

# MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

# REQUEST FOR QUOTES FORMAL (RFQF) (Reverse Auction) RFx No.: 3140004300

To Provide: One (1) New Compact Asphalt Paver, One (1) New Trailer-Mounted Asphalt Hotbox, and One (1) New Compact Tandem Roller

Issue Date: Tuesday, July 22, 2025

Qualifying Bids: Due By 10 a.m. (CDT) on August 21, 2025

**Invitation:** The Mississippi Department of Corrections ("MDOC") is seeking bids from qualified bidders for the purchase and delivery of one (1) new compact asphalt paver, one (1) new trailer mounted asphalt hotbox, and one (1) new compact tandem roller. The purpose of this RFQF is to qualify vendors to participate in a Live Reverse Auction.

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# SECTION I – GENERAL CONDITIONS FOR REVERSE AUCTIONS

ALL BIDS SUBMITTED SHALL BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH ALL CONDITIONS SET FORTH HEREIN. THE BID PROCEDURES FOLLOWED BY THIS OFFICE WILL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THESE CONDITIONS. THEREFORE, ALL BIDDERS ARE URGED TO READ AND UNDERSTAND THESE CONDITIONS PRIOR TO SUBMITTING A BID.

### 1.0 DEFINITIONS

The use of the word "agency" in any Bid Invitation solicitation or specification shall be intended to mean state agencies only.

### 2.0 PREPARATION OF BIDS

- 2.1 Bids and/or Quotes may be submitted through the State of Mississippi's e-procurement system (MAGIC) or in person to the Mississippi Department of Corrections ("MDOC" or "the State"). Paper bids are allowed. All prices and notations must be printed in ink or typewritten. No erasures permitted. Errors may be crossed out and corrections printed in ink or typewritten adjacent and must be initialed, in ink, by the person signing bid.
- 2.2 To submit bids electronically, bidders must ensure they are registered in the MAGIC system and have received a login, password, and supplier number and that all technical requirements have been met.
- 2.3 If a bidder is unwilling or unable to participate through MAGIC, a MDOC representative can enter the Vendor's bid(s) manually (i.e. Surrogate bidding).
- 2.4 Bidders participating in person by surrogate bidding must indicate in their response to the initial Request for Quote-Formal (RFQF).
- 2.5 Failure to examine any drawings, specifications, and instructions will be at bidder's risk.
- 2.6 Price each item separately. Unit prices shall be shown. Bid prices must be net.
- 2.7 It is understood that reference to available specifications shall be sufficient to make the terms of such specifications binding on the bidder.
- 2.8 Bidders must furnish all information requested in the bid specifications. Further, when required, each bidder must submit for bid evaluation cuts, sketches, descriptive literature and technical specifications covering the product offered. Reference to literature submitted with a previous bid or on file with MDOC will not satisfy this provision.
- 2.9 Samples of items, when requested, must be furnished free of expense, and if not destroyed in testing will, upon request, be returned at the bidder's expense. Request

for the return of samples must be made within ten (10) days following opening bids. Each individual sample must be labeled with bidder's name, manufacturer's brand name and number, State of Mississippi commodity number, bid number and item reference.

2.10 Time of performance. The number of calendar days in which delivery will be made after receipt of order shall be indicated in the bid specifications.

### 3.0 BID SUBMISSION

- 3.1 When submitting a bid electronically, the authorized signature may be typed or be an electronic signature.
- 3.2 Bids and modifications or corrections received after the closing time specified will not be considered.
- 3.3 When submitting the response to the RFQF in MAGIC, bidder must ensure all questions have been answered within the RFQF and all proposed items in bid have a response.
- 3.4 Bidders submitting paper responses should submit responses to the MDOC by the response deadline.

### 4.0 ACCEPTANCE OF BIDS

MDOC reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informality in bids and unless otherwise specified by the bidders, to accept any items on the bid. The State reserves the right to modify or cancel in whole or in part its Request for Quotes Formal.

