

Meeting Date: 10/29/2013

Report Type: Consent

Report ID: 2013-00804

Title: Cooperative Purchase Agreement: Backhoe and Water Trucks

Location: Citywide

Issue: The Department of General Services, Fleet Management Division, has a customer requirement to purchase one replacement backhoe and two replacement water trucks for the Department of Utilities, Operations and Maintenance Division.

Recommendation: Pass a Motion 1) approving the use of the National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) cooperative purchase agreement with CNH America LLC (Contract No. 060311-CNH) for the purchase of one backhoe and two water trucks in an amount not to exceed \$363,974 through December 31, 2013; and 2) authorizing the City Manager or the City Manager's designee to execute the purchase specified above.

Contact: Keith Leech, Fleet Manager, (916) 808-5869, Department of General Services

Presenter: None

Department: General Services

Division: Fleet Management Admin

Dept ID: 13001311

Attachments:

1-Description/Analysis

2-Contract

City Attorney Review

Approved as to Form
Kourtney Burdick
10/18/2013 9:26:15 AM

City Treasurer Review

Reviewed for Impact on Cash and Debt
Russell Fehr
10/11/2013 11:56:28 AM

Approvals/Acknowledgements

Department Director or Designee: Reina Schwartz - 10/15/2013 9:54:57 AM

Description/Analysis

Issue Detail: The Department of General Services (DGS), Fleet Management Division, has a customer requirement to purchase one replacement backhoe and two replacement water trucks for the Department of Utilities (DOU), Operations and Maintenance Division. This equipment will be used for water pipe repair and sewer cleaning, maintenance and repair.

Policy Considerations: The recommendations in this report are in accordance with City Code Chapter 3.56 regarding the purchase of supplies and the use of cooperative purchase agreements.

Economic Impacts: None

Environmental Considerations:

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA): No environmental review is necessary because the recommendations in this report involve the purchase of supplies and are not considered to be a project in accordance with Section 15378(b)(2) of the CEQA Guidelines.

Sustainability: The recommended purchases are consistent with the Fleet Sustainability Policy adopted by City Council on February 16, 2010 (Resolution No. 2010-083).

Commission/Committee Action: None

Rationale for Recommendation: After reviewing the available purchase options, Fleet Management staff determined that the recommended cooperative purchase agreement with the National Joint Powers Authority (NJPA) represents the most advantageous purchasing strategy. Fleet Management staff has confirmed with Sonsray Machinery LLC, the local dealer for CNH America LLC fleet equipment, that the NJPA agreement offers better pricing than it could offer if competitively bid by Fleet Management at this time.

In an ongoing effort to maximize cost savings and staff resources, many government agencies share contracting efforts through cooperative purchasing. This procurement approach increases pricing competitiveness and lowers operating costs through volume buying. When comparing the administrative costs of procurement, staff considers product research, source selection, specifications, advertising, staff reports, awarding, protest, and administration of contract. It is often more cost-effective to eliminate the cost and time spent on these administrative processes and purchase items and services through a cooperative purchasing program.

The City has used both regional and national cooperative purchase agreements to complement its own contracting initiatives. Cooperative purchasing enables City departments to evaluate a broader range of contracting opportunities and to share

resources with other jurisdictions. Cooperative purchasing also leverages internal and external resources to maximize cost savings opportunities for the City.

Financial Considerations: The recommended purchases of one backhoe and two water trucks are budgeted replacements for FY2013/14, and will be made from the DGS FY2013/14 operating budget (Fleet Fund, Fund 6501) and charged to the DOU multi-year operating projects (MYOP) for replacement vehicles and equipment. Sufficient funding is available in the DOU MYOPs to make the recommended purchases. The following table provides more detailed information about these purchases.

Customer Dept.	Fund Name	Fund No.	MYOP	Equipment	Quantity	Price
DOU	Water Fund	6005	I06013140	Backhoe	1	\$100,347
DOU	Waste Water Fund	6006	I06013141	Water Truck	2	\$263,627
					3	\$363,974

Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD): The recommended purchases will be made from Sonsray Machinery LLC, the local vendor for CNH America LLC. Sonsray Machinery LLC is not certified as an emerging/small business. Cooperative purchase agreements are created, evaluated and awarded by other government agencies that may or may not have similar emerging and small business programs. DGS will consider other alternatives if it is determined that using cooperative purchase agreements has a negative impact on small businesses.



NJPA VENDOR CONTRACT SUMMARY – CNH America LLC

DATE 19 Jul 2011	RFP # 060311
AWARDED CONTRACT NUMBER 060311-CNH	NJPA RFP TITLE & CATEGORY Heavy construction equipment together with related accessories, supplies, and services
CONTRACT PERIOD 19 Jul 2011 through 19 Jul 2015	PRICING MODEL Gross line item pricing with percentage discounts
DESCRIPTION Heavy equipment pricing at a corporate level pushed down through a nationwide dealer network	
VENDOR NAME AND ADDRESS CNH America LLC 621 State Street Racine, WI 53402	VENDOR CONTACT Gary Oldis Office: (262) 636-0825 gary.oldis@cnh.com www.cnh.com

NJPA CONTRACTS CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS Section 2.4“Contract” as used herein shall mean cumulative documentation consisting of the RFP, and entire Bidder’s Response, and fully executed “Acceptance and Award”. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request for Proposal (RFP) • Bid Acceptance & Award • Bidder's Response and Pricing - Available upon request from the NJPA Contract Manager 	RELATED CONTRACT DOCUMENTATION Bid Evaluation Affidavit of Advertisement Board Minutes Bid Comment & Review Bid Opening Witness Page
DOCUMENTATION OF CONTRACT MAINTENANCE Renewal Extension 7-19-12 Renewal Extension 7-19-13	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

NJPA INFORMATION

NJPA CONTACT Kelly McAllister	TITLE Contract Manager
PHONE 218-894-5468	EMAIL Kelly.Mcallister@njpacoop.org
ADDRESS 202 12th Street NE, P.O. Box 219, Staples, MN 56479	WEBSITE www.njpacoop.org

National Joint Powers Alliance®

Contract Purchasing Department

ANNUAL RENEWAL OF AGREEMENT

Made by and Between

CNH America, LLC (Vendor)
621 State St.
Racine, WI 53402

and

National Joint Powers Alliance® (NJPA)
202 12th Street NE
Staples, MN 56479
Phone: (218) 894-1930

Whereas:

“Vendor” and “NJPA” have entered into an “Acceptance and Award #060311-CNH” for the procurement of Heavy Construction Equipment Together with Related Accessories, Supplies, and Services, and having a maturity date of July 19, 2015, and which are subject to annual renewals at the option of both parties.

Now therefore:

“Vendor” and “NJPA” hereby desire and agree to extend and renew the above defined contract for the period of July 19, 2013 to July 19, 2014.

National Joint Powers Alliance® (NJPA)

By: Susan Nanik, Its: Executive Director

Name printed or typed: Susan Nanik

Date 5/9/13

CNH America, LLC

By: Gary Olds, Its: Manager Govt Sales

Name printed or typed: Gary Olds

Date 5/7/13

**If you do not desire to extend contract, please sign below and return this agreement.
Discontinue: We desire to discontinue the contract.**
Signature: _____ Date: _____

Proposal Offering
And Acceptance and Award
RFP #060311

FORM D

HEAVY CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT TOGETHER WITH RELATED ACCESSORIES, SUPPLIES, AND SERVICES,

Proposal Offering (To be completed Only by Proposer)

In compliance with the Request for proposal (RFP) for HEAVY CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT TOGETHER WITH RELATED ACCESSORIES, SUPPLIES, AND SERVICES, the undersigned warrants that I/we have examined this RFP and, being familiar with all of the instructions, terms and conditions, general specifications, expectations, technical specifications, service expectations and any special terms, do hereby offer and agree to furnish the defined products/services and services in compliance with all terms, conditions of this RFP, any applicable amendments of this RFP, and all Proposer's Response documentation. Proposer further understands they are the sole offeror herein and that the performance of any sub-contractors employed by the Proposer in fulfillment of this offer is the sole responsibility of the Proposer.

Company Name: CNH America LLC Date: 5/23/11

Company Address: 621 State St

City: Racine State: WI Zip: 53402

Contact Person: Gary Oldys Title: Managem. Govt Sales

Authorized Signature (ink only): [Signature] Gary Oldys
(Name printed or typed)

Contract Acceptance and Award (To be completed only by NJPA)

Your proposal offering is hereby accepted and awarded. As an awarded Proposer, you are now bound to provide the defined goods and services contained in your proposal offering according to all terms, conditions, and pricing set forth in this RFP, any amendments to this RFP, and the Proposer's Response. The effective date of the Contract be 19 July, 2011 and continue for four years thereafter AND which is subject to annual renewal at the option of both parties.

National Joint Powers Alliance® (NJPA)

NJPA Authorized signature: [Signature] Lane D. Waldahl
(Name printed or typed)

Title: Board Clerk

Awarded this 19th day of July, 2011 Contract Number # 060311-CNH

NJPA Authorized signature: [Signature] Todd Lyseo
(Name printed or typed)

Title: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Executed this 20th day of July Contract Number # 060311-CNH



QUOTATION

Sacramento, CA	1751 Bell Avenue, Sacramento, CA. 95838	Telephone: (916) 649-0096	Fax: (916) 649-0584
Stockton, CA	1041 South Pershing Avenue, Stockton, CA. 95206	Telephone: (209) 464-9600	Fax: (209) 464-9647
Redding, CA	2535 Ellis Street, Redding CA 96001	Telephone: (530) 245-9000	Fax: (530) 246-2978
Spark, NV	1455 Glendale Avenue, Sparks NV 89431	Telephone: (775) 358-5000	Fax: (775) 355-5148

Customer	City of Sacramento Water Dept	Contact Name	Jon Conover
Address	5730 24th St Building 1	Fax	
City	Sacramento	Email	emartinez@cityofsacramento.org
State	CA	Sales Person	John Robertson
Phone	916-808-4024	Quotation Date	10/9/2013

EST. SHIPPING DATE	SHIPPED VIA	F.O.B	TERMS
TBD	TBD	Sacramento	TBD

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	PRICE
1	New 2013 Case 580SN Backhoe Loader T# 580SN5540 S # NCC565540	\$92,485.00
	<i>4WD Standard Transmission Tier 4</i>	
	<i>Extenda-Hoe w Heavy Front Counter Weight</i>	
	<i>Pilot Controls w Power Lift</i>	
	<i>Hydraulic Pin & Release Bucket Coupler</i>	
	<i>2-Door Cab w Heat /AC, 3" Seat Belt, Deluxe Cab Package, Radio</i>	
	<i>Deluxe Air Suspension Cloth Seat</i>	
	<i>4X1 Multi-Purpose Loader Bucket w 82" Bolt on Cutting Edge</i>	
	<i>Flip Over Stabilizer Pads</i>	
	<i>Auto Ride control</i>	
	<i>Battery Disconnect w Jump Start, Dual Batteries</i>	
	<i>Tool Box without Tools</i>	
	Itemization:	
	<i>Pre Delivery Inspection \$ 1048.00</i>	
	<i>Factory Freight \$ 2966.00</i>	
	<i>12" HD Bucket \$ 1081.00</i>	
	<i>18" HD Bucket \$ 1304.00</i>	
	<i>24" HD Bucket \$ 1431.00</i>	
	Total Equipment Price	\$92,485.00
	Sacramento 8.50% Sales Tax	\$7,861.23
	Total Equipment Price & Tax	\$100,346.23
	Cash Due or Financing Amount : <u>With Approved Credit</u>	\$100,346.23
	NJPA Contract # 060311-CNH	
	NJPA Member # 45168	
	Includes:	
	Case New Equipment Factory Warranty	
	Customer to Pick Up Unit at Sacramento Location	
	All Sales are subject to machine availability and prior sale	

WE HEREBY SUBMIT THE ABOVE QUOTATION FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION. SHOULD YOU PLACE AND ORDER, BE ASSURED IT WILL RECEIVE OUR PROMPT ATTENTION. THIS QUOTATION IS VALID UNTIL ----> 12/31/2013 THEREAFTER IT IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE.

QUOTED BY John Robertson ACCEPTED BY _____ DATE _____ 7 of 75



QUOTATION

Store Location **1751 Bell Ave. Sacramento, CA 95838** **866-332-8233**

Customer <i>City of Sacramento</i>	Contact Name <i>Ernesto Martinez</i>
Address <i>5730 24Th St Building 1</i>	Fax
City <i>Sacramento</i>	Email emartinez@cityofsacramento.
State <i>CA</i> Zip <i>95822</i>	Sales Consultant <i>John Robertson</i>
Phone <i>916-808-8465</i>	Quotation Date <i>10/9/2013</i>

EQUIPMENT DESCRIPTION	PRICE
2--New 2014 4K Water Truck	\$ 238,550.00
<i>VGT Engine Brake. ISC Cummins W/300 HP</i>	
<i>Allison 3500 RDS Auto Matic Transmission</i>	
<i>18000 LB Front Brakes and 40000 Lb Rear Brakes----Air Brakes</i>	
<i>Interlocking Differenetials. 50 Gallon Aluminum Fuel Tank w Small D.E.F. Tank</i>	
<i>A/C, P/S, AM/FM Radio, Chrome Package. White in Color</i>	
<i>Frame Mounted 3X4" Centrigugal Pump, Air Shift PTO</i>	
<i>Independent Air Controls, 2 Rear, 2 Front, 1 Side Sprayers</i>	
<i>11/2" Hose Outlet, 3/4 Hose Bib, Anti Syphon Loading Pipe, Hose Kit</i>	
<i>Legal Lights and Mud Flaps, Suction Pumping, Valew Style Hose Reel</i>	
<i>Pre Delivery Inspection</i>	\$1,800.00
Delivery 6-8 Weeks From Time Of Order	
Customer Responsible For Sales Tax At Time of DMV Registration	
<i>Total Equipment Price</i>	\$240,350.00
<i>Sales Tax at FINAL SALES LOCATION 8.50%</i>	\$20,276.75
<i>Total Equipment Price & Tax</i>	\$260,626.75
<i>Non Taxed Inland Freight</i>	\$3,000.00
<i>Cash Due or Financing Amount <u>With Approved Credit & doc fees</u></i>	\$263,626.75

NJPA Contract # 060311-CNH

NJPA Member # 45168

Other details:

Manufacturers Warranty To Apply

Customer To Pick Up Unit At Sacramento Location

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QUOTED BY John Robertson

ACCEPTED BY _____

DATE _____

PROPOSER QUESTIONNAIRE

Form A

Proposer Name: CNH AMERICA LLC, CASE CE, New Holland CE, Kobelco Machinery

Questionnaire completed by: GARY OLDIS

Please provide an answer to all questions below and address all requests made in this RFP. Please use the Microsoft Word/Excel document version of this questionnaire to respond to the questions contained herein. Please provide your answer to each question indented below the question. Please supply any applicable supporting information and documentation you feel appropriate in addition to answers entered to the Word document. All information must be typed, organized, and easily understood by evaluators.

Company Information

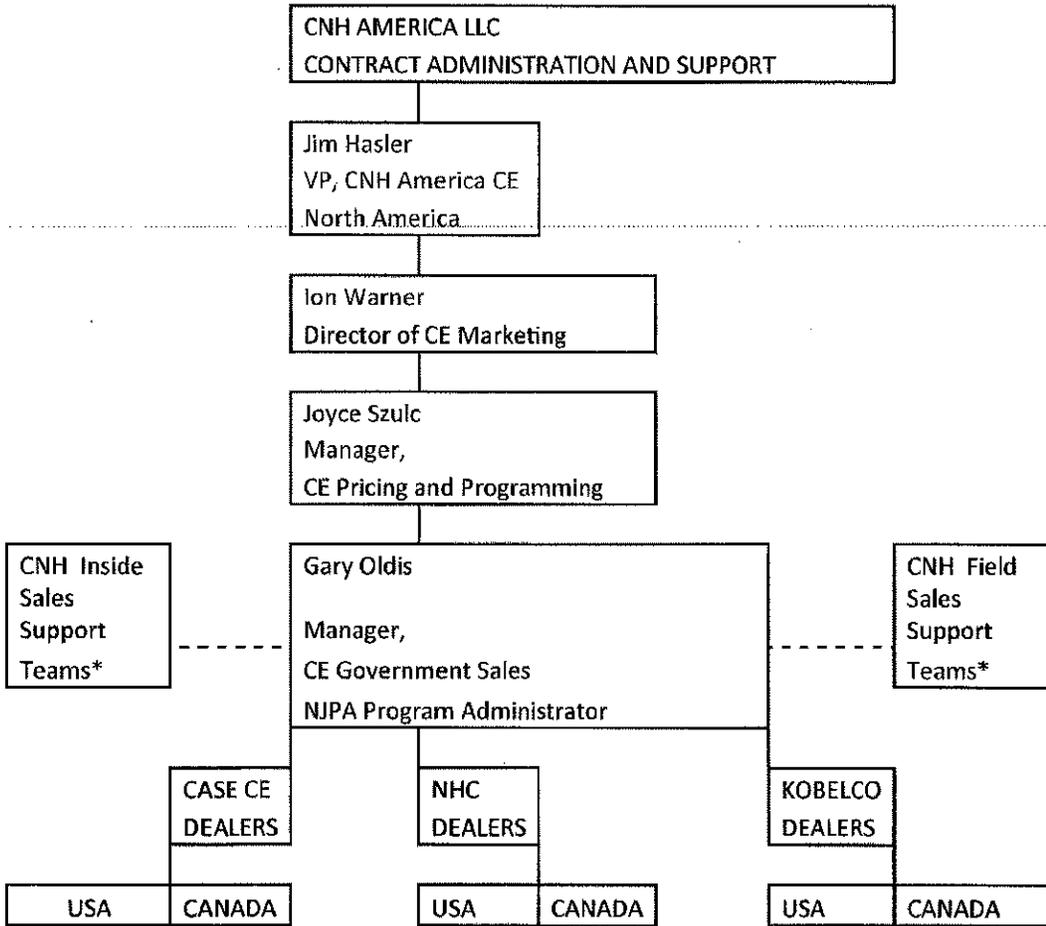
- 1) Why did you respond to this RFP?

CNH America LLC is a full line manufacturer of construction equipment with the brands CASE CE, NEW HOLLAND CONSTRUCTION and KOBELCO MACHINERY. As a manufacturer of high quality construction products, CNH is very capable of offering a comprehensive solution of productivity enhancing products including tractor loaders, tractor loader backhoes, crawler dozers, forklifts, motor graders, compaction, wheel loaders, compact wheel loaders, compact excavators, midi excavators, full size excavators, skid steers and compact track loaders; all supported by Genuine CNH Service Parts to meet the needs of governmental buyers.

- 2) Provide a brief history of your company that includes its goals and philosophy.

CNH is a world leader in the agricultural and construction equipment businesses. Created in 1999 through the merger of New Holland N.V. and Case Corporation, CNH today comprises the heritage and expertise of three agricultural brands (Case IH; New Holland Ag; and Steyr) and three construction equipment brands (Case Construction Equipment; New Holland Construction; and Kobelco). CNH employs approximately 30,000 people worldwide and has a network of approximately 11,300 dealers in approximately 170 countries. Its 40 manufacturing facilities are located throughout Europe, North America, Latin America, and Asia. CNH's product offerings encompass a full range of equipment to meet all needs in all regions; from its industry-leading tractors to specialty grape harvesters and massive combine harvesters in agriculture, as well as agile skid steer loaders and powerful hydraulic excavators in construction. Our customers are growing, and we are investing every day to help them grow, leveraging international resources to provide constant quality and reliability improvements with dealer and customer support that is always one step ahead. Its brands are backed by the strength and resources of its worldwide commercial, industrial, product support (CNH Parts & Service), and finance (CNH Capital) organizations. Please visit our website www.cnh.com to learn more about our company and its brands and products.

- 3) Provide profiles and an organizational chart for key sales and marketing executives of your company that will oversee the implementation and operation of a Contract resulting from this RFP.



*These teams are in direct contract with the three brand dealers and will assist in the administration of the NJPA contract.

- 4) How long has your company been in the **HEAVY CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT TOGETHER WITH RELATED ACCESSORIES, SUPPLIES, AND SERVICES**, industry?
 CNH America LLC is the parent company to three construction brands, CASE CE, NEW HOLLAND CONSTRUCTION AND KOBELCO MACHINERY. See website www.cnh.com for more information.

CASE CE HISTORY--In 1957, Case bought out the American Tractor Corporation (ATC). ATC was founded in 1950 and was a producer of small crawler tractors. Their production of dozers (marketed as Terradozers) and development of an integrated backhoe was of particular interest to Case. Case dropped the ATC name in 1959 only retaining the Terratrak name for the drive trains. This led to a hybrid tractor being rolled out of the Burlington Iowa Plant in 1957. This model, the 320 Construction King, would become synonymous in the United States to the name backhoe loader. In 1972, Case bought the British tractor builder David Brown Ltd. In 1984, Case parent Tenneco bought selected assets of the International Harvester agriculture division and merged it with J.I. Case. All agriculture products are first labeled CASE IH. They used the 94 Series CASE Utility, 2WD's and 4wd's for CaseIH's first tractor together as a company. But Case IH's REAL first tractor was the Magnum introduced in 1987 the Magnum was produced and the 94 series line was dropped. When Case IH bought out Steiger in 1986 they also chose the Steiger models. And they still do in the Steiger name. In 1996 Austrian tractor builder Steyer Tractor was purchased. The Case Corporation joined with New Holland N.V. to become CNH, now CNH Global, in November 1999. See website www.casece.com

NEW HOLLAND CONSTRUCTION HISTORY--In 1999, Fiatallis Construction bought out the Ford New Holland Corporation. New Holland was a producer of agriculture and light construction equipment. Fiat Allis was a company created by a joint venture by FIAT S.p.A. and Allis-Chalmers. It was formed in 1974 to produce wheel loaders, dozers, graders, crawler loaders and scrapers.

New Holland's roots can be traced back to 1895, when handyman Abe Zimmerman made his first feed mill at his New Holland, Pennsylvania repair shop. Zimmerman soon began making other agricultural products as well. He called his operation the New Holland Machine Company and incorporated it in 1903, the same year Henry Ford incorporated the automobile company he had started up in Detroit. Ford came out with the prototype for the world's first mass produced agricultural tractor in 1907, and ten years later the tractor, known as the Fordson Model F, went into actual production. Decades later, these two fledgling operations would become linked.

