

REQUEST FOR QUOTE (RFQ) – BID# BB002633

NAEYC ACCREDITATION CONSULTING SERVICES

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: Tuesday, November 19, 2013 at 10:00 AM (ET)

PRE-BID CONFERENCE: **NO**
 YES _____

Mandatory: **NO**
 YES: Any vendor who intends to submit a bid proposal in response to this solicitation must have its designated representative attend the mandatory pre-bid conference. The representative must register at the pre-bid conference and disclose the identity of the vendor whom he/she represents. Because attendance at the pre-bid conference is mandatory, a vendor’s failure to attend and register at the pre-bid conference shall result in disqualification of the vendor’s bid proposal as non-responsive to the solicitation.

Buyer Name: Lisa M. Fontes
Title: Purchasing Officer

QUESTIONS concerning this solicitation must be received by the Community College of Rhode Island at (purchasing@ccri.edu) no later than (November 12, 2013 12:00 PM (ET)). Questions should be submitted in a *Microsoft Word attachment*. Please reference the bid number (Bid #BB002633) on all correspondence. Questions received, if any, will be posted on the Rhode Island Division of Purchases website as an addendum to this solicitation. It is the responsibility of all interested parties to download this information.

SURETY REQUIRED: **NO**

BOND REQUIRED: **NO**

PUBLIC COPY (R.I. Gen. Law 37-2-18(j)): This requirement applies to all public works projects (vertical and horizontal) exceeding Five Hundred Thousand (\$500,000) dollars and any combination of base bid plus all alternates.

DISK BASED BID: **NO**
 YES: See attached Disk Based Bidding Information

NOTE TO VENDORS:

A complete, signed bid/offer package, including a completed two-page Community College of RI Bidder Certification Form/Contract Offer must be submitted with the specific Bid/RFP Number, date, and time of bid closing noted on the envelope. Mail to: Purchasing Office, Community College of RI, 400 East Avenue, Warwick, RI 02886

THIS IS NOT A BIDDER CERTIFICATION FORM



Disk Based Bidding Information

File Format

All disk based bid files are ZIP files that you can open using the WinZip 8.1 software. The ZIP file will contain one or more files based on the type of Bid/RFP.

Downloading the Disk Based Bid

Bids that have a file for download are marked with a "D" in the Info field of the bid search results. The "D" will be an active link to the WinZip file until the bid reaches its opening date. Clicking on the active "D" link will allow you to open or save the ZIP file associated with the bid. Opening the WinZip file will download a copy to your computer's temporary directory.

Opening the Disk Based Bid

Once downloaded, you can open the ZIP file with WinZip and view the Microsoft Office files contained within the WinZip file. Immediately save (extract) the individual files to an appropriate directory on your computer, such as "Desktop" or "My Documents".

FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND OTHER SPECIFIC PROJECTS:

Completing the Disk Based Bid

Once the Microsoft Office files are properly saved, open the individual files and enter the required information in the appropriate fields. Save each file again to capture the new information you entered.

Submitting the Disk Based Bid

Save the completed files to a CD or diskette. Label the CD or diskette with the Bid/RFP number and bidder's name (company name, not contract name). Submit as instructed in the Bid or RFP solicitation document.



COMMUNITY COLLEGE
OF RHODE ISLAND

Purchasing Office

BID/PROPOSAL

DATE: _____

COMMODITY: _____

PUBLIC BID NO. _____ FORMAL BID NO. _____ RFP NO. _____

DATE & TIME BID TO BE RECEIVED
IN CCRI PURCHASING OFFICE: _____

PRE-BID/PROPOSAL CONFERENCE DATE: _____ TIME: _____

LOCATION: _____

SURETY REQUIRED: _____ NO SURETY REQUIRED: _____

PLEASE COMPLETE THE ATTACHED W-9 AND SUBMIT WITH THIS COVER SHEET
AND ATTACHED BID.

CCRI VENDOR ID: _____ FEIN: _____

COMPANY NAME: _____

STREET AND NUMBER: _____

CITY, STATE & ZIP CODE: _____

ORDERING E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

**No offer will be considered that is not accompanied by the attached two-page
Community College of RI Bidder Certification Form/Contract Offer completed and
signed by the offeror.**

Print Name and Title

Telephone Number/E-Mail Address

Signature

Date

Community College of Rhode Island Bidder Certification Form/Contract Offer

NOTICE TO OFFERORS

This two-page Community College of Rhode Island (CCRI) Bidder Certification Form/Contract Offer **must** be attached to the front of the offer and shall be considered an integral part of each offer made by a vendor to enter into a contract with CCRI. As such, submittal of the entire Community College of Rhode Island Bidder Certification Form/Contract Offer, signed by a duly authorized representative of the offeror attesting to the accuracy of the information provided and the offer extended, is a mandatory part of any contract award. Offers received without the entire completed two-page form attached may result in offer disqualification.

Other Provisions and Procedures

To assure maximum access opportunities for users, public bid/RFP notices shall be posted on the Rhode Island Division of Purchases Website (www.purchasing.ri.gov/) for a minimum of seven days and no amendments shall be made within the last five days before the date an offer is due.

Offers are irrevocable for sixty (60) days from the opening date (or such other extended period set forth in the solicitation), and may not be withdrawn, except with the express permission of the College Purchasing Agent. All pricing will be considered to be firm and fixed unless otherwise indicated. All offers must define delivery dates for all items; if no delivery date is specified, it is assumed that immediate delivery from stock will be made. After an award has been made, failure to meet all requirements of this invitation may result in a determination of default. Payments for partial delivery will not be made, except where expressly provided herein.

Unless specified "no substitute," product offerings equivalent in quality and performance will be considered (at the sole option of the College) on the condition that the offer is accompanied by detailed product specifications.

The College reserves the right to (a) make awards on the basis that best serves the interest of CCRI, individual items, total low, etc., and (b) reject any and all bids in whole or in part. Prices quoted are N30, FOB DESTINATION, less federal/state tax.