If a bidder fails to state the time within which a submitted bid will expire, it is understood and agreed that the MDOC shall have 60 days to accept.

### 5.0 ERROR IN BID

If a vendor is participating in a Live Auction, the vendor can notify MDOC in the event of an erroneous bid via the chat message feature. Erroneous bids, where the mistake is apparent to MDOC, may be deleted during the live auction.

### 6.0 SPECIAL DISCOUNT PERIOD

Time in connection with a special discount offered will be computed from date of delivery at destination or from the date correct invoices are received, if the latter date is later than the date of delivery. Cash discounts will not be considered in the award process.

### **7.0 AWARD**

7.1 Contracts and purchases will be made or entered into with the lowest responsible bidder meeting specifications, except as otherwise specified in the bid specifications. Where more than one item is specified in the specifications, the MDOC reserves the right to determine the low bidder either on the basis of the

- individual item(s) or on the basis of all items included in its Invitation for Bids, or as expressly provided in the MDOC's Invitation for Bids.
- 7.2 Unless the bidder specified otherwise in the bid, the MDOC may accept any item or group of items of any kind.
- 7.3 A written purchase order or contract award furnished to the successful bidder within the time of acceptance specified in the Invitation for Bid results in a binding contract without further action by either party. The contract shall consist solely of these General Conditions, the Instructions and Special Conditions, the successful bidder's bid, and the written purchase order or contract award. The contract shall not be assignable in whole or in part without the written consent of the MDOC.

### 8.0 INSPECTION

Final inspection and acceptance or rejection may be made at delivery destination, but all materials and workmanship shall be subject to inspection and test at all times and places, and when practicable. During manufacture, the right is reserved to reject articles which contain defective material and workmanship. Rejected material shall be removed by and at the expense of the contractor promptly after notification or rejection. Final inspection and acceptance or rejection of the materials or supplies shall be made as promptly as practicable, but failure to inspect and accept or reject materials or supplies shall not impose liability on the State or any subdivision thereof for such materials or supplies as are not in accordance with the specification. In the event necessity requires the use of materials or supplies not conforming to the specification, payment therefore may be made at a proper reduction in price.

### **9.0 TAXES**

The State is exempt from federal excise taxes and state and local sales or use taxes and bidders must quote prices which do not include such taxes. Exemption certificates will be furnished upon request. Contractors making improvements to, additions to or repair work on real property on behalf of the State are liable for any applicable sales or use tax on purchase of tangible personal property for use in connection with the contracts. Contractors are likewise liable for any applicable use tax on tangible personal property furnished to them by the State for use in connection with their contracts.

### 10.0 GIFTS, REBATE, GRATUITIES

- 10.1 Acceptance of gifts from bidders is prohibited. No officer or employee of the MDOC, nor any head of any state department, institution or agency, nor any employee of any state department, institution or agency charged with responsibility of initiating requisitions, shall accept or receive, directly or indirectly, from any person, firm or corporation to whom any contract for the purchase of materials, supplies, or equipment for the State of Mississippi may be awarded, by rebate, gifts, or otherwise, any money or anything of value whatsoever, or any promise, obligation or contract for future rewards or compensation.
- 10.2 Bidding by state employees is prohibited. It is unlawful for any State official or employee to bid on, or sell, or offer for sale, any merchandise equipment or material, or similar commodity to the State during the tenure of his or her office or

employment, or for the period prescribed by law thereafter, or to have any interest in the selling of the same to the State.

### 11.0 BID INFORMATION

Bid information and documents may be examined pursuant to the Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983, MS Code 25-61-1 et seq.

### 12.0 PRECEDENCE

Bids shall be made and the contract shall be entered into in accordance with the General Conditions as hereinafter amended and modified. Should a conflict exist between the General Conditions and the Instructions and Special Conditions, the Instructions and Special Conditions shall take precedence.