Meanwhile, across the Atlantic, Italian auto maker Fiat was developing a tractor of its own. That company's efforts resulted in the development of the 702, Fiat's first mass produced tractor, which hit the market in 1919. In Belgium, another company, Claey's, was entering the picture. Founded in 1906, Claey's began manufacturing harvesting equipment in 1910. Back in the United States, Zimmerman's New Holland company was also thriving. It continued to do well until about 1930, when the Great Depression began to hit rural America hard. As farm income plummeted, so did New Holland's revenue.

After about a decade of struggle, New Holland was purchased by a group of four investors. The new owners were able to turn the company around quickly by introducing a new product, the world's first successful automatic pick-up, self-tying hay baler. The baler, invented by local thresher man Ed Nolt, was an instant hit among farmers. It almost singlehandedly put New Holland back on solid footing. In fact, the company has continued to manufacture updated models of the baler ever since.

In 1947 New Holland Machine Company was acquired by electronics specialist Sperry Corporation, creating a subsidiary dubbed Sperry New Holland. In the years that followed, Sperry New Holland developed and manufactured a large number of agricultural machines. In particular, the company carved out a niche as a producer of high-quality harvesting equipment. Things were also developing quickly in the European agricultural equipment industry during this period. In 1952 Claey's unveiled the first European self-propelled combine harvester. By the early 1960s, Claey's was one of the biggest combine manufacturers in Europe. Sperry New Holland bought a major interest in Claey's in 1964. The same year, Sperry New Holland made a major breakthrough in hay harvesting technology with the introduction of the haybine mower-conditioner, model 460. This machine was capable of performing tasks that previously required two or three separate pieces of equipment. New Holland would go on to revolutionize harvesting equipment in 1974, with the introduction of the world's first twin rotor combine.

As the 1960s continued, Fiat became increasingly active in the manufacture of equipment for agriculture and construction. Late in the decade, that company created a Tractor and Earthmoving Machinery Division. Fiat's earthmoving segment was moved into its own subsidiary, Fiat Macchine Movimento Terra S.p.A., in 1970. Fiat continued to move further into heavy equipment through the 1970s. In 1974 Fiat Macchine Movimento Terra launched a joint venture with American manufacturer Allis Chalmers Corporation, called Fiat-Allis. That year also marked the creation of the company's Fiat Trattori S.p.A. subsidiary. Fiat finally gained entry into the North American market in 1977, with the acquisition of Hesston, a Kansas-based manufacturer of hay and forage machinery. Fiat also purchased Agrifull, a small-sized tractor manufacturer, that year. In 1984 Fiat consolidated all of its agricultural machinery manufacturing under the umbrella of Fiatagri, the new name for Fiat Trattori.

All the while, Ford was also becoming a global force in agricultural equipment. Its Ford Tractor division had been responsible for a number of industry breakthroughs, including the use of rubber pneumatic tires, power hydraulics, diesel engines, and the three-point hitch. Ford's inexpensive tractors had been largely responsible for the replacement of horses and mules by machines on United States farms over the first several decades of the 20th century. By 1985 Ford Tractor had 9,000 employees, about one third of them located in North America, and 5,000 dealers worldwide, again about a third of them in the United States.

In 1986 Ford purchased Sperry New Holland and merged it with its Ford Tractor Operations to create a new company, Ford New Holland, Inc. By this time New Holland had grown to become one of the best performing companies in the farm equipment business, with 2,500 dealers and more than 9,000 employees of its own, working in 100 different countries. The merger was part of an overall consolidation taking place in the farm equipment industry at the time, a period that saw Tenneco, the parent company of the J.I. Case tractor and farm implement operation, take over the farm implement business of International Harvester. With combined annual sales of \$2 billion, the new company made Ford the third largest farm equipment manufacturer in the world. Most of Ford Tractor's executives and managers were moved over to New Holland's Pennsylvania offices, which became Ford New Holland's corporate headquarters.

Within months of this merger, Ford New Holland added on the agricultural division of Versatile Farm and Equipment Co., an agricultural equipment manufacturer that had been founded in Canada in 1947. The combination of Ford's tractors, New Holland's harvesters, and Versatile's large four-wheel-drive machines created a company that produced a wide spectrum of agricultural equipment, and, best of all, there was almost no overlap in what the three entities manufactured and, therefore, little pruning to be done once they were united. One of the few major changes at New Holland was the gradual elimination of its company-store system. Between 1987 and 1989, New Holland's 53 company-owned outlets

were sold off or closed, in favor of a dealer development program that provided training and assistance for independent dealers.

Back in Europe, changes were also taking place at Fiat. In 1988 the activities of Fiat-Allis and Fiatagri were merged to form a new company, FiatGeotech S.p.A., which now encompassed Fiat's entire farm and earthmoving equipment sector. By the end of the 1980s, Fiat was Europe's leading manufacturer of tractors and hay and forage equipment. FiatGeotech's revenue for 1989 was \$2.3 billion.

By 1990 Ford New Holland had 17,000 employees, revenue of \$2.8 billion, and plants in the United States, Canada, Belgium, England, and Brazil, plus joint ventures in India, Pakistan, Japan, Mexico, and Venezuela. In 1991 Fiat purchased 80 percent interest in Ford New Holland. Ford New Holland was merged with FiatGeotech to create a huge new industrial equipment entity dubbed N.H. Geotech--though its North American operation kept the name Ford New Holland for the time being. The purchase surprised nobody in the industry, since Ford had been looking for a buyer for its tractor operation for the better part of a decade. The new international behemoth, headquartered in London, instantly became the world's largest producer of tractors and haying equipment, the second largest producer of combines, and one of the largest producers of diesel engines.

Between 1991 and 1993, the company undertook a number of measures designed to better integrate its many pieces into a coherent whole. Among the goals of this group of projects were a reduction in the time needed to bring new products to market and to focus manufacturing operations on core components. The company's supply chain was also streamlined. N.H. Geotech changed its name to New Holland N.V. in January 1993, although the company's North American operation stuck with the Ford New Holland moniker for two more years. The year 1993 also brought the introduction of the company's Genesis line of 140- to 210-horsepower tractors. The Genesis line proved so popular that it took only a little more than two years to sell 10,000 of them.

New Holland made the completion of its integration process official at its 1994 worldwide convention, at which the company unveiled its new corporate identity and logo. For that year, the company reported net income of \$355 million on sales of \$4.7 billion. Fiat eventually acquired the other 20 percent of New Holland previously owned by Ford, and in 1995, the 100th anniversary of the New Holland brand name, Ford New Holland was rechristened New Holland North America.

Operating as a wholly owned subsidiary of Fiat, New Holland brought in just more than \$5 billion in sales in 1995. By this time, the company controlled 21 percent of the world market for agricultural tractors, 17 percent of the world market for combines, 42 percent of the market for forage harvesters, and significant shares of the world markets for just about every other category of agricultural or construction equipment one could name.

By 1996 New Holland was selling about 280 different products in 130 countries around the world. Globally, 5,600 dealers were selling the company's agricultural equipment and 250 were peddling its construction machinery. During the last quarter of that year, Fiat sold 31 percent of New Holland's stock, 46.5 million common shares, to the public at \$21.50 per share, to raise capital to bolster its sagging core automobile business. On November 1, the first day New Holland stock was traded on the New York Stock Exchange, it was the most heavily traded stock on the market.

In addition to the stock offering, 1996 also brought a number of technological innovations and new product unveilings as well. New Holland's new E-Series backhoe-loaders were chosen by Construction Equipment magazine as one of the construction industry's 100 most significant products. The company also introduced several new tractor lines, four Roll-Best round balers, and two large self-propelled forage harvesters. New Holland was also active in conducting research on futuristic, driverless machines. Working with NASA and Carnegie Mellon University as part of the NASA Robotics Engineering Consortium, New Holland created a prototype of a self-propelled windrower that cuts, conditions, and puts alfalfa into windrows without requiring a human operator. One further 1996 development at New Holland was the appointment of former U.S. Treasury Secretary and Vice-Presidential candidate Lloyd Bentsen as its chairman of the board.

In July 1997, the 25,000th New Holland Twin Rotor combine rolled off the company's Grand Island, Nebraska assembly line. As the year continued, the company announced the creation of a new Boomer line of light diesel tractors, including four brand new models. Building on its longstanding philosophy of manufacturing products close to where they are sold, the company moved production of the light tractors from Japan to a new facility in Dublin, Georgia. The launch of the Boomer line reflected New Holland's commitment to the production of the kind of compact but powerful machines sought by customers for a variety of off-highway uses. The company is determined to continue developing new products designed to meet the ever-changing needs expressed by its dealers and customers. See website www.newholland.com

KOBELCO HISTORY-- Kobelco originates since 1905, when company Kobe Steel which is now versatile business group into which structure enter metallurgical has been based, machine-building, the real-estate companies. The group gives the big attention to release of a special equipment for building, the mining industry, having allocated its manufacture in the separate company, carrying name Kobelco Construction Machinery. And Kobelco it is far not the beginner in a special equipment, being engaged in its manufacture practically from the moment of the basis.

The given field of activity of group Kobe Steel began to develop actively in post-war time when the restoration of the economy which have passed then in rapid growth has begun. In such conditions growth of building of floor spaces and habitation demanded mechanization of works, and, accordingly, new and scale decisions in the field of designing and manufacture of construction equipment. The positive opinion of buyers from all world about mark Kobelco has transformed the Japanese company into one of the conventional leaders of the market of construction equipment. The long-term trust of clients has been generated by high quality, reliability, the wide assortment as much as possible satisfying all inquiries, excellent design. In 2001 Kobelco signs joint agreement with CNH Global, entering for joint release of construction equipment worldwide. See website www.kobelcoamerica.com

- 5) Is your organization best described as a manufacturer or a distributor/dealer/re-seller for a manufacturer of the products and services being proposed?

CNH is an OEM manufacturer of various construction equipment as described above.

a) If the Proposer is best described as a re-seller, manufacturer aggregate, or distributor, please provide evidence of your authorization as a dealer/re-seller/manufacturer aggregate for the manufacturer of the products you are proposing. *N/A*

b) If the Proposer is best described as a manufacturer, please describe your relationship with your sales/service force and/or Dealer Network in delivering the products and services proposed. Are these people your employees, or the employees of a third party?

CNH is the manufacturer of the equipment offered in this proposal. Our sales and service force is provided through our network of 842 North American dealers. Through our dealer network, we are able to provide nationwide support for customers in regards to sales of new units as well as the all important post sale support that our parts and service personnel provide. Dealerships are independently owned and operated, but are governed by CNH brand contract regulations and standards to insure consistent service throughout the network..

- 6) For public companies, provide your most recent annual report to shareholders.

Please see tab 11 for CNH Global N.V Consolidated balance sheet for years 2010 and 2009

- 7) For private companies, provide your most recent year-end financial statements, your bond rating, and/or a credit reference from your bank. *N/A*

- 8) Provide a discussion of licenses and certifications both required to be held, and actually held by your organization in pursuit of the commerce contemplated by this RFP.

CNH brands maintains all appropriate licensing. Copies are available upon request.

- 9) Provide a discussion of licenses and certifications both required to be held, and actually held by third parties and sub-contractors to your organization in pursuit of the commerce contemplated by this RFP. If not applicable, please respond with "Not Applicable."

The CNH brands dealer network, as represented in the attached listing, are licensed in their respective states for products being offered.

Industry-Marketplace Successes

- 10) List and document recent industry awards and recognition.

CNH Brands have received many awards and recognitions throughout the years. In 2009/2010, CNH Brands were awarded with:

- *Top 100 Products list 2009 of Construction Equipment magazine for New Holland Construction Backhoe B Series*
- *Top 20 Rollouts 2009 of Better Roads magazine for Case 650L Crawler Dozer*
- *Rental Equipment Register Innovative Product Award for joystick steering for Case E Series wheel loaders*
- *Top 100 Products list 2009 of Construction Equipment magazine for joystick steering for Case E Series wheel loaders*
- *Excellence in Equipment Engineering 2010 in Germany, Diesel Progress magazine for Case Construction Equipment 590 Super M+ Series 3 loader/backhoe*

- 11) Supply three references/testimonials from customers similar to NJPA Members. Please include the customer's name, contact, and phone number. *N/A*

12) Provide names and addresses of the top five (5) governmental or education customers and dollar volumes from the past year.

State of Ohio, Office of Procurement Services--CASE CE \$3,928,540

State of Ohio, Office of Procurement Services--NEW HOLLAND CONSTRUCTION \$537,479

State of Ohio, Office of Procurement Services--KOBELCO \$504,020

All CNH brands government Sales are driven through our Dealer Network Locations per agencies vary and are proprietary information of the CNH brand dealer. Sales Dollars are based on Dealer Net Settlements. Actual Retail Sales per transaction is the proprietary information of the CNH brand Dealer.

13) Provide documentation indicating the total dollar volume for each of your sales to government, education, and non-profit agencies for the last three (3) fiscal years.

Sales dollars are based on dealer net settlements. Actual retail sales per transaction is the proprietary information of the CNH brand dealers.

CNH America LLC

Government Sales

BRAND CASE CE

Year	State/Local	Federal	Total
2008	\$122,380,000	\$18,519,000	\$140,899,000
2009	\$97,555,000	\$27,824,000	\$125,379,000
2010	\$92,302,000	\$34,554,000	\$126,856,000

BRAND NEW HOLLAND CE

Year	State/Local	Federal	Total
2008	\$36,718,000	\$4,118,000	\$40,836,000
2009	\$23,051,000	\$6,316,000	\$29,367,000
2010	\$15,710,000	\$5,094,000	\$20,804,000

BRAND KOBELCO

Year	State/Local	Federal	Total
2008	\$4,755,000	\$0	\$4,755,000
2009	\$3,924,000	\$0	\$3,924,000
2010	\$2,414,000	\$0	\$2,414,000

Proposer's ability to sell and service nationwide.

14) Please describe your **sales force** in terms of numbers, geographic dispersion, and the proportion of their attention focused on the sale of the products/services contemplated in this RFP? a) Are these individuals your employees, or are they employees of a third party?

CNH sales force is comprised of employees of the company as well as third party employees of our dealer network who cover the entire US and Canadian geographical areas. Each of our employees promote the products and services covered in this RFP. The CNH Commercial Sales Team is comprised of 3 Regional Sales Directors, 26 Territory Sales Managers, 13 Sales Support Managers, 2 Regional Service Directors, 20 Field Service Managers.. Each CNH Dealer supports their local customer base and their own sales, product support and service personnel

15) Please describe your **service force** in terms of numbers, geographic dispersion, and the proportion of their attention focused on the sale of the products/services contemplated in this RFP? a) Are these individuals your employees, or are they employees of a third party?

CNH supports our Authorized Dealer Networks with 20 Professional Field Service Managers. Each CNH Dealership is staffed with parts and service personnel trained to support the products in their sales area of responsibility. The CNH third part is its dealer network supports the continental United States, Hawaii, Alaska and Canada. Our Dealer Service Personnel are factory trained and further with "ASSIST", a technical data base that helps technicians quickly diagnosis product failures through the experience of the CNH technical advisors and fellow dealers. All core CNH products are further support by the Customer Care contact phone numbers CASE CE 1-866-54-CASE6, NEW HOLLAND CONSTRUCTION 1-888-365-6423, KOBELCO 1-888-562-5201

16) Describe in detail your customer service program regarding process and procedure. Please include, where appropriate, response time commitments.

Customer service begins at individual CNH brand dealership. Supported by a strong Corporate Customer Service team, "ASSIST" and factory training, each CNH dealership is committed to immediately address all customer needs.

- 17) Identify any geographic areas or NJPA market segments of the United States you will NOT be serving through the proposed contract.
There are no geographic areas or market segments we will not cover. We will serve the entire US, including, Hawaii and Alaska and Canada in all market segments. Locations outside the continental US will have specific freight terms with each sale, negotiated by the governmental agency and the respective brand dealer.
- 18) Identify any of NJPA Member segments you will NOT be serving? (Government, Education, Non-profit)
There are no geographic areas or market segments we will not cover. We will serve the entire US, including, Hawaii and Alaska and Canada, in all market segments. Locations outside the continental US will have specific freight terms with each sale, negotiated by the governmental agency and the respective brand dealer..

Marketing Plan

- 19) Describe your training program for both greet-the-public and sales management levels relating to a NJPA award.
CNH America LLC has made a commitment from the Executive level down to build awareness of the NJPA through this bid process. CNH America through its three construction brands will also promote the contract opportunity through attendance at related trade shows, supported by appropriate flyers and handouts
- 20) Describe your general marketing program strategy to promote the proposed Contract nationally.
- The CNH three CE brand Dealer Sales Forces will be the primary driver of the NJPA Contract. Trained and armed with a competitive dealer program and NJPA Marketing Materials, NJPA members will be pursued to establish relationships and identify solutions through the use of the CNH America contract award.*
 - CNH Corporate will be attending national shows, actively involved in on-going training of the Sales teams on how to use the contract, promoting the NJPA contract to our governmental clients, developing specific literature for promotion of the contract, advertising in national media when appropriate and supporting NJPA's efforts for development of the contract.*
 - Information on the opportunity to utilize the NJPA contract will be shared with current relationships and marketed to new customers.*
- 21) Describe your marketing material, and overall marketing ability, relating to promoting this type of partnership and contract opportunity. As much as possible, please send marketing materials in electronic format only to save paper.
CNH three CE brands will develop a NJPA Dealer Program which provides a basic introduction and guidance to the three CE brand dealers in the sale of products to NJPA members. The NJPA Contract will be promoted at national shows with a placard and specific marketing pieces. CNH three CE brands will be developing specific literature for promotion of the contract through advertising in national media when appropriate and supporting NJPA's efforts for development of the contract. The NJPA Contract Award will be prominently place on appropriate websites and literature.
- 22) Describe your use of technology and the internet to provide marketing and product awareness.
To address the public, the individual CNH brand CE websites, www.casece.com, www.newholland.com, www.kobelcoamerica.com provides a wealth of product information. These website will be updated to support our efforts to promote the contract award and to connect NJPA members our CNH Dealer CE network and NJPA contract offering. The latest news in equipment, shows and events will be posted on the websites, alerting NJPA members of opportunities to engage with CNH brands. All CNH brand CE marketing materials include awareness of these websites. Links in the websites take the viewer to additional product and topic specific sites, such as our new Tier 4 Engine Technology. The CE brands further engages with the public through the use of, Facebook, You Tube and special dealer and customer events.
- Internally, CNH brands uses a secured Dealer Portal to support our Field Teams and Dealer Network. The Portals will be updated to include links to www.njpacoop.org.*
- 23) Describe your perception of NJPA's role in marketing the partnership and your products/services.
CNH brands anticipates that NJPA will promote this contract through their publications and assist governmental members in explanation and direction on how to use the contract. NJPA will have representation at trade shows that are beneficial to the contract and assist vendors with the member base contacts for development of the NJPA Contract. When members call for guidance, NJPA would be "the director of traffic", getting the member to the proper vendor.

24) Describe the unique quality of the products/services in your proposal in relationship to others available in the market.

CNH brands are leaders in the construction equipment. Whether it's tractor loader backhoe, crawler dozers, excavators, motor graders, compact track loaders, forklifts, skid steers, CNH brands can accommodate the customer.

Value Added Attributes

25) Describe any training programs available as options for members.

CNH holds numerous Product Training events throughout the year around North America. NJPA members can contact the local CNH brand dealership to obtain list of product training courses and events.

26) Describe technological advances your proposal products/service offer

CNH brands strives to produce equipment that will increase our customer's productivity and cost efficiency. Starting in 2011, CNH will meet the new government Tier 4a emissions regulations in high-horsepower equipment with fuel-saving Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCR) technology - allowing an average operating cost savings of 10% through enhanced fuel economy and CEGR cooled exhaust gas recirculation system, controlled amounts of exhaust gas are cooled, blended with fresh air and then returned to the cylinder, lowering combustion temperatures and significantly reducing nitrogen oxides (NOx). The levels of particulate matter are then reduced through the use of an after-treatment diesel particulate filter (DPF) system. We see advantages to both Select Catalytic Reduction (SCR) and Cooled Exhaust Gas Recirculation (CEGR) technologies, depending on engine size and load, and also application demands. Our Tier 4 solution takes a tailored approach to each model. It is designed to achieve the required reduction in pollutants at the lowest operating costs - while delivering the high productivity and performance you expect from New Holland equipment. Our solution is also forward-looking; leading industry experts agree that SCR will be necessary to achieve Tier 4 final standards. We see it as a vital part of our interim solution, too. This also means that we have already invested in the research and development needed to achieve Tier 4 final standards, and we can focus on developing the next generation of equipment. These technologies puts CNH out-front in meeting the Tier 4b requirements which will go into effect January 2014. CNH brands high-horsepower diesel engines feature the world-class design innovation of FPT Powertrain Technologies, a global company that makes more than 2.6 million engines every year.

27) Describe your "Green" program as it relates to your company, your products, and your recycling program, including a list of all green products accompanied by the certifying agency for each.

CNH is a Global Company with many "Green" initiatives in play from our offices and factories through our products all over the world. Recycling programs are in place at all levels. Green components from Soy and Corn resins are use in our products. Tier 4 emissions are being aggressively addressed through our SCR and CEGR engine technology. Many initiatives are underway to support ethanol and bio mass fuel usage throughout our equipment. Many of our products are certified to use B5 or B20 Bio fuels. Following is one example of our "Green" initiative taken place at our Fargo, ND wheel loader manufacturing facility:

- *In December 2010, the CNH - Fargo Plant was audited and its environmental management system was recommended for ISO 14001 certification (see tab 12).*



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- *As a result of Fargo's management system and CNH's world class manufacturing program, the plant has been able to reduce energy consumption, reduce wastes and increase the amount of wastes recycled.*

Information on CNH and Fiat environmental and sustainability initiatives can be found in the Fiat Sustainability Website (<http://sostenibilita.fiatgroup.com/en-us/Pages/Home2.aspx>) and Sustainability Reports (<http://sostenibilita.fiatgroup.com/en-US/Pages/Publications.aspx>)

28) Describe any Women or Minority Business Entity (WMBE) or Small Business Entity (SBE) accreditations of your organization directly involved in a Contract resulting from this RFP. *N/A*

29) Identify any other unique or custom value added attributes.