VENDOR AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED. When a purchase order or change order is issued by the Community College of Rhode Island, no claim for payment for services rendered or goods delivered contrary to or in excess of the contract terms and scope shall be considered valid unless the vendor has obtained a written change order issued by the Community College of Rhode Island PRIOR TO delivery.

Any offer, whether in response to a solicitation for proposals or bids, or made without a solicitation, which is accepted in the form of a purchase order made in writing by the Purchasing Agent, or a state official with purchasing authority delegated by the Purchasing Agent, shall be considered a binding contract.

Where bid surety is required, bidder must furnish a bid bond or certified check for 5% of the bid total with the bid, or for such other amount as may be specified. Where indicated, successful bidder must furnish a 100% performance bond and labor and payment bond for contracts subject to Title 37 Chapters 12 and 13 of the Rhode Island General Laws. All bonds must be furnished by a surety company authorized to conduct business in the State of Rhode Island.

This solicitation and any contract or purchase order arising from it is issued in accordance with the specific requirements described herein, and the State's Purchasing Laws and Regulations and other applicable State Laws, including the Board of Governors for Higher Education General Terms and Conditions of Purchase. The regulations, General Terms and Conditions are incorporated into all Community College of Rhode Island contracts and can be viewed at www.ribghe.org/procurementregs113006.pdf.

Offerors are advised that all materials submitted to the College for consideration in response to this solicitation will be considered without exception to be Public Records pursuant to Title 38 Chapter 2 of the Rhode Island General Laws, and will be released for inspection upon written request once an award has been made. Bidders are encouraged to attend Public Bid Openings to obtain competitive pricing information. Bid tabulations may be reviewed after award(s) have been made at the Community College of Rhode Island Purchasing Office Mondays through Fridays between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. – telephone requests for bid results will not be honored.

Provisions of State labor laws concerning payment of prevailing wage rates, issued by the R.I. Department of Labor and Training, shall apply for contracts involving public works construction, alteration, or building repair work.

In accordance with Title 7 Chapter 1.1-99 of the Rhode Island General Laws, foreign corporations (a corporation established other than in Rhode Island) must be qualified to transact business in this state.

State Equal Employment Opportunity Compliance certificate and agreement procedures will apply to all awards for supplies or services valued at \$10,000 and more. Minority Business Enterprise policies and procedures, including subcontracting opportunities as described in Title 37 Chapter 14.1 of the Rhode Island General Laws, also apply.

ALL CONTRACT AWARDS ARE SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING DISCLOSURES & CERTIFICATIONS
Offerors must respond to every disclosure statement. A person authorized to enter into contracts must sign the offer and attest to the accuracy of all statements. Incomplete certification forms are grounds for disqualification of offer.

Indicate Yes (Y) or No (N):

- ___1 Has your firm (or any principal) been subject to the following findings by the Federal Government, State of Rhode Island or any other jurisdiction? Suspension, Debarment, Indictment, Criminal Conviction. CIRCLE APPROPRIATE ITEM (S).
- ___2 Has your firm (or any principal) been fined more than \$5000 for a single violation by the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management for violation of Rhode Island Wetlands law?
- ___3 I/we certify that I/we will immediately disclose, in writing, to the College Purchasing Agent any potential conflict of interest which may occur during the course of the engagement authorized pursuant to this contract.
- ___4 I/we acknowledge that, in accordance with (1) RIGL Section 37-2-54(C) “no purchase or contract shall be binding on the state or any agency thereof unless approved by the Department [of Administration] or made under general regulations which the Chief Purchasing Officer may prescribe,” and (2) RIGL section 37-2-7(16) which identifies the Board of Governors for Higher Education as a public agency and gives binding contractual authority to the College Purchasing Agent.
- ___5 I/we certify that all of the vendor information provided is correct and complete.
- ___6 I/we certify that I or my firm possesses all licenses required by Federal and State law and regulation as they pertain to the requirements of the solicitation and offer made herein and shall maintain such required license(s) during the entire course of the contract resulting from the offer contained herein and, should my/our license lapse or be suspended, I/we shall immediately inform the Community College of Rhode Island Purchasing Agent in writing of such circumstance.
- ___7 I/we certify that I/we will maintain required insurance during the entire course of the contract resulting from the offer contained herein and, should my/our insurance lapse or be suspended, I/we shall immediately inform the Community College of Rhode Island Purchasing Agent in writing of such circumstance.
- ___8 I/we certify that I/we understand that falsification of any information herein or failure to notify the Community College of Rhode Island Purchasing Agent as certified herein may be grounds for suspension, debarment and/or prosecution for perjury.
- ___9 I/we acknowledge that the provisions and procedures set forth in this form apply to any offer contained herein.

IF YOU HAVE ANSWERED “YES” TO QUESTIONS #1 or 2 OR IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO CERTIFY YES TO QUESTIONS #3 – 9 OF THE FOREGOING, PROVIDE DETAILS/EXPLANATION BELOW AND/OR IN AN ATTACHED STATEMENT.

Signature below commits vendor to the attached offer and certifies (1) that the offer reflects all solicitation amendments (2) that the above statements and information are accurate (3) that vendor understands and has complied with the requirements set forth herein

Vendor’s
Signature: _____ Bid Number: _____ Date: _____
(Person authorized to enter into contracts; signature must be in ink) (If applicable)

Print Name and Title of Company official signing offer Telephone Number

Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

**Give Form to the
 requester. Do not
 send to the IRS.**

Print or type See Specific Instructions on page 2.	Name (as shown on your income tax return)	
	Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above	
	Check appropriate box for federal tax classification (required): <input type="checkbox"/> Individual/sole proprietor <input type="checkbox"/> C Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> S Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Trust/estate	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=partnership) ▶	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (see instructions) ▶	
Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.)		Requester's name and address (optional)
City, state, and ZIP code		
List account number(s) here (optional)		

Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on the "Name" line to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the Part I instructions on page 3. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN* on page 3.

Social security number									
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Note. If the account is in more than one name, see the chart on page 4 for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Employer identification number									
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Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me), and
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding, and
3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below).