### 13.0 COMPETITION

There are no federal or state laws that prohibit bidders from submitting a bid lower than a price or bid given to the U.S. Government. Bidders may bid lower than U.S. Government contract price without any liability as the State is exempt from the provisions of the Robinson-Patman Act and other related laws. In addition, the U.S. Government has no provisions in any of its purchasing arrangements with bidders whereby a lower price to the State must automatically be given to the U.S. Government.

### 14.0 WAIVER

MDOC reserves the right to waive any General Condition, Special Condition, or minor specification deviation when considered to be in the best interest of the State.

### 15.0 CANCELLATION

Any contract or item award may be canceled with or without cause by the State with the giving of 30 days written notice of intent to cancel. Cause for the State to cancel may include, but is not limited to, cost exceeding current market prices for comparable purchases; request for increase in prices during the period of the contract; or failure to perform to contract conditions. The Contractor will be required to honor all purchase orders that were prepared and dated prior to the date of expiration or cancellation if received by the Contractor within a period of 30 days following the date of expiration or cancellation. Cancellation by the State does not relieve the Contractor of any liability arising out of a default or nonperformance. If a contract is canceled by the State due to a Contractor's request for increase in prices or failure to perform, that Contractor will be disqualified from bidding for a period of 24 months.

The Contractor may cancel a contract for cause with the giving of 30 days written notice of intent to cancel. Cause for the Contractor to cancel may include, but is not limited to the item(s) being discontinued and/or unavailable from the manufacturer.

### 16.0 SUBSTITUTIONS DURING CONTRACT

During the term of a contract, if adequate documentation is provided that supports the claim that the contract item(s) are not available, items which meet the minimum specifications may be

substituted if approved by MDOC and the substitutions are deemed to be in the best interest of the State.

### 17.0 APPLICATION

It is understood and agreed by the bidder that any contract entered into as a result of this Invitation for Bids is established for use by State agency and all purchases made by these agencies for products included under the provisions of the contract shall be purchased from the bidder receiving the award unless exempt by special authorization from the state Office of Purchasing, Travel and Fleet Management.

Under the provisions of Section 31-7-7 Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated, the prices offered herein shall be extended to the governing authorities. However, the governing authorities, by provisions of Section 31-7-12 Mississippi Code, may purchase products covered by state contracts from any source offering an identical product at a price that does not exceed the state contract price.

Employees of the MDOC have acted exclusively as agents of the State for the award, consummation, and administration of the contract and are not liable for any performance or nonperformance by the state agencies that utilize the contract.

### **18.0 ADDENDA**

Addenda modifying plans and/or specifications may be issued if time permits. No addendum will be issued within a period of two (2) working days prior to the time and date set for the bid opening. Should it become necessary to issue an addendum within the two (2) day period prior to the bid opening, the bid date will be reset to a date not less than five (5) working days after the date of the addendum, giving bidders ample time to comply with the addendum. When replying to a bid request on which an addendum has been issued, and the specifications require acknowledgement, the bid shall indicate that provisions of the addendum have been noted and that the bid is being offered in compliance therewith. Failure to make this statement may result in the bid being rejected as not being in accordance with the revised specifications or plans.

### 19.0 NONRESPONSIVE BIDS

Nonresponsive bids will <u>not</u> be considered. A non-responsive bid is considered to be a bid that does not comply with the minimum provisions of the specification. Any bidder found to repeatedly offer alternate products that are not compliant with specifications in an attempt to obtain a contract on the basis of pricing only will be disqualified from bidding for a period of 24 months.

### 20.0 SPECIFICATION CLARIFICATION

It shall be incumbent upon all bidders to understand the provisions of the specifications and to obtain clarification prior to the time and date set for the live auction or bid opening. Such clarification will be answered only in response to a written request submitted in the specified amount of time set by the MDOC. The MDOC reserves the right to specify a time frame in which clarification request shall be made.