CNH brands continue to evolve offering improved performance, better fuel economy, operator comfort, ease of servicing at a competitive price. These and other features provide industry best (lowest) owning and operating costs.

- 30) Identify any service contract options included in the proposed price, or offered as a proposed option, for the products or services being offered.
Service contracts are very specific and are not practical for a Price List Options. If the NJPA member would like a service contract, this is to be negotiated between the NJPA member and the local CNH brand CE dealer.
- 31) Identify your ability and willingness to service Canada specifically and internationally in general.
CNH brands have a full presence through its dealers in the Canadian market place. CNH is a Global Company and can service all areas of the World through our European, Australian, Latin American and International Divisions
- 32) Describe any unique distribution method employed in your proposal.
CNH has the capability to supply product to all forms of government; local, provincial, federal and nonprofit in Canada through CNH logistics.

Payment Terms and Financing Options

- 33) Identify your payment terms. (Net 30, etc.)
Payment terms are Net 30, after receipt of invoice.
- 34) Identify any applicable leasing or other financing options as defined herein.
Extended terms are made available to local agencies on a case by case basis. Financing options and leasing solutions are available from CNH Capital. NJPA members should contact the local CNH brand CE dealer to see what options are available.
- 35) Briefly describe your proposed order process for this proposal and contract award. (Note: order process may be modified or refined during an NJPA member's final Contract phase process).
- *CNH brands will utilize a Business-to-Government order process and funds flow.*
 - *CNH brands will establish a national marketing program for the Heavy Construction Equipment contract*
 - *The Process Flow for NJPA orders will be structured to minimize the impact to both the sales team and our customers as indicated below:*
 1. *CNH Brand CE Dealer may Contact NJPA member or potential member to pursue purchase or NJPA member Contacts the Local CNH brand CE Dealer for NJPA Contract Purchase*
 2. *Determine if Local Agency is NJPA Member*
 - a. *If member – proceed*
 - b. *If not a current member – assist agency with online membership application*
 3. *CNH Brand CE Dealer determines product specifications and supplies quote*
 - a. *Pricing – Line Item Price List – published by CNH brands*
 4. *Develop Quote with :*
 - a. *Machine Pricing*
 - b. *Freight – based on FOB point of shipment*
 5. *Quote Presented to Local Agency by CNH Brand CE Dealer*
 - a. *Accepted – proceed to Order Process*
 - b. *Denied – Dealer does not proceed*
 6. *CNH Brand CE Dealer Places Machine Order*
 7. *CNH Brand CE Dealer Receives Machine and Preps for Delivery to Local Agency*
 8. *CNH Brand CE Dealer Delivers Machine to Customer*
 - a. *Perform Operator Review as needed*
 - b. *File Warranty Registration*
 9. *CNH Brand CE Dealer Claims NJPA Credit Under Program*
 10. *Agency pays Dealer for purchase*
 11. *CNH Government logs NJPA Sale and compiles Sales Report Quarterly*
 12. *CNH Government make payment to NJPA Quarterly.*

Once an order is received, it will be handled in the normal process flow. NJPA's fee will be calculated off of the total quarterly end user invoiced amount for the equipment. Freight charges will not be used in this calculation. CNH agrees to pay NJPA a 0.75% contract fee.

Warranty

- 36) Describe, in detail, your Warranty Program including conditions to qualify, claims procedure, and overall structure.
Full description of warranty is provided in the brand's Warranty Statements – See tabs 14, 15 and 16.

- 37) Do all warranties cover all material and labor?
All materials and labor are covered as described in the brand's Warranty Statements – See tabs 14, 15 and 16.
- 38) Do warranties impose usage limit restrictions?
Standard Warranty is subject to one full year as described in brand's Warranty Statements – See tabs 14, 15 and 16.
- 39) Do warranties cover the technicians travel time to perform warranty repairs?
The warranty repair or replacement must be made at the dealer location as described in brand's Warranty Statements – See tabs 14, 15 and 16.
- 40) Please list any other limitations or circumstances that would not be covered under your warranty.
Full description of warranty is provided in brand's Warranty Statements – See tabs 14, 15 and 16.
- 41) Please list any geographic regions of the United States for which you cannot provide a certified technician to perform warranty repairs. How do NJPA Members in these regions receive warranty work?
Authorized CNH brand CE dealer warranty repair centers are available in all geographic regions of the US and Canada.

Other Cooperative Procurement Contracts Held

- 42) Identify all cooperative governmental procurement contracts which are marketed in more than one state held or utilized by the Proposer.
*GSA Contract Kobelco GS-30F-0010K (Awarded to Gaithersburg Equipment, Maryland)
 GSA Contract New Holland Construction GS-30F-0010K (Awarded to Gaithersburg Equipment, Maryland)
 GSA Contract CASE CE GS-30F-0006U (Awarded to CNH America LLC)
 HGAC Contract New Holland Construction EM06-11 (Awarded to Landmark Equipment, Texas on behalf of NHC dealers)
 HGAC Contract CASE CE EM06-11 (Awarded to Hi-Way Equipment, TX on behalf of CASE CE dealers)*
- 43) Identify all government or state procurement contracts held or utilized by the Proposer with any State of the United States.
*State of Ohio STS Contract CASE CE 7751500807
 State of Ohio STS Contract New Holland Construction 7751501707
 State of Ohio STS Contract Kobelco 7751501407*
- 44) Identify any GSA Contracts held or utilized by the Proposer.
*GSA Contract Kobelco GS-30F-0010K (Awarded to Gaithersburg Equipment, Maryland)
 GSA Contract New Holland Construction GS-30F-0010K (Awarded to Gaithersburg Equipment, Maryland)
 GSA Contract CASE CE GS-30F-0006U (Awarded to CNH America LLC)*
- 45) If you are awarded the NJPA contract, are there any market segments (e.g., higher education, county governments, etc.) or geographical markets where the NJPA contract will not be your primary contract purchasing vehicle? If so, please identify those markets and which cooperative purchasing agreement will be your primary vehicle.
*It is the intention of CNH three construction brands to use the NJPA contract award to serve all markets currently represented by the NJPA contract and to gain State adoption of the contract in lieu of bidding individual state contracts where ever possible.
 CNH three construction brands will continue to use our GSA Contract to develop Federal Agency and Military opportunities.*

Products/Services and Pricing

- 46) Provide a general narrative description of the products/services and services you are offering in your proposal.
CNH three construction brands (CASE CE, New Holland CE, Kobelco) is offering a comprehensive solution of productivity enhancing construction equipment products including tractor loader backhoes, crawler dozers, motor graders, compaction, forklifts, wheel loaders, compact wheel loaders, excavators, mini and midi excavators, skid steers and compact track loaders; all supported by Genuine CNH Service Repair Parts to meet the needs of governmental buyers. Please refer to attached equipment descriptions.
- 47) Provide a general narrative description of your pricing model identifying how the model works (line item and/or percentage discount).
The pricing model is based on the standard List Price and Discount From List, See tabs 14, 15 and 16 for the full

CNH three construction brands discount matrix. Each construction brand has its own discount matrix. Freight for NJPA members is FOB CNH NA plant or import distribution point. In order to determine total price, the CNH branded CE dealer will utilize the Price List and add the Freight fee to the quote.

- 48) Propose a strategy, process, and specific method of facilitating "Sourced Goods" solution as defined herein.
CNH three construction brands will provide all products within our product line as requested by the NJPA member. If the NJPA member's request includes a custom solution, including sourced goods, our dealers will respond to their requirements using our standard quote and listing the "sourced goods" product as an open market item.
- 49) Provide an overall statement of method of pricing for individual line items, catalogs and category pricing with regard to all products/services and being proposed. Provide a SKU number for each item being proposed.
CNH three construction brands will provide Percentage Discounts from List Price, catalog, or category pricing for the specific products being proposed. The attached Price List provides the machine model and order references.
- 50) Provide a list of the NAICS codes for the products/service you are offering.
NAICS codes 333120 Construction Machinery Manufacturing, 333924 Industrial Truck, Tractor, Trailer, and Stacker Machinery Manufacturing
- 51) Provide a list of the NAICS codes for products/ services you make/deliver which are not included in this offering.
N/A
- 52) Provide, if any, your volume rebate programs
CNH three construction brands is providing standard Pricing as outlined in tabs 14, 15 and 16.
- 53) Identify any applicable minimum quantities applicable to your proposal.
CNH three construction brands minimum order quantity is one (1).
- 54) Identify any Total Cost of Acquisition (as defined herein) cost(s) which is **NOT** included "Pricing" submitted with your proposal response. Identify to whom these items are payable and their relationship to Proposer.
Not applicable.
- 55) As an important part of the evaluation of your offer, you must indicate the level of pricing you are offering.
Prices offered in this proposal are:
_____ a. The same as typically offered to an individual municipality or school district.
 X b. The same as typically offered to cooperative procurement organizations or state purchasing departments.
_____ c. Better than typically offered to cooperative procurement organizations or state purchasing departments.
(Your proposal will be considered "Non-Responsive" if this question is not answered.)
- 56) Do you offer quantity or volume discounts? X YES _____ NO Outline guidelines and program.
Volume Discounts are applied on a one time basis to every agency.
- 57) Describe your shipping, exchange and return program(s) and policy(s). Also specifically identify those programs as they relate to Alaska and Hawaii.
Shipping will be based on point of origin or import distribution point. The return policy is dictated by the CNH brand construction dealer.
- 58) Identify the Proposer's proposal for an administrative fee payable to NJPA for facilitation and promotion of the Contract opportunity invited here. This fee should be calculated as a percentage of Contract sales.
Based on the scope of our product line and our anticipated sales volume, we are willing for NJPA to impose an administrative fee of 0.75% of the total quarterly end user invoiced amount for the CNH brand construction equipment. Freight charges will not be used in this calculation.



Authorized Signature (Same signature as on Proposal Affidavit Signature and Acceptance Form)

E.

VENDOR QUESTIONNAIRE

Form B

PROPOSER INFORMATION

Company Name: CNH America LLC

Address: 621 State Street

City/State/Zip: Racine, WI, 53402

Phone: 262-636-0825 Fax: 262-636-5310

Toll Free Number: n/a E-mail: gary.oldis@cnh.com

Web site: www.cnh.com, www.casece.com, www.newholland.com. www.kobelcoamerica.com

VOIDS sometimes exist between management (those who respond to RFPs) and sales staff (those who contact NJPA Members) that result in communication problems. Due to this fact, provide the names of your key sales people, phone numbers, and geographic territories for which they are responsible

COMPANY PERSONNEL CONTACTS

Contract Manager: Gary Oldis
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PROPOSER ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCEForm E

Proposal Affidavit Signature Page

PROPOSER'S AFFIDAVIT

The undersigned, representing the persons, firms and corporations joining in the submission of the foregoing proposal (such persons, firms and corporations hereinafter being referred to as the "Proposer"), being duly sworn on his/her oath, states to the best of his/her belief and knowledge:

1. The undersigned certifies the Proposer is submitting their proposal under their true and correct name, the Proposer has been properly originated and legally exists in good standing in its state of residence, that the Proposer possesses, or will possess prior to the delivery of any goods and services, all applicable licenses necessary for such delivery, and that they are authorized to act on behalf of, and encumber the "Proposer" in this Contract, and
2. To the best of my knowledge, no Proposer or Potential Proposer, nor any person duly representing the same, has directly or indirectly entered into any agreement or arrangement with any other Proposers, Potential Proposers, any official or employee of the NJPA, or any person, firm or corporation under contract with the NJPA in an effort to influence either the offering or non-offering of certain prices, terms, and conditions relating to this RFP which tends to, or does, lessen or destroy free competition in the letting of the Contract sought for by this RFP, and
3. The Proposer or any person on his/her behalf, has not agreed, connived or colluded to produce a deceptive show of competition in the manner of the proposal or award of the referenced contract, and
4. Neither I, the Proposer, nor, any officer, director, partner, member or associate of the Proposer, nor any of its employees directly involved in obtaining contracts with the NJPA, or any subdivision of the NJPA, has been convicted of false pretenses, attempted false pretenses or conspiracy to commit false pretenses, bribery, attempted bribery, or conspiracy to bribe under the laws of any state or federal government for acts or omissions after January 1, 1985, and
5. The Proposer has examined and understands the terms, conditions, scope, contract opportunity, specifications request and other documents of this solicitation and that any and all exceptions have been noted in writing and have been included with the proposal submittal, and
6. If awarded a contract, the Proposer will provide the products/services and/or services to qualifying members of the NJPA in accordance with the terms, conditions, scope of this RFP, Proposer offered specifications and other documents of this solicitation, and
7. The undersigned, being familiar with expectations and specifications request outlined in this RFP under consideration, hereby proposes to deliver through valid service request, Purchase Orders or forms for NJPA Members per this RFP, only new, unused and first quality products/services and services to designated NJPA Members, and
8. The Proposer has carefully checked the accuracy of all items and listed total price per item in this proposal. In addition, the Proposer accepts all general terms and conditions of this RFP, including all responsibilities of commitment and delivery of services as outlined, and
9. In submitting this proposal, it is understood that the right is reserved by the NJPA to reject any or all proposals and it is agreed by all parties that this proposal may not be withdrawn during a period of 90 days from the date proposals were opened regarding this RFP, and
10. The Proposer certifies that in performing this Contract they will comply with all applicable provisions of the federal, state, and local laws, regulations, rules, and orders, and
11. If Proposer has more than 40 employees in the state in which their principal place of business is located, Proposer

hereby certifies their compliance with federal affirmative action requirements.

Company Name: CNH America LLC

Contact Person for Questions: Gary Oldis Phone: 262-636-0825
(Must be individual who is responsible for filling out this Proposer's Response form)

Address: 621 State St

City/State/Zip: Racine, WI 53402

Telephone Number: 2626360825 Fax Number: 2626365310

E-mail Address: gary.oldis@CNH.com

Authorized Signature: Gary Oldis

Authorized Name (typed): Gary Oldis

Title: Manager, Government Sales

Date: 5/17/11

Notarized

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17 the day of May, 2011

Notary Public in and for the County of Racine State of WI

My commission expires: February 24, 2013

Signature: Susan Konieczko

SUSAN KONIECZKO
NOTARY PUBLIC
STATE OF WISCONSIN

CASE

CONSTRUCTION

See www.casece.com for product information

NJPA PRICE LIST DISCOUNTS--Contract 060311
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USA/CANADA
NJPA MEMBER
DISCOUNT OFF.

PRODUCT / MODEL	PRICE LIST	LIST PRICE
TRACTOR LOADER		
570N XT	PL200 TLL SAP REV 10 EFF MAY 7, 2012	35%
TRACTOR LOADER BACKHOE Tier IVa		
580N 2WD	PL200 TLB SAP REV 10 EFF MAY 7, 2012	40%
580N 4WD	PL200 TLB SAP REV 10 EFF MAY 7, 2012	40%
580SN 2WD	PL200 TLB SAP REV 10 EFF MAY 7, 2012	42%
580SN 4WD	PL200 TLB SAP REV 10 EFF MAY 7, 2012	42%
580SN WT	PL200 TLB SAP REV 10 EFF MAY 7, 2012	42%
590SN 2WD	PL200 TLB SAP REV 10 EFF MAY 7, 2012	42%
590SN 4WD	PL200 TLB SAP REV 10 EFF MAY 7, 2012	42%
FORKLIFT		
580H 2WD	PL200 RTFL SAP REV 10 EFF MAY 7, 2012	38%
580H 4WD	PL200 RTFL SAP REV 10 EFF MAY 7, 2012	38%
CRAWLER DOZER		
650L	PL200 UT SAP REV 6 EFF MAY 7, 2012	36%
750L	PL200 CE SAP REV 6 EFF NOV 14, 2011	40%
850L	PL200 CE SAP REV 6 EFF NOV 14, 2011	40%
1150K	PL200 CE SAP REV 6 EFF NOV 14, 2011	40%
1650L	PL200 CE SAP REV 6 EFF NOV 14, 2011	35%
1850K	PL200 CE SAP REV 6 EFF NOV 14, 2011	35%
COMPACT WHEEL LOADER		
21E	PL200 CW SAP REV 4 EFF NOV 14, 2011	36%
121E	PL200 CW SAP REV 4 EFF NOV 14, 2011	36%
221E	PL200 CW SAP REV 4 EFF NOV 14, 2011	36%
321E	PL200 CW SAP REV 4 EFF NOV 14, 2011	36%

Freight FOB North America plant or import distribution location

CASE

CONSTRUCTION

See www.casece.com for product information

NJPA PRICE LIST DISCOUNTS

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USA/CANADA
NJPA MEMBER
DISCOUNT OFF

PRODUCT / MODEL	PRICE LIST	LIST PRICE
WHEEL LOADER		
521E	PL200 CE SAP REV 10A EFF JULY 17, 2012	42%
621F	PL200 CE SAP REV 10A EFF JULY 17, 2012	45%
721F	PL200 CE SAP REV 10A EFF JULY 17, 2012	45%
821F	PL200 CE SAP REV 10A EFF JULY 17, 2012	46%
921F	PL200 CE SAP REV 10A EFF JULY 17, 2012	46%
1021F	PL200 CE SAP REV 10A EFF JULY 17, 2012	39%
1121F	PL200 CE SAP REV 10A EFF JULY 17, 2012	39%
1221F	PL200 CE SAP REV 10A EFF JULY 17, 2012	38%
SKID STEER LOADER		
SR130	PL200 SL SAP REV 9 EFF JULY 1 2012	27%
SR150	PL200 SL SAP REV 9 EFF JULY 1 2012	27%
SR175	PL200 SL SAP REV 9 EFF JULY 1 2012	29%
SV185	PL200 SL SAP REV 9 EFF JULY 1 2012	29%
SR200	PL200 SL SAP REV 9 EFF JULY 1 2012	29%
SR220	PL200 SL SAP REV 9 EFF JULY 1 2012	29%
SV250	PL200 SL SAP REV 9 EFF JULY 1 2012	30%
SR250 T4a	PL200 SL SAP REV 9 EFF JULY 1 2012	32%
SV300 T4a	PL200 SL SAP REV 9 EFF JULY 1 2012	37%
COMPACT TRACK LOADER		
TR270	PL200 SL SAP REV 9A EFF AUGUST 17 2012	31%
TR320 T4a	PL200 SL SAP REV 9A EFF AUGUST 17 2012	31%
TV380 T4a	PL200 SL SAP REV 9A EFF AUGUST 17 2012	31%
COMPACT EXCAVATOR		
CX17B	PL200 MX SAP REV 5 EFF NOV 14, 2011	25%
CX27B	PL200 MX SAP REV 5 EFF NOV 14, 2011	25%
CX31B	PL200 MX SAP REV 5 EFF NOV 14, 2011	25%
CX36B	PL200 MX SAP REV 5 EFF NOV 14, 2011	24%
CX50B	PL200 MX SAP REV 5 EFF NOV 14, 2011	32%
CX55B	PL200 MX SAP REV 5 EFF NOV 14, 2011	28%

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PRODUCT / MODEL	PRICE LIST	LIST PRICE
EXCAVATOR		
CX75	PL200 CX SAP REV 10 EFF JULY 1. 2012	36%
CX80	PL200 CX SAP REV 10 EFF JULY 1. 2012	36%
CX130C	PL200 CX SAP REV 10 EFF JULY 1. 2012	35%
CX145C	PL200 CX SAP REV 10 EFF JULY 1. 2012	35%
CX160C	PL200 CX SAP REV 10 EFF JULY 1. 2012	35%
CX210C	PL200 CX SAP REV 10 EFF JULY 1. 2012	35%
CX235C MSR	PL200 CX SAP REV 10 EFF JULY 1. 2012	35%
CX250C	PL200 CX SAP REV 10 EFF JULY 1. 2012	35%
CX300C	PL200 CX SAP REV 10 EFF JULY 1. 2012	35%
CX350C	PL200 CX SAP REV 10 EFF JULY 1. 2012	35%
CX470C	PL200 CX SAP REV 10 EFF JULY 1. 2012	34%
CX700B	PL200 CX SAP REV 10 EFF JULY 1. 2012	33%
CX800B	PL200 CX SAP REV 10 EFF JULY 1. 2012	33%
MOTOR GRADER		
845B	PL200 GR SAP REV 7 EFF AUGUST 20, 2012	38%
865B	PL200 GR SAP REV 7 EFF AUGUST 20, 2012	39%
865B AWD	PL200 GR SAP REV 7 EFF AUGUST 20, 2012	39%
885B	PL200 GR SAP REV 7 EFF AUGUST 20, 2012	39%
885B AWD	PL200 GR SAP REV 7 EFF AUGUST 20, 2012	39%
COMPACTION		
DV23	PL200 CM SAP REV 11 EFF SEPTEMBER 6, 2012	33%
DV26	PL200 CM SAP REV 11 EFF SEPTEMBER 6, 2012	33%
DV36	PL200 CM SAP REV 11 EFF SEPTEMBER 6, 2012	33%
DV45	PL200 CM SAP REV 11 EFF SEPTEMBER 6, 2012	33%
DV201	PL200 CM SAP REV 9 EFF MAY 7, 2012	33%
DV202	PL200 CM SAP REV 9 EFF MAY 7, 2012	33%
DV204	PL200 CM SAP REV 9 EFF MAY 7, 2012	33%
DV207	PL200 CM SAP REV 11 EFF SEPTEMBER 6, 2012	33%
DV210	PL200 CM SAP REV 11 EFF SEPTEMBER 6, 2012	33%
DV213	PL200 CM SAP REV 11 EFF SEPTEMBER 6, 2012	33%
PT240	PL200 CM SAP REV 11 EFF SEPTEMBER 6, 2012	35%
SV208	PL200 CM SAP REV 11 EFF SEPTEMBER 6, 2012	33%
SV210	PL200 CM SAP REV 11 EFF SEPTEMBER 6, 2012	33%
SV212	PL200 CM SAP REV 11 EFF SEPTEMBER 6, 2012	33%
SV216	PL200 CM SAP REV 11 EFF SEPTEMBER 6, 2012	33%

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National Joint Powers Alliance® (herein NJPA) REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (herein RFP)

for the procurement of

HEAVY CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT TOGETHER WITH RELATED ACCESSORIES, SUPPLIES, AND SERVICES

RFP Opening

June 3, 2011
8:00 AM Central Time
At the offices of the
National Joint Powers Alliance®
200 First Street Northeast, Staples, MN 56479

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The National Joint Powers Alliance® (NJPA) issues this request for proposal (RFP) to provide HEAVY CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT TOGETHER WITH RELATED ACCESSORIES, SUPPLIES, AND SERVICES, on behalf of ourselves and our Members from government, education, and non-profit agencies located in all 50 states and potentially internationally. Details of this RFP are available beginning April 20, 2011 and continuing until May 11, 2011. Details and specifications may be obtained by letter of request to Gregg Meierhofer, NJPA, 200 First Street Northeast, Staples, MN 56479, or by e-mail at RFP@njpacoop.org. Proposals will be received until June 2, 2011 at 4:00 p.m. Central Time at the above address and opened June 3, 2011 at 8:00AM Central Time.