Certification instructions. You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions on page 4.

Sign Here	Signature of U.S. person ▶	Date ▶
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General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

Purpose of Form

A person who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) to report, for example, income paid to you, real estate transactions, mortgage interest you paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, or contributions you made to an IRA.

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN to the person requesting it (the requester) and, when applicable, to:

1. Certify that the TIN you are giving is correct (or you are waiting for a number to be issued),
2. Certify that you are not subject to backup withholding, or
3. Claim exemption from backup withholding if you are a U.S. exempt payee. If applicable, you are also certifying that as a U.S. person, your allocable share of any partnership income from a U.S. trade or business is not subject to the withholding tax on foreign partners' share of effectively connected income.

Note. If a requester gives you a form other than Form W-9 to request your TIN, you must use the requester's form if it is substantially similar to this Form W-9.

Definition of a U.S. person. For federal tax purposes, you are considered a U.S. person if you are:

- An individual who is a U.S. citizen or U.S. resident alien,
- A partnership, corporation, company, or association created or organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States,
- An estate (other than a foreign estate), or
- A domestic trust (as defined in Regulations section 301.7701-7).

Special rules for partnerships. Partnerships that conduct a trade or business in the United States are generally required to pay a withholding tax on any foreign partners' share of income from such business. Further, in certain cases where a Form W-9 has not been received, a partnership is required to presume that a partner is a foreign person, and pay the withholding tax. Therefore, if you are a U.S. person that is a partner in a partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States, provide Form W-9 to the partnership to establish your U.S. status and avoid withholding on your share of partnership income.

The person who gives Form W-9 to the partnership for purposes of establishing its U.S. status and avoiding withholding on its allocable share of net income from the partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States is in the following cases:

- The U.S. owner of a disregarded entity and not the entity,
- The U.S. grantor or other owner of a grantor trust and not the trust, and
- The U.S. trust (other than a grantor trust) and not the beneficiaries of the trust.

Foreign person. If you are a foreign person, do not use Form W-9. Instead, use the appropriate Form W-8 (see Publication 515, Withholding of Tax on Nonresident Aliens and Foreign Entities).

Nonresident alien who becomes a resident alien. Generally, only a nonresident alien individual may use the terms of a tax treaty to reduce or eliminate U.S. tax on certain types of income. However, most tax treaties contain a provision known as a “saving clause.” Exceptions specified in the saving clause may permit an exemption from tax to continue for certain types of income even after the payee has otherwise become a U.S. resident alien for tax purposes.

If you are a U.S. resident alien who is relying on an exception contained in the saving clause of a tax treaty to claim an exemption from U.S. tax on certain types of income, you must attach a statement to Form W-9 that specifies the following five items:

1. The treaty country. Generally, this must be the same treaty under which you claimed exemption from tax as a nonresident alien.
2. The treaty article addressing the income.
3. The article number (or location) in the tax treaty that contains the saving clause and its exceptions.
4. The type and amount of income that qualifies for the exemption from tax.
5. Sufficient facts to justify the exemption from tax under the terms of the treaty article.

Example. Article 20 of the U.S.-China income tax treaty allows an exemption from tax for scholarship income received by a Chinese student temporarily present in the United States. Under U.S. law, this student will become a resident alien for tax purposes if his or her stay in the United States exceeds 5 calendar years. However, paragraph 2 of the first Protocol to the U.S.-China treaty (dated April 30, 1984) allows the provisions of Article 20 to continue to apply even after the Chinese student becomes a resident alien of the United States. A Chinese student who qualifies for this exception (under paragraph 2 of the first protocol) and is relying on this exception to claim an exemption from tax on his or her scholarship or fellowship income would attach to Form W-9 a statement that includes the information described above to support that exemption.

If you are a nonresident alien or a foreign entity not subject to backup withholding, give the requester the appropriate completed Form W-8.

What is backup withholding? Persons making certain payments to you must under certain conditions withhold and pay to the IRS a percentage of such payments. This is called “backup withholding.” Payments that may be subject to backup withholding include interest, tax-exempt interest, dividends, broker and barter exchange transactions, rents, royalties, nonemployee pay, and certain payments from fishing boat operators. Real estate transactions are not subject to backup withholding.

You will not be subject to backup withholding on payments you receive if you give the requester your correct TIN, make the proper certifications, and report all your taxable interest and dividends on your tax return.

Payments you receive will be subject to backup withholding if:

1. You do not furnish your TIN to the requester,
2. You do not certify your TIN when required (see the Part II instructions on page 3 for details),
3. The IRS tells the requester that you furnished an incorrect TIN,
4. The IRS tells you that you are subject to backup withholding because you did not report all your interest and dividends on your tax return (for reportable interest and dividends only), or
5. You do not certify to the requester that you are not subject to backup withholding under 4 above (for reportable interest and dividend accounts opened after 1983 only).

Certain payees and payments are exempt from backup withholding. See the instructions below and the separate Instructions for the Requester of Form W-9.

Also see *Special rules for partnerships* on page 1.

Updating Your Information

You must provide updated information to any person to whom you claimed to be an exempt payee if you are no longer an exempt payee and anticipate receiving reportable payments in the future from this person. For example, you may need to provide updated information if you are a C corporation that elects to be an S corporation, or if you no longer are tax exempt. In addition, you must furnish a new Form W-9 if the name or TIN changes for the account, for example, if the grantor of a grantor trust dies.

Penalties

Failure to furnish TIN. If you fail to furnish your correct TIN to a requester, you are subject to a penalty of \$50 for each such failure unless your failure is due to reasonable cause and not to willful neglect.

Civil penalty for false information with respect to withholding. If you make a false statement with no reasonable basis that results in no backup withholding, you are subject to a \$500 penalty.

Criminal penalty for falsifying information. Willfully falsifying certifications or affirmations may subject you to criminal penalties including fines and/or imprisonment.

Misuse of TINs. If the requester discloses or uses TINs in violation of federal law, the requester may be subject to civil and criminal penalties.

