contractor and State shall negotiate in good faith the wind up of the License.
- e. Sub-licensing. Sub-licensing is not allowed.
- f. Approvals. All use of the Property shall require State's prior written approval. Failure to obtain approvals at all stages shall be cause for termination of Contractor's use of the Property, only, and not the remainder of the Contract unless failure to use the Property results in a material breach.
- g. Intellectual Property Notices. The Property shall always be displayed with the "®" symbol and the following notice shall appear, where space permits, on all marketing or collateral materials bearing the Property:

[Insert word portion of Mark, if any] is a registered trademark and is used under license to the Contractor.
- h. Exclusive Property of State. The Property is and shall remain the exclusive property of State and all rights arising from the use of the Property, shall inure to State. Contractor acknowledges that it does not now have and in the future will not assert any right, title or interest of any kind or nature whatsoever in or to the Property nor will it change or contest any of State's rights therein.
- i. Royalty Rate. This License shall be royalty free.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF,

CONTRACTOR LEGAL ENTITY NAME:

CONTRACTOR SIGNATURE

DATE

PRINTED NAME AND TITLE OF CONTRACTOR SIGNATORY (above)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND INSURANCE:

CARTER LAWRENCE, COMMISSIONER

DATE

ATTACHMENT A**ATTESTATION RE PERSONNEL USED IN CONTRACT PERFORMANCE**

SUBJECT CONTRACT NUMBER:	
CONTRACTOR LEGAL ENTITY NAME:	
EDISON VENDOR IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:	

The Contractor, identified above, does hereby attest, certify, warrant, and assure that the Contractor shall not knowingly utilize the services of an illegal immigrant in the performance of this Contract and shall not knowingly utilize the services of any subcontractor who will utilize the services of an illegal immigrant in the performance of this Contract.

CONTRACTOR SIGNATURE

NOTICE: This attestation MUST be signed by an individual empowered to contractually bind the Contractor. Attach evidence documenting the individual's authority to contractually bind the Contractor, unless the signatory is the Contractor's chief executive or president.

PRINTED NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNATORY

DATE OF ATTESTATION

ATTACHMENT B

*Reserve for Attachment B – RFP 33501-211012 Proposal with Awarded Attachment 6.3
Cost Proposal & Scoring Guide Part B*

TDCI UNIFORM CONTRACT SPECIFICATIONS**ATTACHMENT C****Contractor Requirements:**

Contractor(s) must be an authorized distributor or reseller of the specified brands, as required by the manufacturer. Contractor(s) must be able to provide a letter of authorization from the manufacturer upon request. Apparel and accessory brands include 5.11 Tactical, Armor Express, Bianchi, Blackhawk, Blackinton, Blauer, Brooks, Columbia, Cornerstone, Eddie Bauer, Flying Cross, First Tactical, FlexFit, Gildan, Merrell, Muck, Port and Company, Port Authority, Propper, Rings Manufacturing, Safariland, Sport-Tek, Tru-Spec, Under Armour, Viking, and We The People Holsters.

If any of the specified products are discontinued or become unavailable, the Contractor shall notify the Contract Administrator in writing within seven (7) calendar days from the date the Contractor becomes aware of the product's discontinuation or unavailability. The Contractor shall recommend replacement items of similar type, quality, and price in the notification.

Below is a description of the customizations required for each current badge or logo and the associated product categories. Contractor(s) must submit a sew-out and color digital high-resolution photographs of each physical sew-out from five (5) angles (high, eye, low, left, and right) as part of the technical proposal, as indicated in RFP Section 3.2.2. and RFP Attachment 6.2. – Section C.

Customizations:

This contract requires embroidery, patch application, screen printing, and Alterations/fittings. Badges and logos may also require scaling/resizing prior to production as well as typesetting. Below are the current badges and logos used in this contract, approximate scaling, modifications, customizations, and optional typesetting for each one. Specific text for each item, if applicable, will be provided at the time of the order.

If the State of Tennessee or TDCI change any badges or logos, the contractor will be provided updated graphics as soon as they are available. The contractor will create a sew-out of the new design along with color digital high-resolution photographs of each physical sew-out from five (5) angles (high, eye, low, left, and right) and submit them to the contract administrator for approval within ten (10) calendar days of receipt of request as indicated in the Proforma contract Section A.12

Current Badge or Logo with Associated Product Types and Customizations, if applicable.**TLETA Patch Logo: Embroidered Traditional, Embroidered Tactical**

- Scale to approximately 2 ¼" x 2 ¼"
- Embroider in at least four (4) colors on left chest/pocket area
- Embroider text below the badge, in an outlined arch/rocker, using gold thread to match the denoted logo in color and font type

Bottom Rocker: Director
 Assistant Director
 Supervisor of Training
 Instructor
 Supervisor

- Embroider on front of ball cap

TLETA Badge: Screen Printed Traditional

- Scale to approximately 3" x 3.5"
- T-shirt printing in one (1) color on the left chest area
- Typeset TLETA above badge and TLETA INSTRUCTOR across back

TLETA Supplied Badge, Name Plate, and Patches: Embroidered Tactical

- TLETA will send badge, name plate, and patches to the contractor at the time of order
- Affix badge and name plate to front of garment as directed in the order and a patch on each sleeve
- Typeset embroidered Instructor name on the name plate

TLETA Typeset Only: Screen Printed Traditional

- Side of shorts and sweatpants
- Front and back of student sweatshirts and T-shirts

POST Logo: Embroidered Traditional, Embroidered Tactical

- Scale to approximately 3" x 3"
- Embroider full color on left chest/pocket area
- Embroider text below the logo, in an outlined arch/rocker below the badge, using gold thread to match the denoted logo in color and font type

Bottom Rocker: Asst. Director
Investigator

SFMO Badge: Embroidered Traditional, Embroidered Tactical, Screen Printed Traditional

- Scale to approximately 3" x 3"
- Embroider in at least three (3) colors on the left chest/pocket area
- T-shirt printing in one (1) color on the left chest area, typeset across back

SFMO Logo: Embroidered Traditional, Embroidered Tactical, Screen Printed Traditional

- Scale to approximately 3" x 3"
- Embroider in at least three (3) colors on the left chest/pocket area
- T-shirt printing in one (1) color on the left chest area, typeset across back
- *(Optional) Embroider text above and below the embroidered logo as indicated, arched to encircle the badge, and using thread color and font type to match the denoted logo as appropriate for the garment*

Top Arch: Employee Title

*Bottom Arch: Codes Enforcement Section
Electrical and Residential Codes Section
Manufactured Housing & Modular Buildings Section*

TFACA Logo: Embroidered Traditional, Embroidered Tactical, Screen Printed Traditional

- Scale to approximately 2" x 3.30"
- Embroider in at least three (3) colors on the left chest/pocket area
- T-shirt printing in one (1) color on the left chest area

FFC Logo: Embroidered Traditional, Embroidered Tactical, Screen Printed Traditional

- Scale to approximately 3" x 3"
- Embroider in at least four (4) colors on the left chest/pocket area
- T-shirt printing in one (1) color on the left chest area

Department of Commerce & Insurance TN Logo: Embroidered Traditional, Embroidered Tactical, Screen Printed Traditional

- Scale to approximately 1.325" x 3.5"
- Embroider in at least three (3) colors on the left chest/pocket area
- T-shirt printing in one (1) color on the left chest area