The text above is the Public Notice to Proposers to be used by NJPA.

RFP Timeline

*April 20, 2011 and
April 27, 2011
May 11, 2011*

*May 13, 2011 10:00AM Central
June 2, 2011 4:00 PM. Central
June 3, 2011 8:00AM Central*

- *Publication of RFP in the print and online Minneapolis Star Tribune, the NJPA website, and on the website of noticetobidders.com*
- *Deadline for RFP requests*
- *Pre-Proposal Conference (webcast – conference call)*
- *Deadline for Submission of Proposals*
- *Public Opening of Proposals*

Direct questions regarding this RFP to:

Gregg Meierhofer at gregg.meierhofer@njpacoop.org or (218)894-1930

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1. INTRODUCTION

A. ABOUT NJPA

1.1 The National Joint Powers Alliance®- (NJPA)- is a public agency serving as a national municipal contracting agency established under the Service Cooperative statute by Minnesota Legislative Statute §123A.21 with the authority to develop and offer, among other services, cooperative procurement services to its membership. Eligible membership includes states, cities, counties, governmental agencies, both public and non-public educational agencies, colleges, universities and non-profit organizations. This Minnesota Statute also allows for service to NJPA Member agencies in Minnesota and all other states.

1.2 To this end, NJPA has established a series of procurement contracts with various Vendors of products/services which NJPA Members desire to procure. These procurement contracts are created in compliance with applicable Minnesota Municipal Contracting Laws. A complete listing of NJPA cooperative procurement contracts can be found at www.njpacoop.org.

1.3 NJPA's publicly elected Board of Directors calls for all proposals, awards all Contracts, and hosts those resulting Contracts and offers them for the benefit of its Membership.

1.3.1 Subject to Approval of the Board: Any award of Contract made by an authorized NJPA Employee will be subject to such action by the NJPA Board of Directors.

1.4 NJPA currently serves over 30,000 member agencies. Both membership and utilization of NJPA Contracts continues to expand at exponential rates. The value of our Contracts driven to our Members is reflected in our growth.

B. JOINT EXERCISE OF POWERS LAWS

1.5 NJPA cooperatively shares those contracts with its Members nationwide through various "Joint Exercise of Powers Laws" established in Minnesota and most other States. The Minnesota "Joint Exercise of Powers Law" is Minnesota Statute §471.59 which states "Two or more governmental units...may jointly or cooperatively exercise any power common to the contracting parties..." Similar Joint Exercise of Powers Laws for each State of the United States can be found on our website at <http://www.njpacoop.org/LEARN/About/Legal.html> and clicking on that state at the bottom of the web-page.

C. WHY RESPOND TO A NATIONAL COOPERATIVE PROCUREMENT CONTRACT

1.6 National Cooperative Procurement Contracts create value for both Municipal buyers and their Vendors of products/services in two ways:

1.6.1 We **save the time and effort** of many municipal buyers bringing individual procurement proposals AND the time and effort of the Vendors in responding individually to those invitations. A single invitation for a cooperatively held contract can replace potentially thousands of invitations for the same items from individual NJPA Members.

1.6.2 We earn **volume purchasing discounts** which are passed on to our Members. A single awarded Proposal is likewise exposed to thousands of potential Municipal purchasing units nationwide creating efficiency and savings to the business community as they sell products and services to government and education agencies.

1.7 State laws that permit or encourage cooperative purchasing contracts do so with the belief that lower prices, better overall value and time savings will be the result.

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1.8 The collective purchasing power of thousands of NJPA Members nationwide offers the opportunity for volume pricing discounts. Although no volume is guaranteed by a Contract resulting from this RFP, substantial volume is anticipated and volume pricing is requested and justified.

1.9 NJPA and its Members desire the best value for their procurement dollar as well as a competitive price. Pre-competed procurement contracts offer NJPA and its Members the ability to more directly compare non-price factors in their procurement analysis and it offers Vendors the opportunity to display those attributes without the timing and interpretation constraints of a typical individual proposal process.

D. THE INTENT OF THIS RFP

1.10 The intent of this RFP is to award an Exclusive Single Award Contract to a qualifying manufacturer or authorized distributor demonstrating a solution which meets and/or exceeds the requirements of NJPA and its Members within the scope of **HEAVY CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT TOGETHER WITH RELATED ACCESSORIES, SUPPLIES, AND SERVICES**. Qualifying Proposers must be able to demonstrate the knowledge of any and all applicable industry standards, laws and regulations; and the ability to both market to and service NJPA Members in all 50 states. All proposals received will be evaluated based on (among several other factors) their ability to provide the greatest utility to NJPA and NJPA Members and across the widest spectrum of products and services.

1.11 NJPA desires a relationship with a vendor providing a broad array of equipment, products, supplies, accessories and services anticipated and generally requested and desired by NJPA members from the **HEAVY CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT TOGETHER WITH RELATED ACCESSORIES, SUPPLIES, AND SERVICES** industry. Those products and services must include those most commonly used and desired by NJPA and its Members. NJPA is seeking a Prime and Exclusive Vendor relationship to best serve the overall needs of NJPA and NJPA Members nationally.

1.12 Non-Manufacturer Awards: NJPA reserves the right to make an award related to this invitation to a non-manufacturer such as a dealer/distributor if such action is in the best interests of NJPA and its Members.

1.13 Multiple Awards: Although it is NJPA's intent to award a contract to a single Vendor, NJPA reserves the right to award a Contract to multiple Proposers where the responding Proposers are deemed to lack the ability to appropriately service a national contract or such action is deemed to be in the best interests of NJPA and its Members

1.14 Award by Board of Directors: An Award of Contract may be made by the NJPA Board of Directors based on the recommendation of the NJPA Proposal Review Committee and on the best interests of NJPA and its Members. NJPA is seeking a Prime, Exclusive Vendor relationship(s) to meet this need. The goal and intent of this RFP is to follow through with a proposal award and contract to be marketed nationally through a cooperative effort between the awarded vendor(s) and NJPA to its participating members.

1.15 Best Responsive – Responsible Proposer: It is the intent of NJPA to award a Contract to the best responsible and responsive Proposer(s) offering the best overall quality and selection of products/services and services meeting the commonly requested specifications of the NJPA and NJPA Members, provided the Proposer's Response has been submitted in accordance with the requirements of this RFP.

1.16 Sealed Proposals: NJPA will receive sealed proposal responses to this RFP in accordance with accepted standards set forth in the Minnesota Procurement Code and Uniform Municipal Contracting Law. Awards may be made to responsible and responsive Proposers whose proposals are determined in writing to be the most advantageous to NJPA and its current or qualifying future NJPA Members.

1.17 Use of Contract: Any Contract resulting from this solicitation shall be awarded with the understanding that it is for the sole convenience of NJPA and its Members. NJPA and/or its members

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reserve the right to obtain like goods and services solely from this Contract or from another contract source of their choice.

1.18 NJPA's interest in a contract resulting from this RFP: Notwithstanding its own use, to the extent NJPA issues this RFP and any resulting contract for the use of its Members, NJPA's interests and liability for said use shall be limited to the competitive proposal process performed and terms and conditions relating to said contract and shall not extend to the products, services, or warranties of the Awarded Vendor or the intended or unintended effects of the goods and services procured there from.

1.19 Sole Source of Responsibility- NJPA desires a "Sole Source of Responsibility" Vendor meaning the Vendor will take sole responsibility for the performance of delivered products/services. NJPA also desires sole responsibility with regard to:

1.19.1 Scope of Products/Services: NJPA desires a single provider for the broadest possible scope of the goods and services being proposed over the largest possible geographic area and to the largest possible cross-section of NJPA Members.

1.19.2 Vendor use of sub-contractors in sourcing or delivering goods and services: NJPA desires a single source of responsibility for products/services proposed. Proposer's are assumed to have sub-contractor relationships with all organizations and individuals whom are external to the Proposer and are involved in providing or delivering the goods and services being proposed. Vendor assumes all responsibility for the products/services and actions of any such Sub-Contractor.

E. SCOPE OF THIS RFP

1.20 Additional Definition for the scope of this solicitation.

1.20.1 In addition to **HEAVY CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT TOGETHER WITH RELATED ACCESSORIES, SUPPLIES, AND SERVICES**, this solicitation should be read to include:

1.20.1.1 None.

1.20 Solutions Based Invitation:

1.20.1 All potential Proposers are assumed to be professionals in their respective fields. As professionals you are deemed to be intimately familiar with the spectrum of NJPA and NJPA Member's current and future needs and requirements with respect to the scope of this RFP.

1.20.2 With this intimate knowledge of NJPA and NJPA Member's needs, Proposers are instructed to provide their broadest proposal response in a format describing their solutions to those current and future needs and requirements. Proposers should take care to be economical in their response to this RFP.

1.20.3 Multiple solutions to the needs of NJPA and NJPA Member's are possible. **Examples could include:**

1.20.3.1 Materials Only Solution: A Materials Only Solution may be appropriate for situations where NJPA or NJPA Members possess the ability, either in-house or through local third party contractors, to properly install and bring to operation those materials being proposed.

1.20.3.2 Turn-Key Solutions: A Turn-Key Solution is combination of materials and

services which provides a single price for materials, delivery, and installation to a properly operating status. Generally this is the most desirable solution as NJPA and NJPA Members may not possess, or desire to engage, personnel with the necessary expertise to complete these tasks internally or through other independent contractors

1.20.3.3 Good, Better, Best: Where appropriate and properly identified, Proposers are invited to offer the CHOICE of good – better – best multiple grade solutions to NJPA and NJPA Member’s needs.

1.20.3.4 Proven – Accepted – Leading Edge Technology: Where appropriate and properly identified, Proposers are invited to provide the CHOICE of an appropriately identified spectrum of technology solutions to NJPA and NJPA Member’s needs both now and into the future.

1.21 Geographic Area to be Proposed: This RFP invites proposals to provide **HEAVY CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT TOGETHER WITH RELATED ACCESSORIES, SUPPLIES, AND SERVICES** to NJPA and NJPA Members throughout the entire United States and possibly internationally. Proposers will be expected to express willingness to explore service to NJPA Members located abroad; however the lack of ability to serve Members outside of the United States will not be cause for non-award. The ability to serve Canada, for instance, will be viewed as a value-added attribute.

1.22 Manufacturer as a Proposer: If the Proposer is a Manufacturer or wholesale distributor, the response received will be evaluated on the basis of a response made in conjunction with that Manufacturer’s Dealer Network. Unless stated otherwise, a Manufacturer or wholesale distributor Proposer is assumed to have a documented relationship with their Dealer Network where that Dealer Network is informed of, and authorized to accept, purchase orders pursuant to any Contract resulting from this RFP on behalf of the Manufacturer or wholesale distributor Proposer. Any such dealer will be considered a sub-contractor of the Proposer/Vendor. The relationship between the Manufacturer and wholesale distributor Proposer and its Dealer Network may be proposed at the time of the proposed submission if that fact is properly identified.

1.23 Dealer/Re-seller as a Proposer: If the Proposer is a dealer or re-seller of the products and/or services being proposed, the response will be evaluated based on the Proposer’s authorization to provide those products and services from their manufacturer. Where appropriate, Proposers must document their authority to offer those products and/or services.

1.24 Contract Term: A contract resulting from this RFP will become effective the date established in the “Offering and Award” (Form D). NJPA is seeking a Contract base term of four years subject to annual renewals as allowed by Minnesota Contracting Law. Full term is expected, however will only occur through successful annual renewals. One additional one-year renewal-extension may be offered by NJPA to Vendor beyond the original four year term if NJPA deems such action to be in the best interests of NJPA and its Members.

1.25 Minimum Contract Value: NJPA anticipates considerable activity resulting from this RFP and subsequent award; however no commitment of any kind is made concerning actual quantities to be acquired. NJPA does not guarantee usage. Usage will depend on the actual needs of the NJPA Members and the value of the awarded contract.

1.26 Estimated Contract Volume: Estimated quantities and sales volume are based on potential usage by NJPA and NJPA Members.

1.27 Largest Possible Solution: If applicable, Contracts will be awarded to Proposer(s) able to deliver a proposal meeting the entire needs of NJPA and its Members within the scope of this RFP. NJPA prefers Proposers submit their complete product line of products and services described in the scope of this RFP. NJPA reserves the right to reject individual, or groupings of specific products/services proposals as a part

of the award.

1.28 Contract Availability: This Contract must be available to all current and potential NJPA Members who choose to utilize this NJPA Contract to include all governmental agencies, public and private primary and secondary education agencies, and all non-profit organizations nationally.

1.29 Proposer's Commitment Period: In order to allow NJPA the opportunity to evaluate each proposal thoroughly, NJPA requires any response to this solicitation be valid and irrevocable for ninety (90) days after the date proposals were opened regarding this RFP.

F. EXPECTATIONS FOR PRODUCTS/SERVICES BEING PROPOSED

1.30 Industry Standards: Except as contained herein, the specifications or solutions for this RFP shall be those accepted guidelines set forth by the **HEAVY CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT TOGETHER WITH RELATED ACCESSORIES, SUPPLIES, AND SERVICES** industry, as they are generally understood and accepted within that industry across the nation. Submitted products/services, related services, and their warranties and assurances are required to meet and/or exceed all current, traditional and anticipated needs and requirements of NJPA and its Members.

1.30.1 Deviations from industry standards must be identified by the Proposer and explained how, in their opinion, the products/services they propose will render equivalent functionality, coverage, performance, and/or service. Failure to detail all such deviations may comprise sufficient grounds for rejection of the entire proposal.

1.30.2 Technical Descriptions/Specifications. Bidder's must supply **sufficient** information to:

- Demonstrate the Bidder's knowledge of industry standards, and
- identify the products and services being bid, and
- differentiate those products and services from others.

Excessive technical descriptions and specifications which, in the opinion of NJPA, unduly enlarges the bid response may reduce evaluation points awarded on Form G.

1.31 Important note: NJPA does not typically offer specific product and service specifications; rather NJPA is requesting an industry standard or accepted specification for the requested products and services. Where specific line items are specified, those line items should be considered the minimum which can be expanded by the Proposer to deliver the Proposer's "Solution" to NJPA and NJPA Member's needs.

1.32 Commonly used Goods and Services: It is important that the products/services submitted are the products/services commonly used by public sector entities.

1.33 New Current Model Goods: Proposals submitted shall be for new, current model products and services with the exception of certain close-out products allowed to be offered on the Proposer's "Hot List" described herein.

1.34 Compliance with laws and standards: All items supplied on this Contract shall comply with any current applicable safety or regulatory standards or codes.

1.35 Delivered and operational; Products offered herein are to be proposed based upon being delivered and operational at the NJPA Member's site. Exceptions to "delivered and operational" must be explicitly disclosed in the "Total Cost of Acquisition" section of your proposal response.

1.36 Warranty: The Proposer/Vendor warrants that all products, equipment, supplies, and services delivered under this Contract shall be covered by the industry standard or better warranty. All products

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and equipment should carry a minimum industry standard manufacturer's warranty that includes materials and labor. The Proposer has the primary responsibility to submit, as a part of Tab 7, product specific warranty as required and accepted by industry standards. Dealer/Distributors agree to assist the purchaser in reaching a solution in a dispute over warranty's terms with the manufacturer. Any manufacturer's warranty which is effective past the expiration of the warranty will be passed on to the NJPA member. Failure to submit a minimum warranty may result in the non-award.

1.37 Proposer's Warrants: The Proposer warrants all goods and services furnished hereunder will be free from liens and encumbrances; and defects in design, materials, and workmanship; and will conform in all respects to the terms of this RFP including any specifications or standards. In addition, Proposer/Vendor warrants the goods and services are suitable for and will perform in accordance with the purposes for which they were intended.

1.38 Authorized Representative: Proposer must be officially authorized to manufacturer, distribute, or re-sell the products and services proposed.

G. CERTIFICATION – FIRM OFFER TO CONTRACT

1.38 By execution and delivery of a proposal, Proposer certifies:

1. The submission of the offer did not involve collusion or any other anti- competitive practices;
2. The Proposer/Vendor shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment in violation of Federal and State Laws (see Federal Executive Order 11246);
3. The Proposer has not given, offered to give, nor intends to give at any time hereafter any economic opportunity, future employment, gift, loan, gratuity, special discount, trip, favor or service to a public servant in connection with the submitted offer (see Gratuities); and,
4. The Proposer agrees to promote and offer to Members only those products/services and/or services as previously stated, allowed, and deemed a resultant of the contract(s) as NJPA contract items or services. This clause shall include any future product or service additions as allowed through Contract additions.

1.39 A response to this RFP is a firm offer to Contract with the NJPA based upon the goals, intent, terms, and conditions and scope of products/services contained in and referenced to in this invitation.

1.40 All stated terms and conditions, expectations to include the goals, intent and scope of this RFP as described as a part of this RFP, are to be considered binding under the signatures of authorized parties and are part of the Contract.

H. PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE

1.41 A Pre-Proposal Conference (Webcast – Conference Call) will be held at the date and time identified on the title page for this proposal.

1.42 An invitation with access instructions will be sent via e-mail to all inquirer's the morning following the deadline for proposal inquiries (the day before the conference).

1.43 The purpose for the conference is to allow for questions from the Potential Bidders AND to allow for input from the Potential Bidders regarding perceived improvements to this RFP.

2. DEFINITIONS

A. PROPOSER - VENDOR

2.1 Exclusive Vendor- A sole Vendor awarded in a product category. NJPA reserves the right to award to an Exclusive Vendor in the event that such an award is in the best interests of NJPA Members. Such a Proposer must exhibit the ability to offer an outstanding overall program and demonstrate the ability and

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willingness to serve NJPA Members in all 50 states, and comply with all other requirements of this RFP.

2.2 Potential Proposer- A person or entity requesting a copy of this RFP.

2.3 Proposer- A company, person, or entity delivering a timely response to this RFP.

2.4 Vendor- One of a number of Proposers whose proposal has been awarded a contract pursuant to this RFP.

2.5 Request for Proposal- Herein referred to as RFP

B. CONTRACT

2.6 "Contract" as used herein shall mean cumulative documentation consisting of this RFP, an entire Proposer's response, and a fully executed "Acceptance and Award" pursuant to this RFP.

C. TIME

2.7 Periods of time, stated as number of days, shall be in calendar days.

D. PROPOSER'S RESPONSE

2.8 A Proposer's Response is the entire collection of documents as they are received by NJPA from a Potential Proposer in response to this RFP.

E. CURRENCY

2.9 All transactions are payable in U.S. dollars on U.S. sales. All administrative fees are to be paid in U.S. dollars.

F. FOB

2.10 FOB stands for "Freight On Board" and defines the point at which responsibility for loss and damage of goods purchased are transferred from Seller to Buyer. "FOB Destination" defines the transfer of responsibility for loss are transferred from Seller to Buyer at the Buyer's designated delivery point.

2.11 FOB does not identify whom is responsible for the costs of shipping. The responsibility for the costs of shipping is addressed elsewhere in this document.

3. INSTRUCTIONS TO PREPARING YOUR PROPOSAL

A. PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE

3.1 A non-mandatory pre-proposal conference will be held at the date and time specified in the time line on page one of this RFP. Conference call and web connection information will be sent to all Potential Proposers through the same means employed in their inquiry. The purpose of this conference call is to allow Potential Proposers to ask questions regarding this RFP. Only answers issued in writing by NJPA to questions asked before or during the Pre-proposal Conference shall be considered binding.

B. IDENTIFICATION OF KEY PERSONNEL

3.2 Vendor will designate one senior staff individual who will represent the awarded Vendor to NJPA. This contact person will correspond with members for technical assistance, questions or problems that

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may arise including instructions regarding different contacts for different geographical areas as needed.

3.3 Individuals should also be identified (if applicable) as the primary contacts for the contents of this proposal, marketing, sales, and any other area deemed essential by the Proposer.

C. PROPOSER'S EXCEPTIONS TO TERMS AND CONDITIONS

3.4 Any exceptions, deviations, or contingencies a Proposer may have to the terms and conditions contained herein must be documented on Form C.

3.5 Exceptions, Deviations or contingencies stipulated in Proposer's Response, while possibly necessary in the view of the Proposer, may result in disqualification of a Proposal Response.

D. FORMAL INSTRUCTIONS TO PROPOSERS

3.6 It is the responsibility of all Proposers to examine the entire RFP package, to seek clarification of any item or requirement that may not be clear and to check all responses for accuracy before submitting a Proposal. Negligence in preparing a Proposal confers no right of withdrawal after the deadline for submission of proposals.

3.7 All proposals must be sent to "The National Joint Powers Alliance®, 200 1st ST NE Staples, MN 56479."

3.8 Format for bid response: All proposals must be physically delivered to NJPA® at the above address in the following format:

3.8.1 Hard copy Original signed, completed, and dated forms C,D, E, H, and I from this RFP,

3.8.2 Hard copies of all addenda issued for the RFP counter signed by the Proposer,

3.8.3 Certificate of insurance verifying the coverage identified in this RFP (the addition of an "Additional Insured" designation will be required if your bid is awarded),

3.8.4 Two complete copies of your response on electronic media (Compact Disc or flash drive) containing completed Forms A,B,C,D,E,H, and I, and your statement of products and pricing together with all appropriate attachments

3.9 All Proposal forms must be legible. All appropriate forms must be executed by an authorized signatory of the Proposer. Blue ink is preferred for signatures.

3.10 Proposal submissions should be submitted using the electronic forms provided. If a Proposer chooses to use alternative documents for their response, the proposer will be responsible for ensuring the content is effectively equal to the NJPA form and the document is in a format readable by NJPA.

3.11 It is the responsibility of the Proposer to be certain the proposal submittal is in the physical possession of NJPA on or prior to the deadline for submission of proposals.