Specific Instructions

Name

If you are an individual, you must generally enter the name shown on your income tax return. However, if you have changed your last name, for instance, due to marriage without informing the Social Security Administration of the name change, enter your first name, the last name shown on your social security card, and your new last name.

If the account is in joint names, list first, and then circle, the name of the person or entity whose number you entered in Part I of the form.

Sole proprietor. Enter your individual name as shown on your income tax return on the “Name” line. You may enter your business, trade, or “doing business as (DBA)” name on the “Business name/disregarded entity name” line.

Partnership, C Corporation, or S Corporation. Enter the entity's name on the “Name” line and any business, trade, or “doing business as (DBA) name” on the “Business name/disregarded entity name” line.

Disregarded entity. Enter the owner's name on the “Name” line. The name of the entity entered on the “Name” line should never be a disregarded entity. The name on the “Name” line must be the name shown on the income tax return on which the income will be reported. For example, if a foreign LLC that is treated as a disregarded entity for U.S. federal tax purposes has a domestic owner, the domestic owner's name is required to be provided on the “Name” line. If the direct owner of the entity is also a disregarded entity, enter the first owner that is not disregarded for federal tax purposes. Enter the disregarded entity's name on the “Business name/disregarded entity name” line. If the owner of the disregarded entity is a foreign person, you must complete an appropriate Form W-8.

Note. Check the appropriate box for the federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on the “Name” line (Individual/sole proprietor, Partnership, C Corporation, S Corporation, Trust/estate).

Limited Liability Company (LLC). If the person identified on the “Name” line is an LLC, check the “Limited liability company” box only and enter the appropriate code for the tax classification in the space provided. If you are an LLC that is treated as a partnership for federal tax purposes, enter “P” for partnership. If you are an LLC that has filed a Form 8832 or a Form 2553 to be taxed as a corporation, enter “C” for C corporation or “S” for S corporation. If you are an LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner under Regulation section 301.7701-3 (except for employment and excise tax), do not check the LLC box unless the owner of the LLC (required to be identified on the “Name” line) is another LLC that is not disregarded for federal tax purposes. If the LLC is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner, enter the appropriate tax classification of the owner identified on the “Name” line.

Other entities. Enter your business name as shown on required federal tax documents on the "Name" line. This name should match the name shown on the charter or other legal document creating the entity. You may enter any business, trade, or DBA name on the "Business name/disregarded entity name" line.

Exempt Payee

If you are exempt from backup withholding, enter your name as described above and check the appropriate box for your status, then check the "Exempt payee" box in the line following the "Business name/disregarded entity name," sign and date the form.

Generally, individuals (including sole proprietors) are not exempt from backup withholding. Corporations are exempt from backup withholding for certain payments, such as interest and dividends.

Note. If you are exempt from backup withholding, you should still complete this form to avoid possible erroneous backup withholding.

The following payees are exempt from backup withholding:

1. An organization exempt from tax under section 501(a), any IRA, or a custodial account under section 403(b)(7) if the account satisfies the requirements of section 401(f)(2),
 2. The United States or any of its agencies or instrumentalities,
 3. A state, the District of Columbia, a possession of the United States, or any of their political subdivisions or instrumentalities,
 4. A foreign government or any of its political subdivisions, agencies, or instrumentalities, or
 5. An international organization or any of its agencies or instrumentalities.
- Other payees that may be exempt from backup withholding include:
6. A corporation,
 7. A foreign central bank of issue,
 8. A dealer in securities or commodities required to register in the United States, the District of Columbia, or a possession of the United States,
 9. A futures commission merchant registered with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission,
 10. A real estate investment trust,
 11. An entity registered at all times during the tax year under the Investment Company Act of 1940,
 12. A common trust fund operated by a bank under section 584(a),
 13. A financial institution,
 14. A middleman known in the investment community as a nominee or custodian, or
 15. A trust exempt from tax under section 664 or described in section 4947.

The following chart shows types of payments that may be exempt from backup withholding. The chart applies to the exempt payees listed above, 1 through 15.

IF the payment is for . . .	THEN the payment is exempt for . . .
Interest and dividend payments	All exempt payees except for 9
Broker transactions	Exempt payees 1 through 5 and 7 through 13. Also, C corporations.
Barter exchange transactions and patronage dividends	Exempt payees 1 through 5
Payments over \$600 required to be reported and direct sales over \$5,000 ¹	Generally, exempt payees 1 through 7 ²

¹ See Form 1099-MISC, Miscellaneous Income, and its instructions.

² However, the following payments made to a corporation and reportable on Form 1099-MISC are not exempt from backup withholding: medical and health care payments, attorneys' fees, gross proceeds paid to an attorney, and payments for services paid by a federal executive agency.

Part I. Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. If you are a resident alien and you do not have and are not eligible to get an SSN, your TIN is your IRS individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN). Enter it in the social security number box. If you do not have an ITIN, see *How to get a TIN* below.

If you are a sole proprietor and you have an EIN, you may enter either your SSN or EIN. However, the IRS prefers that you use your SSN.

If you are a single-member LLC that is disregarded as an entity separate from its owner (see *Limited Liability Company (LLC)* on page 2), enter the owner's SSN (or EIN, if the owner has one). Do not enter the disregarded entity's EIN. If the LLC is classified as a corporation or partnership, enter the entity's EIN.

Note. See the chart on page 4 for further clarification of name and TIN combinations.

How to get a TIN. If you do not have a TIN, apply for one immediately. To apply for an SSN, get Form SS-5, Application for a Social Security Card, from your local Social Security Administration office or get this form online at www.ssa.gov. You may also get this form by calling 1-800-772-1213. Use Form W-7, Application for IRS Individual Taxpayer Identification Number, to apply for an ITIN, or Form SS-4, Application for Employer Identification Number, to apply for an EIN. You can apply for an EIN online by accessing the IRS website at www.irs.gov/businesses and clicking on Employer Identification Number (EIN) under Starting a Business. You can get Forms W-7 and SS-4 from the IRS by visiting IRS.gov or by calling 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676).