# 21.0 PRE-QUALIFICATION PROCESS

- 21.1 The purpose of the RFQF is to advertise the competitive procurement for solicitation of formal quotes from potential bidders to participate in the Reverse Auction. The MDOC will be responsible for defining product categories, adding bidders, and publishing all bid related documents to the procurement portal. Once the responses have been received and the Opening Date has been reached, the MDOC will review the submissions to qualify bidders and determine a starting price for reverse auction items.
- 21.2 The Invitation for Bids/RFQF shall be advertised in accordance with Section 3.106.05.4 of the Mississippi Procurement Manual. The MDOC shall advertise for 14 consecutive days in accordance with Section 31-7-13(c)(i)(1) of the Miss. Code Ann. Responses to the RFQF will be due on the 8th working day after the last day of advertisement.
- 21.3 Responses to the RFQF will be reviewed by the MDOC for responsiveness to specifications. Price quotes received will be evaluated in conjunction with other market research to determine the starting price for the Auction.
- 21.4 The MDOC will accept bidder responses in MAGIC who have qualified by meeting RFx specifications. Bidders not meeting specifications will not be allowed to participate in the Auction.
- 21.5 Once qualified, the MDOC will notify the vendor of Qualification and the date of the Live Auction via email. After receiving the confirmation email, bidders should review/ensure technical requirements for MAGIC have been met or confirm participation in person.
- 21.6 It is requested that bids be submitted on the basis of statewide distribution. Contractors must maintain adequate distribution capabilities and adequate stock of all items to insure prompt delivery.

### 22.0 FIRM BID PRICE

Prices accepted from bidder submissions shall be firm for the term of the contract except that the State shall receive the benefit of any price decrease in excess of five (5) percent. The contractor must provide written price reduction information within ten (10) days of its effective date.

### 23.0 CONTRACT EXTENSION

- 23.1 Automatic contract renewals or extensions are not allowed. Contracts must be extended or renewed with the proper documents signed or approved by the MDOC.
- 23.2 The MDOC reserves the right to extend the term of a contract, when necessary, to continue a source of supply whenever new or replacement contracts are not completed prior to the expiration date. Such extensions are dependent upon the agreement of the Contractor and shall not exceed three (3) months.

### 24.0 SUSPENSION AND DEBARMENT

By submitting a bid, the bidder is certifying that neither the bidder nor any potential subcontractors are debarred or suspended or are otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation in federal assistance programs.

### 25.0 ASSIGNMENT

The Contractor shall not assign or subcontract in whole or in part, its right or obligations under this agreement without prior written consent of the MDOC.

# **26.0 INDEMINIFICATION**

Contractor shall indemnify, defend, save and hold harmless, protect, and exonerate the State of Mississippi, its Commissioners, Board Members, officers, employees, agents, and representatives from and against all claims, demands, liabilities, suits, actions, damages, losses, and costs of every kind and nature whatsoever, including, without limitation, court costs, investigative fees and expenses, and attorneys' fees, arising out of or caused by Contractor's and/or its partners, principals, agents, employees, and/or subcontractors in the performance of or failure to perform this Agreement. In the State's sole discretion, Contractor may be allowed to control the defense of any such claim, suit, etc. In the event Contractor defends said claim, suit, etc., Contractor shall use legal counsel acceptable to the State; Contractor shall be solely liable for all reasonable costs and/or expenses associated with such defense and the State shall be entitled to participate in said defense. Contractor shall not settle any claim, suit, etc., without the State's concurrence, which the State shall not unreasonably withhold.