3.11.1 Proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope or box properly addressed to NJPA and prominently identifying the proposal number, proposal category name, the message "**Hold for Proposal Opening**", and the deadline for proposal submission. NJPA cannot be responsible for late receipt of proposals. Proposals received by the correct deadline for proposal submission will be opened and the name of each Proposer and other appropriate information will be publicly read.

3.12 Corrections, erasures, and interlineations on a Proposer's Response must be initialed by the authorized signer in original ink on all copies to be considered.

3.13 Addendums to the RFP: The Proposer is responsible for ensuring receipt of all addendums to this RFP.

3.13.1 Proposer's are responsible for checking directly with NJPA, or checking the NJPA website

for addendums to this RFP.

3.13.2 Addendums to this RFP can change terms and conditions of the RFP including the deadline for submission of proposals.

F. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THIS RFP

3.14 Upon examination of this RFP document, Proposer shall promptly notify the Manager of Bids and Contracts of any ambiguity, inconsistency, or error they may discover. Interpretations, corrections and changes to this RFP must be made by addendum. Interpretations, corrections, or changes made in any other manner will not be binding and Proposer shall not rely upon such.

3.15 Submit all questions about this RFP, in writing, referencing “**HEAVY CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT TOGETHER WITH RELATED ACCESSORIES, SUPPLIES, AND SERVICES** to Gregg Meierhofer, NJPA, 200 First Street NE, Staples, MN 56479 or RFP@njpacoop.org. Those not having access to the Internet may call Gregg Meierhofer at (218) 894-1930 to determine if addenda have been issued or to request copies of the RFP. Requests for additional information or interpretation of instructions to Proposers or technical specifications shall also be addressed to Gregg Meierhofer. NJPA urges Potential Proposers to communicate all concerns well in advance of the deadline to avoid misunderstandings. Questions received less than seven (7) days ending at 4:00 p.m. Central Time of the seventh (7th) calendar day prior to proposal due-date cannot be answered.

3.16 If the answer to a question is deemed by NJPA to have a material impact on other potential proposers or the RFP itself, the answer to the question will become an addendum to this RFP.

3.17 If the answer to a question is deemed by NJPA to be a clarification of existing terms and conditions and does not have a material impact on other potential proposers or the RFP itself, no further documentation of that question is required.

3.18 As used in this solicitation, clarification means communication with a Potential Proposer for the sole purpose of eliminating minor irregularities, informalities, or apparent clerical mistakes in the RFP.

3.19 Addenda are written instruments issued by NJPA that modify or interpret the RFP. All addenda issued by NJPA shall become a part of the RFP. Addenda will be delivered to all Potential Proposers using the same method of delivery of the original RFP material. NJPA accepts no liability in connection with the delivery of said materials. Copies of addenda will also be made available on the NJPA website at www.njpacoop.org by clicking on “Current Proposals” and from the NJPA offices. No addenda will be issued later than five (5) days prior to the deadline for receipt of proposals, except an addendum withdrawing the request for proposals or one that includes postponement of the date of receipt of proposals. Each Potential Proposer shall ascertain prior to submitting a Proposal that it has received all addenda issued, and the Proposer shall acknowledge their receipt in its Proposal Response.

3.20 An amendment to a submitted proposal must be in writing and delivered to NJPA no later than the time specified for opening of all proposals.

G. MODIFICATION OR WITHDRAWAL OF A SUBMITTED PROPOSAL

3.21 A submitted proposal may not be modified, withdrawn from or cancelled by the Proposer for a period of ninety (90) days following the date proposals were opened regarding this RFP. **Prior** to the deadline for submission of proposals, any proposal submitted may be modified or withdrawn by notice to the NJPA Manager of Bids and Contracts. Such notice shall be submitted in writing and include the signature of the Proposer and shall be delivered to NJPA prior to the deadline for submission of proposals and it shall be so worded as not to reveal the content of the original proposal. However, the original proposal shall not be physically returned to the Potential Proposer until after the official proposal opening. Withdrawn proposals may be resubmitted up to the time designated for the receipt of the proposals if they are then fully in conformance with the Instructions to Proposer.

H. VALUE ADDED ATTRIBUTES, PRODUCTS/SERVICES

3.22 Examples of Value Added Attributes: Value-Added attributes, products and services are items offered in addition to the products and services being proposed which adds value to those items being proposed. The availability of a contract for maintenance or service after the initial sale, installation, and set-up may, for instance, be “Value Added Services” for products where a typical buyer may not have the ability to perform these functions.

3.23 Where to document Value Added Attributes: The opportunity to indicate value added dimensions and such advancements will be available in the Proposer’s Questionnaire and Proposer’s product and service submittal and must be tabbed under Tab 5.

3.24 Value added products/services and expanded services, as they relate to this RFP, will be given positive consideration in the award selection. Consideration will be given to an expanded selection of HEAVY CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT TOGETHER WITH RELATED ACCESSORIES, SUPPLIES, AND SERVICES, and advances to provide products/services, supplies meeting and/or exceeding today’s industry standards and expectations. A value add would include a program or service that further serves the members needs above and possibly beyond standard expectation and complements the products/services and training. Value added could include areas of product and service, sales, ordering, delivery, performance, maintenance, technology, and service that furthers the functionality and effectiveness of the procurement process while remaining within the scope of this RFP.

3.25 Minority, Small Business, and Women Business Enterprise (WMBE) participation: It is the policy of some NJPA Members to involve Minority, Small Business, and WMBE contractors in the purchase of goods and services. Vendors should document WMBE status for their organization AND any such status of their affiliates (i.e. Supplier networks) involved in carrying out the activities invited. The ability of a Proposer to provide “Credits” to NJPA and NJPA Members in these subject areas, either individually or through related entities involved in the transaction, will be evaluated positively by NJPA. NJPA is committed to facilitating the realization of such “Credits” through certain structuring techniques for transactions resulting from this RFP.

3.26 Environmentally Preferred Purchasing Opportunities: There is a growing trend among NJPA Members to consider the environmental impact of the products/services they purchase. Please identify any “Green” characteristics of the goods and services in your proposal and identify the sanctioning body determining that characteristic. Where appropriate, please indicate which products have been certified as “green” and by which certifying agency.

3.27 On-Line Requisitioning systems: When applicable, on-line requisitioning systems will be viewed as a value-added characteristic. Proposer shall include documentation about user interfaces that make on-line ordering easy for NJPA Members as well as the ability to punch-out from mainstream eProcurement or Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) systems that NJPA Members may currently utilize.

3.28 Financing: The ability of the Proposer to provide financing options for the products and services being proposed will be viewed as a Value Added Attribute.

I. CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE

3.29 Proposer shall procure and maintain insurance which shall protect the Proposer and NJPA (as an additional insured) from any claims for bodily injury, property damage, or personal injury covered by the indemnification obligations set forth herein. The Proposer shall procure and maintain the insurance policies described below at the Proposer’s own expense and shall furnish to NJPA an insurance certificate listing the NJPA as certificate holder and as an additional insured. The insurance certificate must document that the Commercial General Liability insurance coverage purchased by the Proposer includes contractual liability coverage applicable to this Contract. In addition, the insurance certificate must provide the following information: the name and address of the insured; name, address, telephone number

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and signature of the authorized agent; name of the insurance company (authorized to operate in all fifty United States); a description of coverage in detailed standard terminology (including policy period, policy number, limits of liability, exclusions and endorsements); and an acknowledgment of notice of cancellation to the NJPA.

3.30 Proposer is required to maintain the following insurance coverage's during the term of the NJPA Contract:

(1) Workers Compensation Insurance (Occurrence) with the following minimum coverage's: Bodily injury by accident--per employee \$100,000; Bodily injury by disease--per employee \$100,000; Policy limits \$500,000. In addition, Proposer shall require all subcontractors occupying the premises or performing work under the contract to obtain an insurance certificate showing proof of Workers Compensation Coverage with the following minimum coverage's: Bodily injury by accident--per employee \$100,000; Bodily injury by disease--per employee \$100,000; Policy limits \$500,000.

(2) Commercial General Liability Policy per occurrence \$1,000,000.

(3) Business Auto Policy to include but not be limited to liability coverage on any owned, non-owned and hired vehicle used by Proposer or Proposer's personnel in the performance of this Contract. The Business Automobile Policy shall have a per occurrence limit of \$1,000,000.

3.31 The foregoing policies shall contain a provision that coverage afforded under the policies will not be canceled, or not renewed or allowed to lapse for any reason until at least thirty (30) days prior written notice has been given to NJPA. Certificates of Insurance showing such coverage to be in force shall be filed with NJPA prior to commencement of any work under the contract. The foregoing policies shall be obtained from insurance companies licensed to do business nationally and shall be with companies acceptable to NJPA, which must have a minimum AM Best rating of A-. All such coverage shall remain in full force and effect during the term and any renewal or extension thereof.

3.32 Within ten (10) days of contract award, the Proposer must provide NJPA with two (2) Certificates of Insurance. Certificates must reference NJPA RFP 060311 by number.

J. ORDER PROCESS AND/OR FUNDS FLOW

3.33 Please propose an order process and funds flow in Tab 6 for your proposal. Please choose from one of the following:

3.33.1 B-TO-G: The Business-to-Government order process and/or funds flow model involves NJPA Members issuing Purchase Orders directly to a Vendor and pursuant to a Contract resulting from this RFP.

3.33.3 Other: Please fully identify.

K. ADMINISTRATIVE FEES

3.34 Proposer agrees to authorize and/or allow for an administrative fee payable to NJPA by an Awarded Vendor in exchange for its facilitation and marketing of a Contract resulting from this RFP to current and potential NJPA Members. This Administration Fee shall be:

3.34.1 Calculated as a percentage of the dollar volume of all products/services provided to and purchased by NJPA Members or calculated as reasonable and acceptable method applicable to the contracted transaction, and

3.34.2 Included in, and not added to, the pricing included in Proposer's Response to this RFP, and

3.34.3 Set based on the anticipated costs of NJPA's involvement in facilitating the establishment, Vendor training, and the order/product/funds flow of the Contract resulting from this RFP.

3.34.3.1 Typical administrative fees for a B-TO-G order process and funds flow is 2.0%.

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3.35 The opportunity to propose these factors and an appropriate administrative fee is available in the Proposer's Questionnaire, and submitted in Tab 9 of your response.

4. PRICING STRATEGIES

4.1 NJPA requests Potential Proposers respond to this RFP only if they are able to offer a wide array of products/services and at prices lower and better value than what they would ordinarily offer to single government agency, larger school district, or regional cooperative.

4.2 RFP is an "Indefinite Quantity Product/Service Price Request" with potential national sales distribution and service. Proposers are agreeing to fulfill Contract obligations regarding each product/service to which you provide a description and a price. If Proposer's solution requires additional supporting documentation, describe where it can be found in your submission. If Proposer offers the solution in an alternative fashion, describe your solution to be easily understood. All pricing must be tabbed and organized under Tab 9, and copied on a CD along with other requested information as a part of a Proposer's Response.

4.3 Regardless of the payment method selected by NJPA or NJPA Member, a total cost associated with any purchase option of the products/services and being supplied must always be disclosed at the time of purchase.

4.4 Primary Pricing/Secondary Pricing Strategies- All Proposers will be required to submit "Primary Pricing" in the form of "Index and Multiplier Pricing," "Line-Item Pricing," or "Percentage Discount from Catalog Pricing," or a combination of these pricing strategies. Proposers are also encouraged to offer OPTIONAL pricing strategies including "Hot List," "Sourced Goods," and "Volume Discounts," as well as financing options such as leasing.

A. LINE-ITEM PRICING

4.5 Line-Item pricing- A pricing format where specific individual products and/or services are offered at specific individual Contract prices. Products and/or services are individually priced and described by characteristics such as manufacture name, stock or part number, size, or functionality. This method of pricing offers the least amount of confusion as products and prices are individually identified, however Proposers with a large number of products to propose may find this method cumbersome. In these situations, a percentage discount from catalog or category pricing model may make more sense.

4.6 Unit Pricing: Unit Pricing is a line-item technique of pricing for services including the related materials for those services on a unitized basis. The unitized basis may be per quantitative measure such as per square foot, per lineal foot or per occurrence. As an example (not necessarily related to the scope of this RFP), sheetrock may be line item priced as a product only, delivered to the end users location, AND unit priced delivered and installed at that end users location. The sheetrock, hung and taped, is a logical combination of product and service and could be priced per square foot. Whether pricing services, or logical combinations of products and services, pricing per unit of product and services must be quoted (i.e. cost per square foot of sheetrock hung and taped).

4.7 All Line-Item Pricing items must be numbered, organized, sectioned, including SKU's (when applicable) and easily understood by the Proposal Review Committee and members.

4.8 Line-Item Pricing items are to be submitted in an Excel spreadsheet format and are to include all appropriate identification information necessary to discern the line item from other line items in each Proposer's proposal.

4.9 The purpose for the excel spreadsheet format for Line-Item Pricing is to be able to use the "Find" function to quickly find any particular item of interest. For that reason, Proposers are responsible for providing the appropriate product and service identification information along with the pricing information which is typically found on an invoice or price quote for such products and services.

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4.10 All products and services typically appearing on an invoice or price quote must be individually priced and identified on the line-item price sheet, including any and all ancillary costs.

4.11 Proposers are asked to provide both a "List" price as well as a "Proposed Contract Price" in their pricing matrix. "List" price will be the standard "quantity of one" price currently available to government and educational customers excluding cooperative and volume discounts

B. PERCENTAGE DISCOUNT FROM CATALOG OR CATEGORY

4.12 Percent Discount From Catalog, list or Category Pricing- A specific percentage discount from a "Catalogue or List Price" defined as a published manufacturers list, or catalog price for the products or services being proposed.

4.12.1 Catalogue or List Price means the price included in a catalogue, price List, schedule, or other form that:

- (a) is regularly maintained by a manufacturer or contractor;
- (b) is either published or otherwise available for inspection by customers, and
- (c) states prices at which sales are currently or were last made to a significant number of any category of buyers or buyers constituting the general buying public for the supplies or services involved,

4.13 Individualized percentage discounts can be applied individually to any number of defined product groupings. Product groupings can be defined by manufacturer, product type, or other factor as long as the Proposer sufficiently defines those product groupings

4.14 A Percentage Discount from Catalog or Category Pricing offered by the Proposer is acceptable if the products and equipment are far too numerous to name and price individually.

4.15 A Percentage Discount from Catalog or Category Pricing identifies a percentage discount to be applied to a "Catalogue or List" for products from one or more published catalogs. The "Base Price" will be the price generally applicable to government and education customers absent the discounts contemplated herein. The catalog may be published by the Proposer or by the Proposer's supplier.

4.16 When a Proposer elects to use "Percentage Discount from Catalog or Category," Proposer will be responsible for providing and maintaining current "Base or List Pricing" with NJPA both in their proposal and throughout the term of any Contract resulting from this RFP.

4.17 NJPA reserves the right to review catalogs submitted to determine if the represented products and services reflect the scope of this bid. Each new catalog received may have the effect of adding new product offerings and deleting products no longer carried by the Vendor. New catalogs shall apply to the Contract only upon approval of the NJPA. Non-approved use of catalogs may result in termination for convenience. New price lists or catalogs found to be offering non-contract items during the Contract may be grounds for terminating the Contract for convenience. New optional accessories for equipment may be added to the Contract at the time they become available.

C. HOT LIST PRICING

4.18 Where applicable, NJPA also invites the Vendor, at their option, to offer a specific selection of products/services, defined as a Hot List Pricing, at greater discounts than those listed in the standard Contract pricing. All product/service pricing, including the Hot List Pricing, must be submitted in hard copy as well as electronically provided in Excel format. Hot List pricing must be submitted in a Line-Item format. Providing a "Hot List" of products/services is optional. Products/services may be added or removed from the "Hot List" at any time provided that current "Hot List" prices are provided to NJPA at

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all times.

4.19 Hot List pricing when applicable may also be used to discount and liquidate close-out and discontinued products/services as long as those close-out and discontinued items are clearly labeled as such. Current ordering process and administrative fees apply. This option must be published and made available to all NJPA Members.

4.20 Hot List Pricing is allowed to change at the discretion of the Vendor within the definition of Hot List Pricing. The Vendor is responsible to maintain current Hot List product/service descriptions and Pricing with NJPA.

D. CEILING PRICE

4.21 Proposal pricing is to be established as a ceiling price. At no time may the proposed products/services be offered pursuant to this Contract at prices above this ceiling price without approval by NJPA. Prices may be reduced to allow for volume considerations and to meet the specific and unique needs of an NJPA Member.

4.22 Allowable specific needs may include certain purchase volume considerations or the creation of custom programs based on the individual needs of NJPA Members.

E. VOLUME PRICE DISCOUNTS

4.23 Proposers are free to offer volume discounts from the quantity-of-one pricing documented in a Contract resulting from this RFP. Volume considerations shall be determined between the Vendor and individual NJPA Members on a case-by-case basis.

4.24 Nothing in this Contract establishes a favored member relationship between the NJPA or any NJPA Member and the Vendor. The Vendor will, upon request by NJPA Member, extend this same reduced price offered or delivered to another NJPA Member provided the same or similar volume commitment, specific needs, terms, and conditions, a similar time frame, seasonal considerations and provided the same manufacturer support is available to the Vendor.

4.25 All price adjustments are to be offered equally to all NJPA Members exhibiting the same or substantially similar characteristics such as purchase volume commitments, and timing including the availability of special pricing from the Vendor's suppliers.

F. SOURCED GOODS

4.26 NJPA and NJPA Members may, from time to time, request goods and/or products/services within the scope of this RFP which are not included in an awarded Vendor's line-item product /service listing or "list or catalog" known as Sourced Goods.

4.27 An awarded Vendor resulting from this RFP may "Source" these products/services for NJPA or NJPA Member to the extent they:

4.27.1 Include in their bid response a cost-plus-percentage-of-cost pricing factor for such Sourced goods and services, and

4.27.2 Provide as many quotes for the Member's "Total Cost of Acquisition" for the goods and services to be sourced as may reasonably be required by NJPA Member.

4.27.3 Provide "Sourced Goods" only to the extent that they are incidental to the total transaction being contemplated.

G. COST PLUS A PERCENTAGE OF COST

4.28 Except as provided in “Sourced Goods” above, cost plus a percentage of cost as a primary pricing mechanism is not desirable.

H. TOTAL COST OF ACQUISITION

4.20 The Total Cost of Acquisition for the products/services being proposed, including those payable by NJPA Members to either the Proposer or a third party, shall be disclosed in the Proposer’s Response including but not limited to:

- The capitalized cost of the listed products/services being proposed,
- The cost of accessories, alterations, and customizations typically incurred in the acquisition of the products/services being proposed.
- The cost of delivery, setup and installation (where applicable) of the products/services and any accessories being proposed.
- Other costs, where applicable, typically associated with the purchase, delivery, set-up, and installation of the products/services being proposed and making it operational at the purchaser’s site.

4.30 The Total Cost of Acquisition is to be stated “As Proposed.” As an example, a materials only proposal, or portions of proposals, must include the total cost of acquisition for those materials delivered. In contrast, the Total Cost of Acquisition for a turn-key proposal must include the total costs to be incurred in the process of delivering that combination of products/services.

I. REQUESTING PRODUCT AND SERVICE ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

4.31 Requests for product, service, and price additions, deletions, or changes must be made in written form and shall be subject to approval by NJPA.

4.32 New products/services may be added to a Contract resulting from this RFP at any time during that Contract to the extent those products/services are within the scope of this RFP. Those requests are subject to review and approval of NJPA. Allowable new products/services generally include new updated models of products/services and or enhanced services previously offered which could reflect new technology and improved functionality.

4.33 Proposers representing multiple manufacturers, or carrying multiple related product lines may also request the addition of new manufacturers or product lines to their Contract to the extent they remain within the scope of this RFP.

4.34 NJPA’s due diligence in analyzing any request for change is to determine if approval of the request is 1) within the scope of the original RFP, and 2) in the “Best Interests of NJPA and NJPA Members.” We are looking for consistent pricing and delivery mechanisms and an understanding of what value the proposal brings to NJPA and NJPA Members.

4.35 Documenting the “Best Interests of NJPA and NJPA Members” when out-dated equipment is being deleted is fairly straight forward since the product is no longer available and not relevant to the procurement Contract.

4.36 Requests must be in the form of 1) a cover letter to NJPA a) asking to add the product line, b) making a general statement identifying how the products to be added are within the scope of the original RFP, and c) making a general statement identifying that, if appropriate, the pricing is consistent with the existing Contract pricing and 2) the detail as to what is being added at what price will then be an attachment to that cover letter.

4.37 NJPA’s intent here is to encourage Proposers to provide and document NJPA’s due diligence in a clear and concise one page format on which we can stamp and sign our acknowledgment and acceptance.

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This information must ultimately come from Proposers, and NJPA is requiring it in this format.

J. REQUESTING PRICING CHANGES

4.38 Price Decreases: Requests for standard Contract price decrease adjustments (percentage discount increases) are encouraged and will be allowed at any time based on market place efficiencies, market place competitiveness, improved technologies and/or improved methods of delivery or if Vendor engages in innovative procurement practices such as strategic sourcing, aggregate and volume purchasing. NJPA expects Vendors to propose their very best prices and anticipates price reductions due to the advancement of technologies and market place efficiencies. Documenting the “Best Interests of NJPA and NJPA Members” is pretty easy when we are documenting price reductions.

4.39 Price increases: Requests for standard contract price increases (or the inclusion of new generation products/services/services at higher prices) can be made at any time. These requests will again be evaluated by NJPA based on the best interests of NJPA and NJPA Members. As an example, typically acceptable requests for price increases for existing products/services may cite increases to the Vendor of input costs such as petroleum or other applicable commodities. Typically acceptable requests for price increases for new products/services enhance or improve on the current solutions currently offered as well as cite increases in utility of the new compared to the old. Vendors are requested to reasonably document the claims cited in their requests. Your written request for a price increase, therefore, is an exercise in describing what you need, and a justification for why you need it in sufficient detail for NJPA to deem such change to be in the best interests of our self and our Members.

4.40 Price Change Request Format: An awarded Proposer will use the format of a cover letter requesting price increases in general terms (a 5% increase in product line X) and stating their justification for that price increase (due to the recent increase in petroleum costs) by product category. Specific details for the requested price change must be attached to the request letter identifying product/services where appropriate, both current and proposed pricing. Attachments such as letters from suppliers announcing price increases are appropriate for documenting your requests here.