If you are asked to complete Form W-9 but do not have a TIN, write "Applied For" in the space for the TIN, sign and date the form, and give it to the requester. For interest and dividend payments, and certain payments made with respect to readily tradable instruments, generally you will have 60 days to get a TIN and give it to the requester before you are subject to backup withholding on payments. The 60-day rule does not apply to other types of payments. You will be subject to backup withholding on all such payments until you provide your TIN to the requester.

Note. Entering "Applied For" means that you have already applied for a TIN or that you intend to apply for one soon.

Caution: A disregarded domestic entity that has a foreign owner must use the appropriate Form W-8.

Part II. Certification

To establish to the withholding agent that you are a U.S. person, or resident alien, sign Form W-9. You may be requested to sign by the withholding agent even if item 1, below, and items 4 and 5 on page 4 indicate otherwise.

For a joint account, only the person whose TIN is shown in Part I should sign (when required). In the case of a disregarded entity, the person identified on the "Name" line must sign. Exempt payees, see *Exempt Payee* on page 3.

Signature requirements. Complete the certification as indicated in items 1 through 3, below, and items 4 and 5 on page 4.

1. Interest, dividend, and barter exchange accounts opened before 1984 and broker accounts considered active during 1983. You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.

2. Interest, dividend, broker, and barter exchange accounts opened after 1983 and broker accounts considered inactive during 1983. You must sign the certification or backup withholding will apply. If you are subject to backup withholding and you are merely providing your correct TIN to the requester, you must cross out item 2 in the certification before signing the form.

3. Real estate transactions. You must sign the certification. You may cross out item 2 of the certification.

4. Other payments. You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification unless you have been notified that you have previously given an incorrect TIN. "Other payments" include payments made in the course of the requester's trade or business for rents, royalties, goods (other than bills for merchandise), medical and health care services (including payments to corporations), payments to a nonemployee for services, payments to certain fishing boat crew members and fishermen, and gross proceeds paid to attorneys (including payments to corporations).

5. Mortgage interest paid by you, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, qualified tuition program payments (under section 529), IRA, Coverdell ESA, Archer MSA or HSA contributions or distributions, and pension distributions. You must give your correct TIN, but you do not have to sign the certification.

What Name and Number To Give the Requester

For this type of account:	Give name and SSN of:
1. Individual	The individual
2. Two or more individuals (joint account)	The actual owner of the account or, if combined funds, the first individual on the account ¹
3. Custodian account of a minor (Uniform Gift to Minors Act)	The minor ²
4. a. The usual revocable savings trust (grantor is also trustee) b. So-called trust account that is not a legal or valid trust under state law	The grantor-trustee ¹ The actual owner ¹
5. Sole proprietorship or disregarded entity owned by an individual	The owner ³
6. Grantor trust filing under Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 1 (see Regulation section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)(A))	The grantor*
For this type of account:	Give name and EIN of:
7. Disregarded entity not owned by an individual	The owner
8. A valid trust, estate, or pension trust	Legal entity ⁴
9. Corporation or LLC electing corporate status on Form 8832 or Form 2553	The corporation
10. Association, club, religious, charitable, educational, or other tax-exempt organization	The organization
11. Partnership or multi-member LLC	The partnership
12. A broker or registered nominee	The broker or nominee
13. Account with the Department of Agriculture in the name of a public entity (such as a state or local government, school district, or prison) that receives agricultural program payments	The public entity
14. Grantor trust filing under the Form 1041 Filing Method or the Optional Form 1099 Filing Method 2 (see Regulation section 1.671-4(b)(2)(i)(B))	The trust

¹ List first and circle the name of the person whose number you furnish. If only one person on a joint account has an SSN, that person's number must be furnished.

² Circle the minor's name and furnish the minor's SSN.

³ You must show your individual name and you may also enter your business or "DBA" name on the "Business name/disregarded entity" name line. You may use either your SSN or EIN (if you have one), but the IRS encourages you to use your SSN.

⁴ List first and circle the name of the trust, estate, or pension trust. (Do not furnish the TIN of the personal representative or trustee unless the legal entity itself is not designated in the account title.) Also see *Special rules for partnerships* on page 1.

*Note. Grantor also must provide a Form W-9 to trustee of trust.

Note. If no name is circled when more than one name is listed, the number will be considered to be that of the first name listed.

Secure Your Tax Records from Identity Theft

Identity theft occurs when someone uses your personal information such as your name, social security number (SSN), or other identifying information, without your permission, to commit fraud or other crimes. An identity thief may use your SSN to get a job or may file a tax return using your SSN to receive a refund.

To reduce your risk:

- Protect your SSN,
- Ensure your employer is protecting your SSN, and
- Be careful when choosing a tax preparer.

If your tax records are affected by identity theft and you receive a notice from the IRS, respond right away to the name and phone number printed on the IRS notice or letter.

If your tax records are not currently affected by identity theft but you think you are at risk due to a lost or stolen purse or wallet, questionable credit card activity or credit report, contact the IRS Identity Theft Hotline at 1-800-908-4490 or submit Form 14039.

For more information, see Publication 4535, Identity Theft Prevention and Victim Assistance.

Victims of identity theft who are experiencing economic harm or a system problem, or are seeking help in resolving tax problems that have not been resolved through normal channels, may be eligible for Taxpayer Advocate Service (TAS) assistance. You can reach TAS by calling the TAS toll-free case intake line at 1-877-777-4778 or TTY/TDD 1-800-829-4059.

Protect yourself from suspicious emails or phishing schemes.

Phishing is the creation and use of email and websites designed to mimic legitimate business emails and websites. The most common act is sending an email to a user falsely claiming to be an established legitimate enterprise in an attempt to scam the user into surrendering private information that will be used for identity theft.

The IRS does not initiate contacts with taxpayers via emails. Also, the IRS does not request personal detailed information through email or ask taxpayers for the PIN numbers, passwords, or similar secret access information for their credit card, bank, or other financial accounts.

