

if such products are clearly identified in the bid and are determined by the County to meet fully the salient characteristics requirements listed in the specifications. Unless the bidder clearly indicates in his bid that he is offering an "equal" product, the bid shall be considered as offering the same brand name product referenced in the specifications. If the bidder proposes to furnish an "equal" product, the brand name if any, or the product to be furnished shall be inserted in the space provided or such product shall be otherwise clearly identified. The evaluation of bids and the determination as to equality of the product offered shall be the responsibility of the County and will be based on information furnished by the bidder. Purchasing Services is not responsible for locating or securing any information, which is not identified in the bid and reasonably available to Purchasing Services. To ensure that sufficient information is available the bidder shall furnish as a part of the bid, or prior to bid opening, as indicated, all descriptive material necessary for Purchasing Services to determine whether the product offered meets the salient characteristics required by the specifications and establish exactly what the bidder proposes to furnish and what the County would be binding itself to purchase by making an award.

15. **SILENCE OF SPECIFICATIONS:** The apparent silence of the specifications and any supplemental specifications as to any details or the omission from same of any detailed description concerning any point, shall be regarded as meaning that only the best commercial practices are to prevail and only materials of first quality be provided. All interpretations of this specification shall be made upon the basis of this statement.
16. **ASSIGNMENT:** Any purchase order (PO) issued pursuant to this bid and the moneys, which may become due hereunder is not assignable except with the prior written approval of the Purchasing Manager.
17. **INDEMNIFICATION:** The successful bidder agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the County and their employees from all claims, losses and expenses, including attorneys' fees, arising out of or resulting from the performance, failure in the performance of, or defect in, the products or services to be contracted, provided such claim, damage, loss or expense (1) is attributable to bodily injury, sickness, disease, death, or personal injury, or to property damage, including loss of use resulting therefrom, and (2) is caused in whole or in part by any negligent act or omission of the vendor, any subcontractor or any of their employees, or arises from a job-related injury. The successful bidder acknowledges adequate consideration for this indemnification provision.
18. **PATENTS AND ROYALTIES:** The bidder, without exception shall indemnify and save harmless the County of Brevard and its employees from liability of any nature of kind including cost and expenses for or on account of any copyrighted, patented, or unpatented invention, process, or article manufactured or used in the performance of the contract, including its use by the County of Brevard. If the bidder uses any design, device, or materials covered by letters, patent or copyright, it is mutually agreed and understood without exception that the bid prices shall include all royalties or cost arising from the use of such design, device, or materials in any involved in the work.
19. **TRAINING:** If specified, supplier(s) may be required at the convenience of the County, to provide employees training in the operation and maintenance of any item(s) purchased from this bid.
20. **ACCEPTANCE:** Items may be tested for compliance with specification. Items delivered not conforming to specifications may be rejected and returned at vendor's expense. Those items not delivered as per delivery date in bid and/or purchase order may be purchased on the open market. Any increase in cost may be charged against the vendor. Any violations of these stipulations may also result in the vendor name being removed from the bid list and the vendor disqualified from doing business with the County.
21. **SAFETY WARRANTY:** The selling dealer, distributor, supplier, and manufacturer shall be responsible for having complied with all Federal, State and local standards, regulations, and laws concerning the equipment specified and the use thereof, applicable and effective on the

date of manufacture including safety and environmental standards as apply to both private industry and governmental agencies.

22. **WARRANTY:** The bidder agrees that, unless otherwise specified, the supplies and/or services furnished under this bid shall be covered by the most favorable commercial warranty the bidder gives to any customer for comparable quantities of such supplies and/or services and that the rights and remedies provided herein are in addition to and do not limit any rights afforded to the County by any other provision of this bid.
23. **AWARDS:** As the best interest of the County may require, the right is reserved to make award(s) by individual items, group of items, all or none, or a combination thereof; on a geographical basis and/or on a countywide basis with one or more suppliers; to reject any and all bids or waive any minor irregularity or technicality in bids received. Bidders are cautioned to make no assumptions unless their bid has been evaluated as being responsive and qualified. All awards made as a result of this bid shall conform to applicable ordinances of the County. The Board may return, for full credit, any unused items received which fail to meet the Board's performance standards. Brevard County reserves the right to cancel an awarded bid upon due cause—i.e., vendor misrepresentation, vendor negligence, non-performance, etc. via written notice.
24. **Unless otherwise noted in the bid document, vendors shall submit one bid only.**
25. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** The award hereunder is subject to provisions of State of Florida Statutes and Brevard County Ordinances. All Bidders must disclose with their bid the name of any officer, director, or agent who is also an employee of Brevard County. Further, all bidders must disclose the name of any County employee who owns, directly or indirectly, any interest in the proposer's firm or any of its branches.
26. **PURCHASING AGREEMENTS WITH OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES:** Brevard County permits the awarded vendor(s) to extend the pricing, terms and conditions of this solicitation to other governmental entities at the vendor's discretion. Each governmental entity that utilizes this solicitation or resulting contract will be responsible for execution of its own requirements with the awarded vendor(s).
27. **DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE:** Whenever two or more bids, which are equal with respect to price, quality, and service, are received by Brevard County for the procurement of commodities or contractual services, a bid received from a business that has implemented a drug-free workplace program per 287.087, Fla. Stat. shall be given preference in the award process.
28. **LOBBYING STATEMENT:** All firms are hereby placed on notice the County Commission and staff shall not be contacted about this Bid. Firms and their agents are hereby placed on notice that they are not to contact members of the County Commission or staff (with the exception of designated liaison). Public meetings and public deliberations of the Selection Committee are the only acceptable forum for the discussion of merits of products/services requested by the Invitation to Bid; and written correspondence concerning Bids may be submitted to the County Manager. Each Bid will have one non-voting staff member designated who will serve as the liaison. Failure to adhere to these requirements could result in Board action to disqualify your firm from consideration of award.
29. **PUBLIC ENTITY CRIMES:** All bidders are hereby placed on notice that a person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime may not submit a bid on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity, may not submit a bid on a contract with a public entity for the construction repair of a public building or public work, may not submit bids on leases of real property to a public entity, may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with a public entity, and may not transact business with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount provided in 287.017 Fla. Stat.