K. PRICE AND PRODUCT CHANGES FORMAT

4.41 NJPA’s due diligence regarding product and price change requests is to consider the reasonableness of the request and document consideration on behalf of our members. We would appreciate it if you would send the following documentation to request a pricing change:

4.41.1 A cover letter:

a. Please address the following subjects in your cover letter:

- i. What product/service prices are changing?
- ii. How much are the prices changing?
- iii. Why are the prices changing?
- iv. Any additions or deletions from the previous product list and the reason for the changes.

b. The specifics of the product/services and price changes will be listed in the excel spreadsheets identified below. Please take a more general “Disclosure” approach to identifying changes in the cover letter.

- i. If appropriate, **for example**, state, “All paper products/services increased 5 % in price due to transportation costs.”
- ii. If appropriate, for instance, state, “The 6400 series floor polisher added to the product list is the new model replacing the 5400 series. The 6400’s 3% price increase reflects the rate of inflation over the past year. The 5400 series is now included in the “Hot List” at a 20% discount from previous pricing until remaining inventory is liquidated.”

4.41.2 An excel spreadsheet identifying all products/services being offered and their pricing.

Each subsequent pricing update will be saved using the naming convention of “[Vendor Name] pricing effective XX/XX/XXXX.”

- a. Include all products/services regardless of whether their prices have changed. By observing this convention we will:
 - i. Reduce confusion by providing a single, easy to find, current pricing sheet for each Vendor.
 - ii. Create a historical record of pricing.

L. SINGLE STATEMENT OF PRICING/HISTORICAL RECORD OF PRICING

4.42 Initially; and with each request for product addition, deletion, and pricing change; all products/services and services available, and the prices for those products/services and services will be stated in an Excel workbook. The request for price changes described above will serve as the documentation for those requested changes. Each complete pricing list will be identified by its “Effective Date.” Each successive price listing identified by its “Effective Date” will create a “Product and Price History” for the Contract.

4.43 Proposers may use the multiple tabs available in an Excel workbook to separately list logical product groupings or to separately list product and service pricing as they see fit.

4.44 All products/services together with their pricing, whether changed within the request or remaining unchanged, will be stated on each “Pricing” sheet created as a result of each request for product, service, or pricing change.

4.45 Each subsequent “Single Statement of Product and Pricing” will be archived by its effective date therefore creating a product and price history for any Contract resulting from this RFP.

M. PAYMENT TERMS

4.46 Payment terms will be defined by the Proposer in the Proposer’s Response. Proposers are encouraged to offer payment terms through P Card services.

4.47 Leasing- If available, identify any leasing programs available to NJPA and NJPA Members as part of your proposed. Proposers should submit an example of the lease agreement to be used. Proposers should identify:

- General leasing terms such as:
 - The percentage adjustment over/under an index rate used in calculating the internal rate of return for the lease; and
 - The index rate being adjusted; and
 - The “Purchase Option” at lease maturity (\$1, or fair market value); and
 - The available term in months of lease(s) available.
- Leasing company information such as:
 - The name and address of the leasing company; and
 - Any ownership, common ownership, or control between the Proposer and the Leasing Company

N. SALES TAX

4.48 Sales and other taxes, where applicable, shall not be included in the prices quoted. Vendor will charge state and local sales and other taxes on items for which a valid tax exemption certification has not been provided. Each NJPA Member is responsible for providing verification of tax exempt status to Vendor. When ordering, if applicable, NJPA Members must indicate that they are tax exempt entities. Except as set forth herein, no party shall be responsible for taxes imposed on another party as a result of or arising from the transactions contemplated by a Contract resulting from this RFP.

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O. SHIPPING AND SHIPPING PROGRAM

4.49 Shipping program for material only proposals, or sections of proposals, must be defined and tabbed under Tab 9 as a part of the cost of goods. If shipping is charged to NJPA or NJPA Member, only the actual cost of delivery may be added to an invoice. Shipping charges calculated as a percentage of the product price may not be used, unless such charges are lower than actual delivery charges. No COD orders will be accepted. It is desired that delivery be made within ninety-days (90) of receipt of the Purchase Order.

4.50 Any shipping cost charged to NJPA or NJPA Members will be considered to be part of "proposal pricing."

4.51 Additional costs for expedited deliveries will be at the additional shipping or handling expense to the NJPA Member.

4.52 Selection of a carrier for shipment will be the option of the party paying for said shipping. Use of another carrier will be at the expense of the requester.

4.53 Proposers must define their shipping programs for Alaska and Hawaii and any location not served by conventional shipping services. Over-size and over-weight items and shipments may be subject to custom freight programs.

4.54 Proposals containing restocking fees are less advantageous than those not containing re-stocking fees. That being said, certain industries cannot avoid restocking fees. Certain industries providing made to order goods may not allow returns. With regard to returns and restocking fees, Proposers will be evaluated based on the relative flexibility extended to NJPA and NJPA Members relating to those subjects. Where used, restocking fees in excess of 15% will not be considered excessive. Restocking fees may be waived, at the option of the Proposer/Vendor. Indicate all shipping and re-stocking fees in price program under Tab 9.

4.55 Proposer agrees shipping errors will be at the expense of the Vendor. For example, if a Vendor ships a product that was not ordered by the member, it is the responsibility of the Vendor to pay for return mail or shipment at the convenience of the member.

4.56 Unless specifically stated otherwise in the "Shipping Program" of a Proposer's Response, all prices quoted must be F.O.B. destination with the freight prepaid by the Vendor. Time is of the essence on this Contract. If completed deliveries are not made at the time agreed, NJPA or NJPA Member reserves the right to cancel and purchase elsewhere and hold Vendor accountable. If delivery dates cannot be met, Vendor agrees to advise NJPA or NJPA Member of the earliest possible shipping date for acceptance by NJPA or NJPA Member.

4.57 Goods and materials must be properly packaged. Damaged goods and materials will not be accepted, or if the damage is not readily apparent at the item of delivery, the goods shall be returned at no cost to NJPA or NJPA Member. NJPA and NJPA Members reserve the right to inspect the goods at a reasonable time subsequent to delivery where circumstances or conditions prevent effective inspection of the goods at the time of delivery.

4.58 Vendor shall deliver Contract conforming products in each shipment and may not substitute products without approval from NJPA Member.

4.59 NJPA reserves the right to declare a breach of Contract if the Vendor intentionally delivers substandard or inferior products which are not under Contract and described in its paper or electronic price lists or sourced upon request to any member under this Contract. In the event of the delivery of a non-conforming product, NJPA Member will immediately notify Vendor and Vendor will replace non-conforming product with conforming product.

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4.60 Throughout the term of the Contract, Proposer agrees to pay for return shipment on goods that arrive in a defective or inoperable condition. Proposer must arrange for the return shipment of damaged goods.

4.61 Unless contrary to other parts of this solicitation, if the goods or the tender of delivery fail in any respect to conform to this Contract, the purchasing member may: 1) reject the whole, 2) accept the whole or 3) accept any commercial unit or units and reject the rest.

P. NORMAL WORKING HOURS

4.62 Prices quoted are for products/services delivered during normal business hours. Normal Business hours will be as specifically defined herein, defined through industry standards OR defined through statement contained in the purchase/work order issued pursuant to a Contract resulting from this RFP.

5. MARKETING PLAN

5.1 Internal Marketing Plan: An award of Contract resulting from this RFP is an opportunity for the awarded contractor to pursue commerce with, and deliver value to NJPA and NJPA Members nationwide. An award of Contract is not an opportunity to see how much business NJPA can drive to an awarded Vendor's door. Your internal marketing plan should serve to:

5.1.1 Identify the appropriate levels of sales management whom will need to understand the value of, and the internal procedures necessary to deliver this Contract opportunity to NJPA and NJPA Members through your sales force.

5.1.2 Identify, in general, your national foot print and dedicated feet-on-the-street sales force that will be carrying this Contract message and opportunity in the field to NJPA Members. Outline the sale force in terms of numbers and geographic distribution.

5.1.2.1 Identify whether your sales force are employees or independent contractors.

5.1.3 Identify your plan for delivering training to these individuals.

5.1.3.1 Will you have your sales force gathered at national or regional events in the near future? Does your sales force have the ability to participate in webinar or webcast events?

5.1.3.2 NJPA is prepared to provide our personnel in your location for sales training and/or on a webinar or webcast where sufficient efficiencies can be shown in reaching the appropriate groups within your employee base, and sufficient numbers of personnel trained.

5.1.4 Identify your personnel involved in training.

5.1.4.1 NJPA can provide personnel to deliver training regarding the Contract itself, the authority of NJPA to offer the Contract vehicle to its Members, the value the Contract vehicle delivers to NJPA and NJPA Members, the scope of NJPA Membership, and the authority of NJPA Members to utilize our procurement contracts.

5.1.4.2 Your personnel will be needed to provide training regarding employee compensation and internal procedures when delivering the Contract opportunity, and how this Contract purchasing opportunity relates with other such opportunities available.

5.2 Success in marketing is dependent upon 1) the delivery of value as defined in section 1.4, 2) the delivery of knowledge of the program and its proper use and utility, and 3) the delivery of opportunity and reward which creates a personal commitment to the program. NJPA desires a marketing plan that:

5.2.1 identifies the value delivered in a competitively proposed national cooperative procurement contract by relieving both the NJPA Member and the Vendor/Vendor's sales staff of the responsibility for bringing and answering many similar and individual RFP's; and

5.2.2 identifies the appropriate Vendor personnel from both management and sales staff's who will be trained on the use and utility of such a contract and a general schedule of when and how those individuals will be trained; and

5.2.3 identifies in general how the reward system for the marketing, delivery, and service chain of the Vendor will be affected by the implementation of the proposed Contract and how that will be proposed to those individuals in terms of the value created for them and their departments in 5.1.1 above.

5.3 External Marketing Plan: NJPA is seeking the ability to serve all our current and potential members nationwide. The Proposer must demonstrate the ability to both market and service their products/services/services nationwide. Please demonstrate your sales and service force contains sufficient people in sufficient proximities, to receive the knowledge, opportunity, and reward in order to make a personal commitment to serving NJPA and NJPA Members nationwide.

5.4 The Proposer must exhibit the willingness and ability to develop marketing materials and participate in marketing venues such as:

5.4.1 Printed Marketing Materials. Proposer will initially produce and thereafter maintain full color print advertisements in camera ready electronic format including company logos, identifying the Vendor, the Vendor's general utility for NJPA and NJPA Members, and contact information to be used by NJPA and NJPA Members in a full page, half page, and quarter page formats. These advertisements will be used in the NJPA Catalog and publications.

5.4.2 Press releases and advertisements. Proposer will identify a marketing plan identifying their anticipated press releases, contract announcements, advertisements in industry periodicals, or other direct or indirect marketing activities.

5.4.3 Proposer's Website. Proposer will identify how an Awarded Contract will be displayed on the Proposer's website. An on-line shopping experience for NJPA and NJPA Members is desired when applicable and will be viewed as a value-added attribute to a Proposer's Response.

5.4.4 Trade Shows. Proposer will outline their proposed involvement in the promotion of a Contract resulting from this RFP through trade shows. Vendors are encouraged to identify trade-show, and other appropriate venues, for the promotion of any such Contract. Vendors are strongly encouraged to participate in cooperation with NJPA at the following NJPA embraced trade shows:

NAFA	National Association of Fleet Administrators
GFX	Government Fleet Expo
APWA	American Public Works Association
NIGP	National Institute of Government Purchasing

5.5 Proposer must also work in cooperation with NJPA to develop a marketing strategy and provide avenues to equally market and drive sales through the Contract and program to all NJPA Members nationally. Awarded Vendor agrees to actively market in cooperation with NJPA all available products/services to current and potential NJPA Members. NJPA reserves the right to deem a proposer

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non-responsive or to waive an award based on an unacceptable marketing plan.

5.6 As a part of this response, submit a complete Marketing Plan on how you would help NJPA rollout this program to current and potential NJPA Members. NJPA requires the Vendor actively promote the Contract in cooperation with the NJPA. Vendors are advised to consider marketing efforts in the areas of 1) Website Link from Vendors website to NJPA's website, 2) Attendance and participation with a display booth at national trade shows as agreed upon/required by NJPA, and 3) Sales team and sales training programs involving both Vendor sales management and NJPA staff. NJPA requires awarded Vendors to offer the NJPA Contract opportunity to all current and qualified NJPA Members.

5.7 Facilitating NJPA Membership: Proposer should express their commitment to determine the membership status of their customers whom are eligible for NJPA Membership, AND their commitment to establishing that membership.

5.7.1 Membership information: Proposer should further express their commitment to capturing sufficient member information as is deemed necessary by NJPA to appropriately facilitate membership and certain marketing activities as agreed to by NJPA and an Awarded contractor.

6. PROPOSAL OPENING PROCEDURE

6.1 Sealed and properly identified Proposer's Responses for this RFP entitled "**HEAVY CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT TOGETHER WITH RELATED ACCESSORIES, SUPPLIES, AND SERVICES**" will be received by Gregg Meierhofer, Manager of Bids and Contracts, at NJPA Offices, 200 First Street NE, Staples, MN 56479 until the deadline for receipt of, and bid opening identified on page one of this RFP. The NJPA Director of Contracts and Marketing, or Representative from the NJPA Proposal Review Committee, will then read the Proposer's names aloud. A summary of the responses to this RFP will be made available for public inspection in the NJPA office in Staples, MN. A letter or e-mail request is required to receive a complete RFP package. Send or communicate all requests to the attention of Gregg Meierhofer 200 1st Street Northeast Staples, MN 56479 or RFP@njpacoop.org to receive a complete copy of this RFP. Method of delivery needs to be indicated in the request; an email address is required for electronic transmission. Oral, facsimile, telephone or telegraphic Proposal Submissions or requests for this RFP are invalid and will not receive consideration. All Proposal Responses must be submitted in a sealed package. The outside of the package shall plainly identify "**HEAVY CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT TOGETHER WITH RELATED ACCESSORIES, SUPPLIES, AND SERVICES**" To avoid premature opening, it is the responsibility of the Proposer to label the Proposal Response properly.

7. EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS

A. PROPOSAL EVALUATION PROCESS

7.1 NJPA will use a 1,000 Point Evaluation System to help determine the best overall Proposer(s) selection. Bonus points may be available for specific proposal characteristics identified such as "Green Product Certifications."

7.2 NJPA reserves the right to use a "Cost Scoring Evaluation" through a product comparison process of like products/services. This process will establish points for submitted price levels. See Cost Scoring Evaluation.

7.3 NJPA shall use a final overall scoring system to include consideration for best price and cost evaluation. The total possible score is 1,000 points. NJPA reserves the right to assign any number of point awards or penalties it considers warranted if a Proposer stipulates exceptions, exclusions, or limitations of liabilities.

7.4 To qualify for the final evaluation, a Proposer must have been deemed responsive as a result of the

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criteria set forth under “Proposer Responsiveness.”

7.5 Responses will be evaluated first for responsiveness and thereafter for content. The NJPA Board of Directors will make awards to the selected Proposer(s) based on the recommendations of the Proposal Review Committee.

7.6 The procurement activities of the NJPA Proposal Review Committee are limited to document preparation, answering Proposer questions, advertising the solicitation, distribution of this RFP upon request, conducting an evaluation and making recommendation for possible approval to NJPA Board of Directors.

B. PROPOSER RESPONSIVENESS

7.7 Proposer’s Responses received after the deadline for submission will be invalid and returned to the Potential Proposer unopened.

7.8 An essential part of the proposal evaluation process is an evaluation to qualify the Proposer being considered. All proposals must contain answers or responses to the information requested in the proposal forms. Any Proposer failing to provide the required documentation may be considered non-responsive.

7.9 Deviations or exceptions stipulated in Proposer’s Response may result in the proposal being classified as non responsive.

7.10 To qualify for evaluation, a proposal must have been submitted on time and materially satisfy all mandatory requirements identified in this document. A proposal must reasonably and substantially conform to all the terms and conditions in the solicitation to be considered responsive.

7.11 The Proposal Review Committee shall utilize the following criteria to evaluate all proposals received. Items 1-4 constitute the test for “Level One Responsiveness” and are determined on the proposal opening date. “Level 2” responsiveness is determined through the evaluation of the remaining items listed below. These items are not arranged in order of importance and each item may encompass multiple areas of information requested.

1. The proposal response is received prior to the deadline for submission.
2. The proposal package was properly addressed and identified as a sealed bid with a specific opening date and time.
3. The proposal response contains the required certificate of liability insurance.
4. The proposal response contains original signatures on all documents requiring such.
5. Response’s conformance to terms and conditions as described in the solicitation, including documentation.
6. Possesses qualifications as a responding Proposer that meets or exceeds those set within the solicitation.
7. Information from references and past performance information including past member approval.
8. Demonstrates that they offer the most current industry standard products/services and/or services.
9. Demonstrates financial stability and a favorable banking line of credit.
10. Demonstrates their products/services and/or services proposed meet and/or exceed industry standards accepted by educational or governmental institutions.
11. Has demonstrated market place success and their past performance exhibit an acceptable reputation.
12. Demonstrates the company possesses the background, knowledge, capacity, and ability to sell, deliver, and support products/services offered to Members.
13. Has provided documentation defining, outlining, and describing their concept of a national marketing program they will be implementing to facilitate and coordinate the cooperative

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- activities required by an awarded Contract.
14. Has provided all of the required and applicable documentation required i.e. insurance certificates, licenses, and/or registration certificates required to do business nationally.
 15. Line-Item Pricing, in approved excel format, listing of all of the proposed products/services and warranty provisions with their associated units of costs.
 16. Core List selection of products/services in Line-Item Pricing format
 17. Hot List Pricing products/services in a Line-Item Pricing format (where applicable).
 18. Contract Pricing submitted as requested to include core list or products/services, Line-Item Pricing and/or Percentage Discount from published gov/ed price list or Catalog.

C. PROPOSAL EVALUATION CRITERIA

7.12 If a manufacturer or supplier chooses not to produce or supply goods and services to meet the scope of this RFP, such action will be considered sufficient cause to reduce evaluation points.

7.13 Consideration will be given in the award based on the completion and degree of information provided regarding available products, equipment, and accessories, as well as, applicable parts of the Proposer Information and Questionnaire.

7.14 The fact a manufacturer or supplier chooses not to produce or provide equipment products or services to meet the intent and scope of this RFP will not be considered sufficient cause to adjudge this RFP as restrictive.

7.15 The Proposer is required to have extensive knowledge and at least three (3) years experience with the related activities surrounding the selling of the equipment, service or related products offered.

7.16 NJPA reserves the right to accept or reject newly formed companies solely based on information provided in the proposal and/or its own investigation of the company.

7.17 Consideration will be given in the proposal evaluation based upon the selection, variety, technological advances, and demonstrated quality of products submitted, technological advances, and pricing. The ability of the Proposer to communicate the value of these factors and to demonstrate how the depth and breadth of their product and service offerings provide NJPA and NJPA Members with a sole source of responsibility within the scope of this RFP will be positively reviewed.

7.18 Consideration will also be given to proposals demonstrating technological advances, provide increased efficiencies, expanded service and other related improvements beyond today's NJPA member's needs and applicable standards.

7.19 Strong consideration will be given to a Proposer's past performance, distribution model, and the demonstration their ability to effectively market and service NJPA Membership nationally.

7.20 Strong consideration will be given to the best price as it relates to the quality of the product and service. However, price is ultimately one of the factors taken into consideration in evaluation and award.

7.21 Evaluation of a Proposer's Responses will take into consideration as a minimum response but not necessarily limited to the following:

1. Adherence to all requirements of this RFP as defined by industry standards.
2. Prior knowledge of and experience with a Proposer in terms of past performance and market place success.
3. Capability of meeting or exceeding current and future needs or requirements of NJPA and NJPA Members.
4. Evaluation of Proposer's ability to market to and provide service to all NJPA Members nationally.

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5. Financial condition of the Proposer.
6. Nature and extent of company data furnished in Proposer's Response.
7. Quality of products, equipment, and services offered including value added related services.
8. History of member service to NJPA type customers.
9. Overall ability to perform sales, solutions and contract support as submitted.
10. Ability to meet service and warranty needs.
11. History of meeting shipping and delivery expectations of contracted products/ services.
12. Technology advancements and related provisions.
13. Ability to market and promote the Contract within current business practices.
14. Willingness to develop and enter into NJPA Contract and business relations.
15. Favorable bond rating and applicable industry standard licensing ability.
16. Past market place successes and brand recognition.
17. Demonstrated warranty and product/service responsibility.

7.22 The Proposer's ability to follow the proposal preparation instructions set forth in this solicitation will also be considered to be an indicator of the Proposer's ability to follow other future instructions should they receive an award as a result of this solicitation. Any Contract between NJPA and a Proposer requires the delivery of information and data. The quality of organization and writing reflected in the proposal will be considered an indication of the quality of organization and writing which would be prevalent if a Contract was awarded. As a result, the proposal will be evaluated as a sample of data submission.

7.23 Proposer's Financial Statements- The Proposer's financial statements are requested and reviewed to get a general feel for the size, strength, and probable scope of the Proposer.

7.24 NJPA reserves the right to reject the Proposer's Response of the apparent successful Proposer where the available evidence or information does not exhibit the ability or intent to satisfy NJPA that the potential Vendor is unable to properly carry out the terms of this RFP and potential Contract.

7.25 NJPA shall reserve the right to reject any or all proposals. NJPA also reserves the right to reject a proposal not accompanied by required certificate of insurance, other data required by this RFP, or if a Proposer's Response is incomplete or irregular. The NJPA shall reject all proposals where there has been collusion among the Proposers.

7.26 Overall Evaluation (FORM G) - The NJPA Proposal Review Committee will evaluate proposal received based on a 1,000 point evaluation system. The Committee will establish both the evaluation criteria and designate the relative importance of those criteria by assigning possible scores for each category.

7.27 Bonus Evaluation Points- Bonus evaluation points may be awarded by the NJPA Proposal Review Committee based on criteria identified as being both "optional" and "having additional value"

D. COST SCORING EVALUATION

7.28 NJPA reserves the right to use this process in the event the evaluation committee feels it is necessary to make a final determination.