If you receive an unsolicited email claiming to be from the IRS, forward this message to phishing@irs.gov. You may also report misuse of the IRS name, logo, or other IRS property to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration at 1-800-366-4484. You can forward suspicious emails to the Federal Trade Commission at: spam@uce.gov or contact them at www.ftc.gov/idtheft or 1-877-IDTHEFT (1-877-438-4338).

Visit IRS.gov to learn more about identity theft and how to reduce your risk.

Privacy Act Notice

Section 6109 of the Internal Revenue Code requires you to provide your correct TIN to persons (including federal agencies) who are required to file information returns with the IRS to report interest, dividends, or certain other income paid to you; mortgage interest you paid; the acquisition or abandonment of secured property; the cancellation of debt; or contributions you made to an IRA, Archer MSA, or HSA. The person collecting this form uses the information on the form to file information returns with the IRS, reporting the above information. Routine uses of this information include giving it to the Department of Justice for civil and criminal litigation and to cities, states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. possessions for use in administering their laws. The information also may be disclosed to other countries under a treaty, to federal and state agencies to enforce civil and criminal laws, or to federal law enforcement and intelligence agencies to combat terrorism. You must provide your TIN whether or not you are required to file a tax return. Under section 3406, payers must generally withhold a percentage of taxable interest, dividend, and certain other payments to a payee who does not give a TIN to the payer. Certain penalties may also apply for providing false or fraudulent information.

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SECTION 1: INTRODUCTION

The Community College of Rhode Island is soliciting proposals from qualified firms to provide consulting services to achieve accreditation for the Early Childhood Education program for the Community College of RI, Department of Human Services in accordance with the terms of this Request for Proposals and the State's General Conditions of Purchase, which may be obtained at the Rhode Island Division of Purchases Home Page by Internet at www.purchasing.ri.gov. Services is to start immediately and must be completed by June 30, 2015. Vendor must provide hourly rate and number of hours to complete the project.

This is a Request for Proposals, not an Invitation for Bid. Responses will be evaluated on the basis of the relative merits of the proposal, in addition to price; there will be no public opening and reading of responses received by the Community College of RI pursuant to this Request, other than to name those offerors who have submitted proposals.

INSTRUCTIONS AND NOTIFICATIONS TO OFFERORS:

1. Potential vendors are advised to review all sections of this RFP carefully and to follow instructions completely, as failure to make a complete submission as described elsewhere herein may result in rejection of the proposal.
2. Alternative approaches and/or methodologies to accomplish the desired or intended results of this procurement are solicited. However, proposals which depart from or materially alter the terms, requirements, or scope of work defined by this RFP will be rejected as being non-responsive.
3. All costs associated with developing or submitting a proposal in response to this RFP, or to provide oral or written clarification of its content shall be borne by the vendor. The State assumes no responsibility for these costs.
4. Proposals are considered to be irrevocable for a period of not less than 120 days following the opening date, and may not be withdrawn, except with the express written permission of the State Purchasing Agent.
5. All pricing submitted will be considered to be firm and fixed unless otherwise indicated herein.
6. Proposals misdirected to other state locations, or which are otherwise not present in the Division at the time of opening for any cause will be determined to be late and will not be considered. For the purposes of this requirement, the official time and date shall be that of the time clock in the reception area of the Division.
7. It is intended that an award pursuant to this RFP will be made to a prime vendor, or prime vendors in the various categories, who will assume responsibility for all aspects of the work. Joint venture and cooperative proposals will not be considered. Subcontracts are permitted, provided that their use is clearly indicated

in the vendor's proposal and the subcontractor(s) to be used is identified in the proposal.

8. All proposals should include the vendor's FEIN or Social Security number as evidenced by a W9, downloadable from the Division's website at www.purchasing.ri.gov.
9. The purchase of services under an award made pursuant to this RFP will be contingent on the availability of funds.
10. Vendors are advised that all materials submitted to the State for consideration in response to this RFP will be considered to be Public Records as defined in Title 38, Chapter 2 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, without exception, and will be released for inspection immediately upon request once an award has been made.
11. Interested parties are instructed to peruse the Division of Purchases website on a regular basis, as additional information relating to this solicitation may be released in the form of an addendum to this RFP.
12. Equal Employment Opportunity (G.L. 1956 § 28-5.1-1, et seq.) – § 28-5.1-1 Declaration of policy – (a) Equal opportunity and affirmative action toward its achievement is the policy of all units of Rhode Island state government, including all public and quasi-public agencies, commissions, boards and authorities, and in the classified, unclassified, and non-classified services of state employment. This policy applies to all areas where State dollars are spent, in employment, public services, grants and financial assistance, and in state licensing and regulation. For further information, contact the Rhode Island Equal Opportunity Office at (401) 222-3090.
13. In accordance with Title 7, Chapter 1.2 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, no foreign corporation, a corporation without a Rhode Island business address, shall have the right to transact business in the State until it shall have procured a Certificate of Authority to do so from the Rhode Island Secretary of State (401-222-3040). This is a requirement only of the successful vendor(s).
14. The vendor should be aware of the State's Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) requirements, which address the State's goal of ten percent (10%) participation by MBE's in all State procurements. For further information, contact the MBE Administrator at (401) 574-8253 or visit the website www.mbe.ri.gov or contact charles.newton@doa.ri.gov.

SECTION 2: BACKGROUND

Provide consulting services to achieve accreditation for the Early Childhood Education program for the Community College of RI, Department of Human Services. Service is to start immediately and must be completed by June 30, 2015. Applicant must provide hourly rate and number of hours to complete the project.

The vendor must possess extensive prior experience in Early Childhood Education, experience teaching Early Childhood courses at the college level, professional development, knowledge and experience in teaching RI Early Learning Standards (RIELS).

SECTION 3: SCOPE OF SERVICES

Title: **Accreditation Coordinator- National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)**

- Serve as a representative of the Community College of RI, Department of Human Services
- Complete the NAEYC Application for Accreditation Eligibility to meet the criteria for participation in accreditation
- Enroll Early Childhood Education/Child Development Associate of Arts degree in the comprehensive NAEYC Self-Study process
- Access NAEYC Online ECADA (Early Childhood Associate Degree Accreditation) community website for resources to document Self-Study data
- Develop a work plan for the Self-Study process which details: components, indicators, action steps, quality measurement/assessment tools, timeframe, team members and progress notes
- Assemble a work team comprised of Early Childhood education faculty currently serving at CCRI (both full-time and adjunct) that will provide data and relevant viewpoints to aid in the accreditation process
- Assemble a work team comprised of stakeholders who serve in the community of Early Childhood education, which will provide data and relevant viewpoints to aid in the accreditation process
- Coordinate and participate in a variety of technical assistance endeavors provided by NAEYC to access resources that will aid in the accreditation process
- Evaluate data from NAEYC-accredited institutions that serve the Early Childhood workforce in a 2 year program, including: course of study, rate of completion between enrollment and earned Associate degree, alignment of coursework to NAEYC Professional Preparation Standards and state early learning and development standards, as well as other relevant competencies, and continuation of education into a 4 year degree program

- Align current Associate degree program design and coursework with relevant standards (including NAEYC Standards, RI Early Learning and Development Standards (RI-ELDS) and RI Workforce Knowledge and Competency Standards (WKC))
- Evaluate credentials of faculty currently instructing coursework within the Early Childhood program to ensure that fidelity of content is being met and that students are positioned to gain an optimal level of understanding of the content being taught
- Coordinate and assist work team assigned to analyze scope and sequence of coursework related to ECE's AA program including core courses and general education requirements; develop pathway for team's recommendations for change and improvement
- Coordinate and support work team assigned to align coursework related to ECE's AA program (including core courses and general education requirements) with NAEYC Standards, RI workforce competencies and other applicable standards; develop pathway for team's recommendations for change and improvement
- Coordinate and support work team assigned to aggregate and analyze information related to CCRI ECE program's mission statement and history; develop pathway for team's recommendations for change and improvement
- Coordinate and assist work team assigned to assess and evaluate CCRI ECE candidates, supports for candidates (including advising), and community demographics; develop pathway for team's recommendations for change and improvement
- Examine assessments currently utilized to determine effectiveness of program design, curriculum, faculty, and resources to support candidates.
- Collect evidence of program strengths related to accreditation criteria and compliance with written accreditation standards
- Prepare and submit a comprehensive Self-Study report to the NAEYC accreditation staff for review utilizing data, recommendations, and improvements as detailed in the work plan
- Plan for and participate in a site visit headed by the NAEYC Peer Review Team
- Augment Self-Study report based on recommendations from NAEYC Peer review team following site visitation; develop and submit a written response (if required) before accreditation decision is reached
- Meet with the Human Services Department Chair, on a regular basis to review progress with accreditation and resolve emerging issues in a timely fashion
- Provide college leaders and administrators (such as the Vice President and Dean of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences) with quarterly updates on accreditation process
- Develop communication tools (including in-person forums, reports shared electronically, etc.) to provide state agencies invested in Race to the Top ELC with information and updates

- Submit monthly invoices for expenditures related to accreditation work to the appropriate office within the college

SECTION 4: TECHNICAL PROPOSAL

The separate technical proposal should address specifically each of the required elements:

Education:

- Masters of Education, *Early Childhood*
- Bachelor's Degree in *Early Childhood Education/Child Development*
- *Annual participation in ongoing professional development linked to field of study including state and national conferences, seminars, and workshop sessions

Teaching Experience:

- Experience teaching at the Community College of RI, Department of Human Services
- Experience teaching Human Services Early Childhood Education Courses
- Experience teaching students with-CDA (Child Development Associates), AA and RI Teachers seeking Early Childhood Education Certification
- Experience teaching courses grounded in research from NAEYC; incorporate research, position statements and publications in lectures and assignments that students complete
- Documentation that the learning outcomes of courses are aligned to NAEYC Standards, RI Early Learning and Development Standards, and RI Workforce Knowledge and Competency Standards
- Experience in piloting and authoring new higher education courses aligned to NAEYC's Standards, RI Early Learning and Development Standards, and RI Workforce Knowledge and Competency Standards
- Experience teaching Early Childhood Education/Child Development courses at the university level
- Experience teaching RI Early Learning Standards (RIELS) Courses – Levels 1, 2, & 3 within the early childhood workforce. Each level aligned to NAEYC Standards, RI Early Learning and Development Standards, and RI Workforce Knowledge and Competency Standards.
- Experience as a Master trainer of the RIELS coursework, developing RIELS Train the Trainer program and instructing trainers to teach RIELS coursework to Early Childhood Practitioners.

Knowledge, Skills and Certifications:

- Experience as a Professional Development Coordinator for the Rhode Island Department of Education- Early Learning Standards.
- Experience coordinating professional development trainings annually linked to the RIELS
- In-depth knowledge and usage of the current RIELS and newly published birth-5 years Standards (RI-ELDS)
- Experience in Data entry/reports gathered, analyzed, collated and represented in various formats (Excel, PowerPoint, Word, etc.)
- Experience communicating and reporting to state officials and national officers
- Experience reviewing Comprehensive Standards of a large number of public and community-based early childhood programs seeking approval by the state; and experience in completing applications for approval

- Experience evaluating documents and aligning written program policies, plans and frameworks to RIDE approval standards using a 3 tiered rubric including:
 - Staff qualifications and systems of staff support
 - Comprehensive program quality and improvement plan
 - Curriculum framework
 - General program policies
 - Family engagement and child assessment frameworks
- Experience in providing technical support to early childhood programs with the various elements of RIDE approval