7.29 This process will be based on a point system with points being awarded for being low to high Proposer for each cost evaluation item selected. A "Market Basket" of identical (or substantially similar) products/services may be selected by the NJPA proposal Review Committee and the unit cost will be used as a basis for determining the point value. The "Market Basket:" will be selected by NJPA from all product categories as determined appropriate by NJPA. The low priced Proposer will receive the full point value and all other Proposers will receive points as follows: Lowest price Proposal = 5 (where there are five proposers), and inferior proposals = 4, 3, 2, 1 points each. The Total Score for each proposer will be the sum of all points earned. The result of this process shall not be the sole determination for award.

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E. PRODUCT TESTING

7.30 NJPA reserves the right to request and test products/services and/or services from the apparent successful Proposer. Prior to the award of the Contract, the apparent successful Proposer, if requested by NJPA, shall furnish current information and data regarding the Proposer's resources, personnel, and organization within three (3) days.

F. PAST PERFORMANCE INFORMATION

7.31 Past performance information is relevant information regarding a Proposer's actions under previously awarded contracts to schools, local, state, and governmental agencies and non-profit agencies. It includes the Proposer's record of conforming to specifications and standards of good workmanship. The Proposer's history for reasonable and cooperative behavior and commitment to member satisfaction shall be under evaluation. Ultimately, Past Performance Information can be defined as the Proposer's businesslike concern for the interests of the NJPA Member.

G. WAIVER OF FORMALITIES

7.32 NJPA reserves the right to waive any minor formalities or irregularities in any proposal and to accept proposals, which, in its discretion and according to the law, may be in the best interest of its members.

8. POST AWARD OPERATING ISSUES

A. SUBSEQUENT AGREEMENTS

8.1 Purchase Order- Purchase Orders for goods and services may be executed between NJPA or NJPA Members (Purchaser) and awarded Vendor(s) or Vendor's sub-contractors pursuant to this invitation and any resulting Contract. NJPA Members are instructed to identify on the face of such Purchase orders that "This purchase order is issued pursuant to NJPA procurement contract #XXXXXX." A Purchase Order is an offer to purchase goods and services at specified prices by NJPA or NJPA Members pursuant to a Contract resulting from this RFP. Purchase Order flow and procedure will be developed jointly between NJPA and an Awarded Vendor after an award is made.

8.2 Governing Law- Purchase Orders, as identified above, shall be construed in accordance with, and governed by, the laws of a competent jurisdiction with respect to the purchaser. Each and every provision of law and clause required by law to be included in the Purchase Order shall be read and enforced as though it were included. If through mistake or otherwise any such provision is not included, or is not currently included, then upon application of either part the Contract shall be physically amended to make such inclusion or correction. The venue for any litigation arising out of disputes related to Purchase Order(s) shall be a court of competent jurisdiction to the Purchaser.

8.3 Additional Terms and Conditions- Additional terms and conditions to a Purchase Order may be proposed by NJPA, NJPA Members, or Vendors. Acceptance of these additional terms and conditions is OPTIONAL to all parties to the Purchase Order. The purpose of these additional terms and conditions is to, among other things; formerly introduce job or industry specific requirements of law such as prevailing wage legislation. Additional terms and conditions can include specific local policy requirements and standard business practices of the issuing Member. Said additional terms and conditions shall not interfere with the general purpose and intent of this RFP.

8.4 Asset Management Contracts: Asset Management type contracts can be initiated pursuant to a Contract resulting from this RFP at any time during the term of said Contract. The establishment of such Asset Management Contracts cannot exceed the authorized term of a Contract resulting from this RFP; however the Asset Management Contract term may extend beyond the maturity date of a Contract resulting from this RFP.

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8.5 Specialized Service Requirements- In the event service requirements or specialized performance requirements such as e-commerce specifications, specialized delivery requirements, or other specifications and requirements not addressed in the Contract resulting from this RFP, NJPA Member and Vendor may enter into a separate, stand alone agreement, apart from a Contract resulting from this RFP. Any proposed service requirements or specialized performance requirements require pre-approval by Vendor. Any separate agreement developed to address these specialized service or performance requirements is exclusively between the NJPA Member and Vendor. NJPA, its agents, Members and employees shall not be made party to any claim for breach of such agreement. Product sourcing is not considered a service. NJPA Members will need to conduct procurements for any specialized services not identified in this Contract.

8.6 Performance Bond- At the request of the member, a Vendor will provide all performance bonds typically and customarily required in their industry. These bonds will be issued pursuant to the requirements of Purchase Orders for goods and services. If a purchase order is cancelled for lack of a required performance bond, it shall be the recommendation of NJPA that pending Purchase Orders with all NJPA Members be considered for cancellation. Each member has the final decision on Purchase Order continuation. ANY PERFORMANCE BONDING REQUIRED BY THE MEMBER OR CUSTOMER STATE LAWS OR LOCAL POLICY IS TO BE MUTUALLY AGREED UPON AND SECURED BETWEEN THE VENDOR AND THE CUSTOMER/MEMBER.

B. NJPA MEMBER SIGN-UP PROCEDURE

8.7 Awarded Vendors will be responsible for familiarizing their sales and service forces with the various forms of NJPA Membership documentation and shall encourage and assist potential Members in establishing Membership

C. REPORTING OF SALE ACTIVITY

8.8 A report of the total gross dollar volume of all products/services purchased by NJPA Members as it applies to this RFP and Contract will be provided quarterly to NJPA. The form and content of this reporting will be developed by NJPA in cooperation with the Vendor to include, but not limited to, name and address of purchasing agency, amount of purchase, and a description of the items purchased.

D. AUDITS

8.9 During the Term, Vendor will, upon not less than fourteen (14) business days' prior written request, make available to NJPA no more than once per calendar year, at Vendor's corporate offices, during normal business hours, the invoice reports and/or invoice documents from Vendor pertaining to all invoices sent by Vendor and payments made by NJPA members for all products/services purchased under this Contract. NJPA may employ an independent auditor or NJPA may choose to conduct such audit on its own behalf. Vendor shall have the right to approve the independent auditor, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld. Upon approval and after the auditor has executed an appropriate confidentiality agreement, Vendor will permit the auditor to review the relevant Vendor documents. NJPA shall be responsible for paying the auditor's fees. The parties will make every reasonable effort to fairly and equitably resolve discrepancies to the satisfaction of both parties. Vendor agrees that the NJPA may audit their records with a reasonable notice to establish total compliance and to verify prices charged hereunder of the Contract are being met. Vendor agrees to provide verifiable documentation and tracking in a timely manner.

E. HUB PARTNER

8.10 Hub Partner: When Applicable, NJPA Members may, from time to time, request a Vendor resulting from this RFP to serve them through a "Hub Partner" for the purposes of complying with a Law, Regulation, or Rule to which the individual NJPA Member deems to be applicable in their jurisdiction.

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An Awarded Vendor resulting from this RFP may reject such a request provided they provide written notice of that rejection.

8.11 Hub Partner Fees: Fees, costs, or expenses levied upon the NJPA Member OR the Vendor for the services provided by the Hub Partner in the transaction provide that:

8.11.1 The NJPA Member be notified by the Vendor that additional charges may apply; and

8.11.2 The Vendor document the transaction to be "Executed for the Benefit of [NJPA Member Name]" on the face of all transactional and warranty documentation.

F. TRADE-INS

8.12 Where Appropriate, the value in US Dollars, of Trade-ins will be negotiated between NJPA or an NJPA Member, and an Awarded Vendor. That identified "Trade-In" value shall be credited in full against the NJPA purchase price identified in a purchase order issued pursuant to any Awarded NJPA procurement contract. The full value of the trade-in will be consideration to that purchase order.

G. OUT OF STOCK NOTIFICATION

8.13 Vendor shall immediately notify NJPA members upon receipt of order(s) when an out-of-stock occurs. Vendor shall inform the NJPA member regarding the anticipated date of availability for the out-of-stock item(s), and may suggest equivalent substitute(s).

- The ordering organization shall have the option of accepting the suggested equivalent substitute, or canceling the item from the order.
- Under no circumstance is Proposer permitted to make unauthorized substitutions.
- Unfilled or substituted item(s) shall be indicated on the packing list.

H. TERMINATION OF CONTRACT RESULTING FROM THIS RFP

8.14 NJPA reserves the right to cancel the whole or any part of a resulting Contract due to failure by the Vendor to carry out any obligation, term or condition as described in the below procedure. Prior to any termination for cause, the NJPA will provide written notice to the Vendor, opportunity to respond and opportunity to cure according to the steps in the procedure in this Cancellation Section. Some examples of material breach are the following:

- The Vendor provides material that does not meet reasonable quality standards and is not remedied under the warranty;
- The Vendor fails to ship the products or provide the services within a reasonable amount of time;
- NJPA has reason to believe the Vendor will not or cannot perform to the requirements of the Contract and issues a request for assurance as described herein and Vendor fails to respond;
- The Vendor fails to observe any of the material terms and conditions of the Contract; and/or,
- The Vendor fails to follow the established procedure for purchase orders, invoices and/or receipt of funds as established by the NJPA and the Vendor in the Contract.
- The Vendor fails to report quarterly sales volume;
- The Vendor fails to actively market this Contract within the guidelines provided in this RFP and the expectations of NJPA.

8.15 Each party shall follow the below procedure if the Contract is to be terminated for violations or non-performance issues:

Step 1: Issue a warning letter outlining the violations and/or non-performance and state the length of time (10 days) to provide a response and correct the problem(s) if reasonably possible in such time frame.

Step 2: Issue a letter of intent to cancel Contract, if the problem(s) is not resolved within fifty (50)

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days.

Step 3: Issue letter to cancel Contract for cause.

8.16 Upon receipt of the written notice of concern, the Vendor shall have ten (10) business days to provide a satisfactory response to the NJPA. Failure on the part of the Vendor to reasonably address all issues of concern may result in Contract cancellation pursuant to this Section.

8.17 Any termination shall have no effect on purchases that are in progress at the time the cancellation is received by the NJPA. The NJPA reserves the right to cancel the Contract immediately for convenience, without penalty or recourse, in the event the Vendor is not responsive concerning the remedy, the performance, or the violation issue within the time frame, completely or in part.

8.18 NJPA reserves the right to cancel or suspend the use of any Contract resulting from this RFP if the Vendor files for bankruptcy protection or is acquired by an independent third party. Prior to commencing services under this Contract, the Proposer/Vendor must furnish NJPA certification from insurer(s) proving level of coverage usual and customary to the specific industry. The coverage is to be maintained in full effect during the Contract period. Vendor must be willing to provide, upon request, certification of insurance to any NJPA member or member using this Contract.

8.19 Either party may execute Contract termination without cause with a required 60-day written notice of termination. Termination of Contract shall not relieve either party of financial, product or service obligations incurred or accrued prior to termination.

8.20 NJPA may cancel any Contract resulting from this solicitation without any further obligation if any NJPA employee significantly involved in initiating, negotiating, securing, drafting or creating the Contract on behalf of the NJPA is found to be in collusion with any Proposer to this RFP for their personal gain. Such cancellation shall be effective upon written notice from the NJPA or a later date if so designated in the notice given. A terminated Contract shall not relieve either party of financial, product or service obligations due to participating member or NJPA.

8.21 Events of Automatic termination to include:

- Vendor's or NJPA's voluntary or involuntary bankruptcy or insolvency;
- Vendor's failure to remedy a material breach of a Contract resulting from this RFP within sixty (60) days of receipt of notice from NJPA specifying in reasonable detail the nature of such breach; and/or,
- Receipt of written information from any authorized agency finding activities of Vendors engaged in pursuant to a Contract resulting from this RFP to be in violation of the law.

9. GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

A. ADVERTISEMENT OF RFP

9.1 As a policy, NJPA shall advertise this solicitation 1) for two consecutive weeks in both the print and on-line editions of the MINNEAPOLIS STAR TRIBUNE, 2) it shall be placed on a national wire service by the MINNEAPOLIS STAR TRIBUNE, 3) it shall be posted on NJPA's website, 4) it shall be posted to the website of "Noticetobidders.com," and 5) it shall be posted to other third-party websites deemed appropriate by NJPA. Other third party advertisers may include Onvia and Bidsync,

B. ADVERTISING OF A CONTRACT RESULTING FROM THIS RFP

9.2 Proposer/Vendor shall not advertise or publish information concerning this Contract prior to the award being announced by the NJPA. Once the award is made, a Vendor is expected to advertise the awarded Contract to both current and potential NJPA Members.

C. APPLICABLE LAW

9.3 NJPA Compliance with Minnesota Procurement Law: Contracts awarded through NJPA are intended to meet the procurement laws of all states and NJPA will exhaust all avenues to comply with as many state laws as possible. It is the responsibility of each participating NJPA member to insure to their satisfaction that these laws are satisfied. An individual NJPA member using these contracts is deemed by their own accord to be in compliance with proposal regulations. NJPA encourages the awarded Vendor to assist NJPA and the NJPA member in this research to the benefit of all involved.

9.4 Governing Law: All applicable portions of the Minnesota Uniform Commercial Code and all other applicable Minnesota laws shall govern contracts with the National Joint Powers Alliance®. Any claims pertaining to this RFP and any resulting Contract that develop between NJPA and any other party must be brought forth only in courts in Todd County in the State of Minnesota.

9.5 Vendor Compliance with applicable law: Vendor(s) shall comply with all federal, state, or local laws applicable to or pertaining to the sale of the products/services resulting from this RFP. All such laws, whether or not herein contained, shall be included by this reference. It shall be Proposer's/Vendor's responsibility to determine the applicability and requirements of any such laws and to abide by them.

9.6 Indemnity: Each party agrees it will be responsible for its own acts and the result thereof to the extent authorized by law and shall not be responsible for the acts of the other party and the results thereof. NJPA's liability shall be governed by the provisions of the Minnesota Tort Claims Act, Minnesota Statutes, Section §3.736, and other applicable law.

9.7 Prevailing Wage: It shall be the responsibility of the Vendor to comply, when applicable, with prevailing wage legislation in effect in the jurisdiction of the purchaser (NJPA or NJPA Member). It shall be the responsibility of the Vendor to monitor the prevailing wage rates as established by the appropriate department of labor for any increase in rates during the term of this Contract and adjust wage rates accordingly.

9.8 Patent and Copyright infringement: If an article sold and delivered to NJPA or NJPA Members hereunder shall be protected by any applicable patent or copyright, the Vendor agrees to indemnify and save harmless NJPA and NJPA Members against any and all suits, claims, judgments, and costs instituted or recovered against it by any person whosoever on account of the use or sale of such articles by NJPA or NJPA Members in violation or right under such patent or copyright.

D. ASSIGNMENT OF CONTRACT

9.9 No right or interest in this Contract shall be assigned or transferred by the Proposer/Vendor without prior written permission by the NJPA. No delegation of any duty of the Proposer/Vendor shall be made without prior written permission of the NJPA. The NJPA shall notify the members within fifteen (15) days of receipt of written notice by the Vender. After issuance the awarded Contract may be reassigned to a comparable Vendor at the discretion of NJPA.

9.10 If the original Vendor sells or transfers all assets or the entire portion of the assets used to perform this Contract, a successor in interest must guarantee to perform all obligations under this Contract. NJPA reserves the right to reject the acquiring person or entity as a Vendor. A simple change of name agreement will not change the contractual obligations of the Vendor.

E. PROPOSERS LIST

9.11 NJPA will not maintain or communicate to a proposers list. All interested proposers must respond to the solicitation as a result of one of the methods of proposal advertisements listed above. Because of the scope of the potential Members and national Vendors, NJPA has determined this to be the best method of

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fairly soliciting proposals.

F. CAPTIONS, HEADINGS, AND ILLUSTRATIONS

9.12 The captions, illustrations, headings, and subheadings in this solicitation are for convenience and ease of understanding and in no way define or limit the scope or intent of this request.

G. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

9.13 If a Proposer wishes to withhold any part of its proposal from public inspection, then a statement advising the NJPA of this fact shall accompany the submission. NJPA shall review the statement to determine whether the information shall be withheld. If NJPA determines to disclose the information, the Executive Director of NJPA shall inform the Proposer, in writing, of such determination prior to award of Contract to Proposer.

H. DATA PRIVACY

9.14 Proposer agrees to abide by all applicable STATE and FEDERAL laws and regulations including HIPPA concerning the handling and disclosure of private and confidential information regarding individuals. Proposer agrees to hold NJPA harmless from its unlawful disclosure and/or use of private/confidential information.

I. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

9.15 The Contract, as defined herein, shall constitute the entire understanding between the parties to that Contract.

9.16 A Contract resulting from this RFP is formed when the NJPA Board of Directors approves and signs the applicable Acceptance and Award Form document (see Form D).

J. FORCE MAJEURE

9.17 Except for payments of sums due, neither party shall be liable to the other nor deemed in default under this Contract if and to the extent that such party's performance of this Contract is prevented due to force majeure. The term "force majeure" means an occurrence that is beyond the control of the party affected and occurs without its fault or negligence including, but not limited to, the following: acts of God, acts of the public enemy, war, riots, strikes, mobilization, labor disputes, civil disorders, fire, flood, snow, earthquakes, tornadoes or violent wind, tsunamis, wind shears, squalls, Chinooks, blizzards, hail storms, volcanic eruptions, meteor strikes, famine, sink holes, avalanches, lockouts, injunctions-intervention-acts, terrorist events or failures or refusals to act by government authority and/or other similar occurrences where such party is unable to prevent by exercising reasonable diligence. The force majeure shall be deemed to commence when the party declaring force majeure notifies the other party of the existence of the force majeure and shall be deemed to continue as long as the results or effects of the force majeure prevent the party from resuming performance in accordance with a Contract resulting from this RFP. Force majeure shall not include late deliveries of products/services caused by congestion at a manufacturer's plant or elsewhere, an oversold condition of the market, inefficiencies, or other similar occurrences. If either party is delayed at any time by force majeure, then the delayed party shall notify the other party of such delay within forty-eight (48) hours.

K. GRATUITIES

9.18 NJPA may cancel this Contract by written notice if it is found that gratuities, in the form of entertainment, gifts or otherwise, were offered or given by the Proposer/Vendor or any agent or representative of the Proposer/Vendor, to any employee of the NJPA are deemed to be excessive with a view toward securing a contract or with respect to the performance of this Contract.

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L. HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES

9.19 Proper Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS), in compliance with OSHA's Hazard Communication Standard, must be provided by the Vendor to NJPA or NJPA Member at the time of purchase.

M. LEGAL REMEDIES

9.20 All claims and controversies between NJPA and Vendor shall be subject to the laws of the State of Minnesota and are to be resolved in Todd County, Minnesota, the county in which NJPA is domiciled.

N. LICENSES

9.21 Proposer/Vendor shall maintain a current status on all required federal, state, and local licenses, bonds and permits required for the operation of the business conducted by the Proposer/Vendor.

9.22 All responding Proposers must be licensed (where required) and have the authority to sell and distribute offered products/services to NJPA and NJPA Members in all states. Documentation of said licenses and authorities, if applicable, is requested.

O. MATERIAL SUPPLIERS AND SUB-CONTRACTORS

9.23 The apparent successful Vendor shall be required to supply the names and addresses of sourcing suppliers and sub-contractors when requested.

9.24 Awarded Vendors under this RFP will be the sole source of responsibility for transactions originating that award. The Awarded Vendor is solely responsible for products/services and services provided by third party sourcing or service providers.

P. NON-WAIVER OF RIGHTS

9.25 No failure of either party to exercise any power given to it hereunder, nor to insistence upon strict compliance by the other party with its obligations hereunder, and no custom or practice of the parties at variance with the terms hereof, nor any payment under a Contract resulting from this RFP shall constitute a waiver of either party's right to demand exact compliance with the terms hereof. Failure by NJPA to take action or assert any right hereunder shall not be deemed as waiver of such right.

Q. PROTESTS OF AWARDS MADE

9.26 Protests shall be filed with the NJPA's Executive Director and shall be resolved in accordance with appropriate state statutes of Minnesota. Protests will only be accepted from Proposers. A protest must be in writing and filed with NJPA. A protest of an award or proposed award must be filed within ten (10) days after the public notice or announcement of the award. No protest shall lie for a claim that the selected Proposer is not a responsible Proposer. A protest must include:

1. The name, address and telephone number of the protester;
2. The original signature of the protester or its representative;
3. Identification of the solicitation by RFP number;
4. Identification of the statute or procedure that is alleged to have been violated;
5. A precise statement of the relevant facts;
6. Identification of the issues to be resolved;
7. The aggrieved party's argument and supporting documentation.

R. PROVISIONS REQUIRED BY LAW

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9.27 Proposer/Vendor agrees in the performance of a Contract resulting from this RFP, it has complied with or will comply with all applicable statutes, laws, regulations, and orders of the United States and any State thereof.

S. PUBLIC RECORD

9.28 All proposals submitted to this invitation shall become the property of the NJPA and will become a matter of public record and available for review subsequent to the award notification. Proposals may be viewed by appointment at the NJPA offices Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

T. RIGHT TO ASSURANCE

9.29 Whenever one party to this Contract has reason to question the other party's intent to perform, he/she may demand a written assurance of this intent. In the event a demand is made and no written assurance is given, the demanding party may treat this failure as an anticipatory repudiation of the Contract provided, however, in order to be effective, any such demand shall be addressed to the authorized signer for the party from whom the assurance is being sought, and sent via U.S. Postal Service, certified mail, return receipt requested or national overnight delivery service with proof of delivery.

U. SUSPENSION OR DISBARMENT STATUS

9.30 If within the past five (5) years, any firm, business, person or Proposer submitting a proposal has been lawfully precluded from participating in any public procurement activity with a federal, state or local government, the Proposer must include a letter with its response setting forth the name and address of the public procurement unit, the effective date of the suspension or debarment, the duration of the suspension or debarment and the relevant circumstances relating to the suspension or debarment. Any failure to supply such a letter or to disclose pertinent information may result in the cancellation of any Contract. By signing the proposal affidavit, the Proposer certifies that no current suspension or debarment exists.

V. HUMAN RIGHTS CERTIFICATE

9.31 If Proposer is not domiciled in Minnesota and has NOT on any single working day in the past year, employed more than 40 employees in the State of Minnesota, Proposer must provide a statement to that effect.

9.32 If Proposer is not domiciled in Minnesota and has on any single working day in the past year, employed more than 40 employees in the State of Minnesota, Proposer must document their application for a Human Rights Certificate issued by the Minnesota Commissioner of Human Rights. Proposer must also document receipt by the Minnesota Commissioner of Human Rights of that application and the Proposer's affirmative action plan for the employment of minority persons, women, and qualified disabled individuals.