Certifications/Technical Assistance

- Experience and certified in providing direct instruction and individualized support to practitioners and educational programs in the following areas:
 - *Early Childhood Environment Rating Scale (ECERS-R)
 - *Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS)
 - *Child Development Associate Advisor (CDA)
 - *Bright Stars Quality Rating Improvement System (QRIS)
 - *NAEYC’s Developmentally Appropriate Practice (DAP)
 - *Rhode Island’s Workforce Knowledge and Competencies (Teacher Core Comps)
 - *RI Early Learning Standards:
 - ~Master Trainer (certified to lead Train the Trainers Instructor’s Course)
 - ~Introduction to RI Early Learning Standards
 - ~Level I: Using the RI Early Learning Standards as a Framework for Curriculum Development
 - ~Level II: Implementing a Standards-Based Program

Related Experience:

- Experience in grant writing and RFP specifically related to state Professional Development around Child Assessment in ECE and Race to the Top-Early Learning Challenge
- Experience as a Preschool classroom teacher of licensed and state approved EC program
- Experience as a Program administrator and education coordinator for community-based preschool, licensed and approved by state
- Experience as a leader of multiple projects, part of a team participating in initiatives, and efforts to strengthen the overall early childhood program.
- Experience managing a budget
- Experience in professional development as a Presenter and Lecturer at various regional conferences, workshops, and seminars
- Continuous professional growth in the areas of analysis of theories, research, and applied methods in ECE

SECTION 5: COST PROPOSAL

Fee structure should include an hourly rate and total number of hours to complete the project to be charged on a monthly basis.

SECTION 6: EVALUATION AND SELECTION

Proposals will be reviewed by a Technical Review Committee comprised of staff from The Community College of Rhode Island. To advance to the Cost Evaluation phase, the Technical Proposal must receive a minimum of 60 (85.7%) out of a maximum of 70 technical points. Any technical proposals scoring less than 60 points will not have the cost component opened and evaluated. The proposal will be dropped from further consideration.

Proposals scoring 60 technical points or higher will be evaluated for cost and assigned up to a maximum of 30 points in cost category, bringing the potential maximum score to 100 points.

The Community College of Rhode Island reserves the exclusive right to select the individual(s) or firm (vendor) that it deems to be in its best interest to accomplish the project as specified herein; and conversely, reserves the right not to fund any proposal(s). Proposals will be reviewed and scored based upon the following criteria:

Criteria	Possible Points
Staff Qualifications	15 Points
Capability, Capacity, and Qualifications of the Offeror	25 Points
Quality of the Work plan	15 Points
Suitability of Approach/Methodology	15 Points
Total Possible Technical Points	70 Points
Cost calculated as lowest responsive cost proposal divided by (this cost proposal) times 30 points *	30 Points
Total Possible Points	100 Points

*The Low bidder will receive one hundred percent (100%) of the available points for cost. All other bidders will be awarded cost points based upon the following formula:

$$(\text{low bid} / \text{vendors bid}) * \text{available points}$$

For example: If the low bidder (Vendor A) bids \$65,000 and Vendor B bids \$100,000 for monthly cost and service fee and the total points available are Thirty (30), vendor B's cost points are calculated as follows:

$$\$65,000 / \$100,000 * 30 = 19.5$$

Points will be assigned based on the offeror's clear demonstration of his/her abilities to complete the work, apply appropriate methods to complete the work, create innovative solutions and quality of past performance in similar projects.

Applicants may be required to submit additional written information or be asked to make an oral presentation before the technical review committee to clarify statements made in their proposal. Applicants may be required to submit additional written information or be asked to make an oral presentation before the Technical Review Committee to clarify statements made in their proposal.

SECTION 7: PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

Questions concerning this solicitation may be e-mailed to the Community College of RI, Purchasing Office at purchasing@ccri.edu no later than the date and time indicated on page one of this solicitation. Please reference **RFP #BB002633** on all correspondence. Questions should be submitted in a Microsoft Word attachment. Answers to questions received, if any, will be posted on the Internet as an addendum to this solicitation. It is the responsibility of all interested parties to download this information. If technical assistance is required to download, call the Help Desk at (401) 574-9709.

Offerors are encouraged to submit written questions to the Community College of RI, Purchasing Office. **No other contact with State parties will be permitted.** Interested offerors may submit proposals to provide the services covered by this Request on or before the date and time listed on the cover page of this solicitation. Responses received after this date and time, as registered by the official time clock in the reception area of the Community College of RI, Purchasing Office will not be considered.

Responses (**an original plus four (4) copies**) should be mailed or hand-delivered in a sealed envelope marked "**RFP #BB002633**" to:

Community College of RI
Purchasing Office
400 East Avenue
Warwick, RI 02886

NOTE: Proposals received after the above-referenced due date and time will not be considered. Proposals misdirected to other State locations or those not presented to the Community College of RI, Purchasing Office by the scheduled due date and time will be determined to be late and will not be considered. Proposals faxed, or emailed, to the Community College of RI will not be considered. The official time clock is in the reception area of the Purchasing Office.

RESPONSE CONTENTS

Responses shall include the following:

1. A completed and signed cover page.
2. A completed and signed two-page bidder certification cover sheet.
3. A completed and signed W-9.

4. **A separate Technical Proposal** describing the qualifications and background of the applicant and their experience for this project, and all information described earlier in this solicitation.
5. **A separate, signed and sealed Cost Proposal** reflecting the hourly rate, and hours to complete this project.
6. In addition to the multiple hard copies of proposals required, Respondents are requested to provide their proposal in **electronic format (CD-Rom, disc, or flash drive)**. Microsoft Word / Excel OR PDF format is preferable. Only 1 electronic copy is requested and it should be placed in the proposal marked "original".

CONCLUDING STATEMENTS

Notwithstanding the above, the State reserves the right not to award this contract or to award on the basis of cost alone, to accept or reject any or all proposals, and to award in its best interest.

Proposals found to be technically or substantially non-responsive at any point in the evaluation process will be rejected and not considered further.

The State may, at its sole option, elect to require presentation(s) by offerors clearly in consideration for award.

The State's General Conditions of Purchase contain the specific contract terms, stipulations and affirmations to be utilized for the contract awarded to the RFP. The State's General Conditions of Purchases/General Terms and Conditions can be found at the following URL: <https://www.purchasing.ri.gov/RIVIP/publicdocuments/ATTA.pdf>