9.33 If Proposer is domiciled in Minnesota and has on any single working day in the past year, employed more than 40 employees in the State of Minnesota, Proposer must provide a copy of their "Certificate of Compliance" from the Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Human Rights.

W. SEVERABILITY

9.34 In the event that any of the terms of a Contract resulting from this RFP are in conflict with any rule, law, statutory provision or are otherwise unenforceable under the laws or regulations of any government or subdivision thereof, such terms shall be deemed stricken from a Contract resulting from this RFP, but such invalidity or unenforceability shall not invalidate any of the other terms of a Contract resulting from this RFP.

X. RELATIONSHIP OF PARTIES

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9.35 No Contract resulting from this RFP shall be considered a contract of employment. The relationship between NJPA and an Awarded Contractor is one of independent contractors each free to exercise judgment and discretion with regard to the conduct of their respective businesses. The parties do not intend the proposed Contract to create, or is to be construed as creating a partnership, joint venture, master-servant, principal-agent, or any other relationship. Except as provided elsewhere in this RFP, neither party may be held liable for acts of omission or commission of the other party and neither party is authorized or has the power to obligate the other party by contract, agreement, warranty, representation or otherwise in any manner whatsoever except as may be expressly provided herein.

PROPOSER QUESTIONNAIRE

Form A

Proposer Name: _____

Questionnaire completed by: _____

Please provide an answer to all questions below and address all requests made in this RFP. Please use the Microsoft Word/Excel document version of this questionnaire to respond to the questions contained herein. Please provide your answer to each question indented below the question. Please supply any applicable supporting information and documentation you feel appropriate in addition to answers entered to the Word document. All information must be typed, organized, and easily understood by evaluators.

Company Information

- 1) Why did you respond to this RFP?
- 2) Provide a brief history of your company that includes its goals and philosophy.
- 3) Provide profiles and an organizational chart for key sales and marketing executives of your company that will oversee the implementation and operation of a Contract resulting from this RFP.
- 4) How long has your company been in the **HEAVY CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT TOGETHER WITH RELATED ACCESSORIES, SUPPLIES, AND SERVICES**, industry?
- 5) Is your organization best described as a manufacturer or a distributor/dealer/re-seller for a manufacturer of the products and services being proposed?
 - a) If the Proposer is best described as a re-seller, manufacturer aggregate, or distributor, please provide evidence of your authorization as a dealer/re-seller/manufacturer aggregate for the manufacturer of the products you are proposing.
 - b) If the Proposer is best described as a manufacturer, please describe your relationship with your sales/service force and/or Dealer Network in delivering the products and services proposed. Are these people your employees, or the employees of a third party?
- 6) For public companies, provide your most recent annual report to shareholders.
- 7) For private companies, provide your most recent year-end financial statements, your bond rating, and/or a credit reference from your bank.
- 8) Provide a discussion of licenses and certifications both required to be held, and actually held by your organization in pursuit of the commerce contemplated by this RFP.
- 9) Provide a discussion of licenses and certifications both required to be held, and actually held by third parties and sub-contractors to your organization in pursuit of the commerce contemplated by this RFP. If not applicable, please respond with "Not Applicable."

Industry-Marketplace Successes

- 10) List and document recent industry awards and recognition.
- 11) Supply three references/testimonials from customers similar to NJPA Members. Please include the customer's name, contact, and phone number.
- 12) Provide names and addresses of the top five (5) governmental or education customers and dollar volumes from the past year.
- 13) Provide documentation indicating the total dollar volume for each of your sales to government, education, and non-profit agencies for the last three (3) fiscal years.

Proposer's ability to sell and service nationwide.

- 14) Please describe your **sales force** in terms of numbers, geographic dispersion, and the proportion of their attention focused on the sale of the products/services contemplated in this RFP? a) Are these individuals your employees, or

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- are they employees of a third party?
- 15) Please describe your **service force** in terms of numbers, geographic dispersion, and the proportion of their attention focused on the sale of the products/services contemplated in this RFP? a) Are these individuals your employees, or are they employees of a third party?
 - 16) Describe in detail your customer service program regarding process and procedure. Please include, where appropriate, response time commitments.
 - 17) Identify any geographic areas or NJPA market segments of the United States you will **NOT** be serving through the proposed contract.
 - 18) Identify any of NJPA Member segments you will **NOT** be serving? (Government, Education, Non-profit)

Marketing Plan

- 19) Describe your training program for both greet-the-public and sales management levels relating to a NJPA award.
- 20) Describe your general marketing program strategy to promote the proposed Contract nationally.
- 21) Describe your marketing material, and overall marketing ability, relating to promoting this type of partnership and contract opportunity. As much as possible, please send marketing materials in electronic format only to save paper.
- 22) Describe your use of technology and the internet to provide marketing and product awareness.
- 23) Describe your perception of NJPA's role in marketing the partnership and your products/services.
- 24) Describe the unique quality of the products/services in your proposal in relationship to others available in the market.

Value Added Attributes

- 25) Describe any training programs available as options for members.
- 26) Describe technological advances your proposal products/services offer.
- 27) Describe your "Green" program as it relates to your company, your products, and your recycling program, including a list of all green products accompanied by the certifying agency for each.
- 28) Describe any Women or Minority Business Entity (WMBE) or Small Business Entity (SBE) accreditations of your organization directly involved in a Contract resulting from this RFP.
- 29) Identify any other unique or custom value added attributes.
- 30) Identify any service contract options included in the proposed price, or offered as a proposed option, for the products or services being offered.
- 31) Identify your ability and willingness to service Canada specifically and internationally in general.
- 32) Describe any unique distribution method employed in your proposal.

Payment Terms and Financing Options

- 33) Identify your payment terms. (Net 30, etc.)
- 34) Identify any applicable leasing or other financing options as defined herein.
- 35) Briefly describe your proposed order process for this proposal and contract award. (Note: order process may be modified or refined during an NJPA member's final Contract phase process).

Warranty

- 36) Describe, in detail, your Warranty Program including conditions to qualify, claims procedure, and overall structure.
- 37) Do all warranties cover all material and labor?
- 38) Do warranties impose usage limit restrictions?
- 39) Do warranties cover the technicians travel time to perform warranty repairs?
- 40) Please list any other limitations or circumstances that would not be covered under your warranty.
- 41) Please list any geographic regions of the United States for which you cannot provide a certified technician to perform warranty repairs. How do NJPA Members in these regions receive warranty work?

Other Cooperative Procurement Contracts Held

- 42) Identify all cooperative governmental procurement contracts which are marketed in more than one state held or utilized by the Proposer.

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- 43) Identify all government or state procurement contracts held or utilized by the Proposer with any State of the United States.
- 44) Identify any GSA Contracts held or utilized by the Proposer.
- 45) If you are awarded the NJPA contract, are there any market segments (e.g., higher education, county governments, etc.) or geographical markets where the NJPA contract will not be your primary contract purchasing vehicle? If so, please identify those markets and which cooperative purchasing agreement will be your primary vehicle.

Products/Services and Pricing

- 46) Provide a general narrative description of the products/services and services you are offering in your proposal.
- 47) Provide a general narrative description of your pricing model identifying how the model works (line item and/or percentage discount).
- 48) Propose a strategy, process, and specific method of facilitating "Sourced Goods" solution as defined herein.
- 49) Provide an overall statement of method of pricing for individual line items, catalogs and category pricing with regard to all products/services and being proposed. Provide a SKU number for each item being proposed.
- 50) Provide a list of the NAICS codes for the products/service you are offering.
- 51) Provide a list of the NAICS codes for products/ services you make/deliver which are not included in this offering.
- 52) Provide, if any, your volume rebate programs
- 53) Identify any applicable minimum quantities applicable to your proposal.
- 54) Identify any Total Cost of Acquisition (as defined herein) cost(s) which is **NOT** included "Pricing" submitted with your proposal response. Identify to whom these items are payable and their relationship to Proposer.
- 55) As an important part of the evaluation of your offer, you must indicate the level of pricing you are offering.
Prices offered in this proposal are:
 - _____ a. The same as typically offered to an individual municipality or school district.
 - _____ b. The same as typically offered to cooperative procurement organizations or state purchasing departments.
 - _____ c. Better than typically offered to cooperative procurement organizations or state purchasing departments.(Your proposal will be considered "Non-Responsive" if this question is not answered.)
- 56) Do you offer quantity or volume discounts? ____ YES ____ NO Outline guidelines and program.
- 57) Describe your shipping, exchange and return program(s) and policy(s). Also specifically identify those programs as they relate to Alaska and Hawaii.
- 58) Identify the Proposer's proposal for an administrative fee payable to NJPA for facilitation and promotion of the Contract opportunity invited here. This fee should be calculated as a percentage of Contract sales.

Authorized Signature (Same signature as on Proposal Affidavit Signature and Acceptance Form)

Form B

PROPOSER INFORMATION

Company Name: _____
Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Fax: _____
Toll Free Number: _____ E-mail: _____
Web site: _____

Voids sometimes exist between management (those who respond to RFPs) and sales staff (those who contact NJPA Members) that result in communication problems. Due to this fact, provide the names of your key sales people, phone numbers, and geographic territories for which they are responsible

COMPANY PERSONNEL CONTACTS

Contract Manager:

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Name: _____ Title: _____
Email: _____ Phone: _____

**Proposal Offering
And Acceptance and Award
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FORM D

HEAVY CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT TOGETHER WITH RELATED ACCESSORIES, SUPPLIES, AND SERVICES,

Proposal Offering (To be completed Only by Proposer)

In compliance with the Request for proposal (RFP) for HEAVY CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT TOGETHER WITH RELATED ACCESSORIES, SUPPLIES, AND SERVICES, the undersigned warrants that I/we have examined this RFP and, being familiar with all of the instructions, terms and conditions, general specifications, expectations, technical specifications, service expectations and any special terms, do hereby offer and agree to furnish the defined products/services and services in compliance with all terms, conditions of this RFP, any applicable amendments of this RFP, and all Proposer's Response documentation. Proposer further understands they are the sole offeror herein and that the performance of any sub-contractors employed by the Proposer in fulfillment of this offer is the sole responsibility of the Proposer.

Company Name: _____ Date: _____

Company Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Contact Person: _____ Title: _____

Authorized Signature (ink only): _____
(Name printed or typed)

Contract Acceptance and Award (To be completed only by NJPA)

Your proposal offering is hereby accepted and awarded. As an awarded Proposer, you are now bound to provide the defined goods and services contained in your proposal offering according to all terms, conditions, and pricing set forth in this RFP, any amendments to this RFP, and the Proposer's Response. The effective date of the Contract be _____, _____ and continue for four years thereafter AND which is subject to annual renewal at the option of both parties.

National Joint Powers Alliance® (NJPA)

NJPA Authorized signature: _____
(Name printed or typed)

Title: Executive Director NJPA _____

Awarded this _____ day of _____ **Contract Number # 060311**

NJPA Authorized signature: _____
(Name printed or typed)

Title: _____

Executed this _____ day of _____ **Contract Number # 060311**

PROPOSER ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE

Form E

Proposal Affidavit Signature Page

PROPOSER'S AFFIDAVIT

The undersigned, representing the persons, firms and corporations joining in the submission of the foregoing proposal (such persons, firms and corporations hereinafter being referred to as the "Proposer"), being duly sworn on his/her oath, states to the best of his/her belief and knowledge:

1. The undersigned certifies the Proposer is submitting their proposal under their true and correct name, the Proposer has been properly originated and legally exists in good standing in its state of residence, that the Proposer possesses, or will possess prior to the delivery of any goods and services, all applicable licenses necessary for such delivery, and that they are authorized to act on behalf of, and encumber the "Proposer" in this Contract, and
2. To the best of my knowledge, no Proposer or Potential Proposer, nor any person duly representing the same, has directly or indirectly entered into any agreement or arrangement with any other Proposers, Potential Proposers, any official or employee of the NJPA, or any person, firm or corporation under contract with the NJPA in an effort to influence either the offering or non-offering of certain prices, terms, and conditions relating to this RFP which tends to, or does, lessen or destroy free competition in the letting of the Contract sought for by this RFP, and
3. The Proposer or any person on his/her behalf, has not agreed, connived or colluded to produce a deceptive show of competition in the manner of the proposal or award of the referenced contract, and
4. Neither I, the Proposer, nor, any officer, director, partner, member or associate of the Proposer, nor any of its employees directly involved in obtaining contracts with the NJPA or any subdivision of the NJPA, has been convicted of false pretenses, attempted false pretenses or conspiracy to commit false pretenses, bribery, attempted bribery or conspiracy to bribe under the laws of any state or federal government for acts or omissions after January 1, 1985, and
5. The Proposer has examined and understands the terms, conditions, scope, contract opportunity, specifications request and other documents of this solicitation and that any and all exceptions have been noted in writing and have been included with the proposal submittal, and
6. If awarded a contract, the Proposer will provide the products/services and/or services to qualifying members of the NJPA in accordance with the terms, conditions, scope of this RFP, Proposer offered specifications and other documents of this solicitation, and
7. The undersigned, being familiar with expectations and specifications request outlined in this RFP under consideration, hereby proposes to deliver through valid service request, Purchase Orders or forms for NJPA Members per this RFP, only new, unused and first quality products/services and services to designated NJPA Members, and
8. The Proposer has carefully checked the accuracy of all items and listed total price per item in this proposal. In addition, the Proposer accepts all general terms and conditions of this RFP, including all responsibilities of commitment and delivery of services as outlined, and
9. In submitting this proposal, it is understood that the right is reserved by the NJPA to reject any or all proposals and it is agreed by all parties that this proposal may not be withdrawn during a period of 90 days from the date proposals were opened regarding this RFP, and
10. The Proposer certifies that in performing this Contract they will comply with all applicable provisions of the federal, state, and local laws, regulations, rules, and orders, and
11. If Proposer has more than 40 employees in the state in which their principal place of business is located, Proposer

hereby certifies their compliance with federal affirmative action requirements.

Company Name: _____

Contact Person for Questions: _____ Phone: _____
(Must be individual who is responsible for filling out this Proposer's Response form)

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Fax Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Authorized Signature: _____

Authorized Name (typed): _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Notarized

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ the day of _____, 20 _____

Notary Public in and for the County of _____ State of _____

My commission expires: _____

Signature: _____

Form G.

OVERALL EVALUATION AND CRITERIA

In accordance with accepted standards of competitive sealed proposal awards as set forth in the Minnesota Procurement Code, competitive sealed proposals/awards will be made to responsible Proposers whose proposals are determined in writing to be responsive and also be the most advantageous to NJPA and its NJPA Members. To qualify for the final evaluation, a Proposer must have been deemed responsive as a result of the criteria set for "Proposer Responsiveness." A proposal must have been submitted on time and materially satisfy all mandatory requirements identified in this document.

Evaluation for: _____

For the Proposed Subject **HEAVY CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT TOGETHER WITH RELATED ACCESSORIES, SUPPLIES, AND SERVICES,**

The evaluation criteria for this solicitation, **not** arranged in order of importance:

	Available Points	Points Awarded
Conformance to terms and conditions to include documentation	75	
Pricing	300	
Industry and Marketplace Successes	50	
Bidder's Ability to Sell and Service Contract Nationally	100	
Bidder's Marketing Plan	75	
Value Added Attributes	75	
Invoicing Payment Terms and Financing Options	25	
Warranty Coverages and Information.	100	
Selection and Variety of Products and Services Offered	200	
Total Points	1000	0
Bonus Points awarded for:		
Bidders "Green" characteristics	50	
Bidders Dissadvantaged Business Entity Charactoristics	50	
Overall Evaluation Points	1100	0

Proposed

Reviewed by: _____ Its _____

_____ Its _____

FORM H

State Of Minnesota – Affirmative Action Certification

If your response to this solicitation is or could be in excess of \$100,000, complete the information requested below to determine whether you are subject to the Minnesota Human Rights Act (Minnesota Statutes 363A.36) certification requirement, and to provide documentation of compliance if necessary. It is your sole responsibility to provide this information and—if required—to apply for Human Rights certification prior to the due date and time of the proposal or proposal and to obtain Human Rights certification prior to the execution of the contract. The State of Minnesota is under no obligation to delay proceeding with a contract until a company receives Human Rights certification BOX A – For companies which have employed more than 40 full-time employees within Minnesota on any single working day during the previous 12 months. All other companies proceed to BOX B.

Your response will be rejected unless your business:

has a current Certificate of Compliance issued by the Minnesota Department of Human Rights (MDHR)

—or—

has submitted an affirmative action plan to the MDHR, which the Department received prior to the date and time the responses are due.

Check one of the following statements if you have employed more than 40 full-time employees in Minnesota on any single working day during the previous 12 months:
[] We have a current Certificate of Compliance issued by the MDHR. Proceed to BOX C. Include a copy of your certificate with your response.
[] We do not have a current Certificate of Compliance. However, we submitted an Affirmative Action Plan to the MDHR for approval, which the Department received on (date). [If the date is the same as the response due date, indicate the time your plan was received: (time). Proceed to BOX C.
[] We do not have a Certificate of Compliance, nor has the MDHR received an Affirmative Action Plan from our company. We acknowledge that our response will be rejected. Proceed to BOX C. Contact the Minnesota Department of Human Rights for assistance. (See below for contact information.)
Please note: Certificates of Compliance must be issued by the Minnesota Department of Human Rights. Affirmative Action Plans approved by the Federal government, a county, or a municipality must still be received, reviewed, and approved by the Minnesota Department of Human Rights before a certificate can be issued.

BOX B – For those companies not described in BOX A
Check below.
[] We have not employed more than 40 full-time employees on any single working day in Minnesota within the previous 12 months. Proceed to BOX C.

BOX C – For all companies
By signing this statement, you certify that the information provided is accurate and that you are authorized to sign on behalf of the responder. You also certify that you are in compliance with federal affirmative action requirements that may apply to your company. (These requirements are generally triggered only by participating as a prime or subcontractor on federal projects or contracts. Contractors are alerted to these requirements by the federal government.)
Name of Company: ___ Date _____
Authorized Signature: _ Telephone number: _____
Printed Name: _____ Title: _____

For assistance with this form, contact:

Minnesota Department of Human Rights, Compliance Services Section

Mail: 190 East 5th St., Suite 700 St. Paul, MN 55101
Web: www.humanrights.state.mn.us

TC Metro: (651) 296-5663
Fax: (651) 296-9042

Toll Free: 800-657-3704
TTY: (651) 296-1283

Form I

State of Minnesota — Immigration Status Certification

By order of the Governor's Executive Order 08-01, vendors and subcontractors MUST certify compliance with the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 (8 U.S.C. 1101 et seq.) and certify use of the *E-Verify* system established by the Department of Homeland Security.

E-Verify program information can be found at <http://www.dhs.gov/ximgtn/programs>.

If any response to a solicitation is or could be in excess of \$50,000, vendors and subcontractors must certify compliance with items 1 and 2 below. In addition, prior to the delivery of the product or initiation of services, vendors MUST obtain this certification from all subcontractors who will participate in the performance of the contract. All subcontractor certifications must be kept on file with the contract vendor and made available to the state upon request.

1. The company shown below is in compliance with the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 in relation to all employees performing work in the United States and does not knowingly employ persons in violation of the United States immigration laws. The company shown below will obtain this certification from all subcontractors who will participate in the performance of this contract and maintain subcontractor certifications for inspection by the state if such inspection is requested; and
2. By the date of the delivery of the product and/or performance of services, the company shown below will have implemented or will be in the process of implementing the *E-Verify* program for all newly hired employees in the United States who will perform work on behalf of the State of Minnesota.

I certify that the company shown below is in compliance with items 1 and 2 above and that I am authorized to sign on its behalf.

Name of Company: _____ Date: _____
Authorized Signature: _____ Telephone Number: _____
Printed Name: _____ Title: _____

If the contract vendor and/or the subcontractors are not in compliance with the Immigration Reform and Control Act, or knowingly employ persons in violation of the United States immigration laws, or have not begun or implemented the *E-Verify* program for all newly hired employees in support of the contract, the state reserves the right to determine what action it may take. This action could include, but would not be limited to cancellation of the contract, and/or suspending or debaring the contract vendor from state purchasing.

For assistance with the *E-Verify* Program

Contact the National Customer Service Center (NCSC) at 1-800-375-5283 (TTY 1-800-767-1833).

For assistance with this form, contact:

Mail: 112 Administration Bldg, 50 Sherburne Ave. St. Paul, MN 55155

E-mail: MMDHelp.Line@state.mn.us

Telephone: 651.296.2600

Persons with a hearing or speech disability may contact us by dialing 711 or 1.800.627.3529

Pre-submission Checklist

- Have you read and understood the RFP?
- Have you attended the Pre-Bid Conference for this RFP?
- Have you completed the questionnaire (Form A) to the best of your ability?
- Have you submitted pricing for all of the goods and services you offer within the scope of this RFP?
- Have you submitted a “Sourced Goods Multiplier”?
- Have you packaged your bid submission identifying conspicuously “Competitive Bid Enclosed, Please hold for public opening XX-XX-XXX”.
- Have you sent your package in sufficient time for physical delivery at 200 1st ST NE Staples, MN 56479 will occur prior to the deadline for delivery?
- Have you submitted original completed and executed forms C,D,E,H, and I from this RFP?
- Have you submitted verification of liability insurance with the coverage and limits required in the RFP?
- Have you provided an electronic copy (saved on a CD or flash drive) of your **entire** proposal including, but not limited to, Forms A,B,C, D,E,H, and I in your proposal?

Addendum 051911

To that certain
RFP#060311
Issued by

The National Joint Powers Alliance®
For the procurement of:

HEAVY CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT TOGETHER WITH RELATED ACCESSORIES, SUPPLIES, AND SERVICES

Please read this solicitation to include the following:

Question: I notice in several areas of the RFP it instructs to place pieces of information in "Tab 5" or "Tab 6" and so on...where are the Tabs? Otherwise I am following the flow and answering to the forms required. Is this correct?

Answer: We are evolving away from bid responses containing large amounts of paper. Please refer to paragraph 3.8 for format of bid response and disregard references to "Tabs". Form A, which was previously split into multiple "Tabs" for organizational purposes, is now one document submitted on CDs or flash drives without killing numerous trees.

Craig McArthur 5-19-11