### 27.0 LIVE AUCTION

- 27.1 Notification of Auction Start date and time will be sent via email to qualifying bidders. If a bidder is unwilling or unable to participate through MAGIC, a representative from MDOC can enter the Vendor's bid(s) manually (i.e. Surrogate Bidding). If a bidder elects to participate via Surrogate Bidding, the bidder must be physically present at the public bidding location, with the means to submit written bids for each offer made and signed by an authorized agent of the Vendor. A Bid Form will be provided to the Vendor at the start of the auction. This form will not be returned to the bidder but will become a part of the Bid Documentation for Evaluation by MDOC.
- 27.2 The Auction time may be extended at the discretion of MDOC. Examples of reasons to extend an auction include, but are not limited to, technical difficulties experienced by MDOC or bidder, the need to pause the Auction, or bids placed within the last few moments of bidding.
- 27.3 Communication with bidders participating electronically during the Auction may be done via the Live Chat Feature. MDOC has the ability to send messages to particular bidders or broadcast to all bidders. Bidders can ONLY communicate with MDOC, not other bidders.
- 27.4 Bidders may be removed from a Live Auction for improper conduct, including but not limited to profanity, threats, consistently entering erroneous or extremely low bids, or other disruptive behavior.

### 28.0 FORCE MAJEURE

If MDOC is closed for any reason, including but not limited to: acts of God, strikes, lockouts, riots, acts of war, epidemics, governmental regulations superimposed after the fact, fire, earthquakes, floods, or other natural disasters (the "Force Majeure Events"), which closure prevents the opening of bids at the advertised date and time, all bids received shall be publicly opened and read aloud on the next business day that the agency shall be open and at the previously advertised time. The new date and time of the bid opening, as determined in accordance with this paragraph, shall not be advertised, and all bidders, upon submission of a bid proposal, shall be deemed to have knowledge of and shall have agreed to the provisions of this paragraph. Bids shall be received by the agency until the new date and time of the bid opening as set forth herein. MDOC shall not be held responsible for the receipt of any bids for which the delivery was attempted and failed due to the closure of the MDOC as a result of a Force Majeure Event. Each bidder shall be required to ensure the delivery and receipt of its bid by the MDOC prior to the new date and time of the live auction or bid opening.

# SECTION II – INSTRUCTIONS AND SPECIAL CONDITIONS

### 1.0 AUTHORITY

The Office of Purchasing, Travel, and Fleet Management ("OPTFM") at the Mississippi Department of Finance and Administration ("DFA") supervises the purchase, lease-purchase, lease, and rental of any commodities or equipment by Agencies under the purview of Public Procurement Review Board ("PPRB").

### 1.1 PURPOSE

The Mississippi State Penitentiary of the Mississippi Department of Corrections (referred to as "MDOC") is seeking to obtain one (1) new compact asphalt paver, one (1) trailer-mounted asphalt hot box, and one (1) new compact tandem roller to purchase by using the Reverse Auction Process. The Request for Quotes Formal (RFQF) is the first step in the Reverse Auction Process. The purpose of the RFQF is to solicit quotes from interested parties meeting bid requirements and specifications, in order to determine the qualified vendors, which will participate in the Live Reverse Auction. There will be separate auctions for each piece of equipment.

It is the responsibility of the prospective bidder to review all information contained within this RFQF and accompanying attachments. Notifications must be sent to the Mississippi Department of Corrections if a vendor believes the information contained in this RFQF is devised in such a manner that would restrict competition. The Office of Procurement and Contracts may be reached at telephone number (601) 359-5600.

### 2.0 SCOPE OF SERVICE

This RFQF is for one (1) new compact asphalt paver, one (1) new trailer-mounted asphalt hotbox, and one (1) compact tandem roller. This RFQF will solicit quotes to obtain qualifying quotes as listed on the Quote Sheet List (Attachment B). The bidder may propose options above and beyond these specifications that best suit the needs of MDOC's interest as determined by the agency. The bidder agrees to begin delivery within 60 days of award. Failure to do so may result in cancellation of award. If cancellation of award occurs, a new award will be made to the next lowest bidder meeting required specifications.

### 3.0 GENERAL TERM OF CONTRACT

Upon acceptance of a bid by the MDOC, and receipt of a signed contract or purchase order, the successful bidder shall be obligated to deliver equipment in accordance with the specification listed in this RFQF.

### 3.1 DELIVERY TIME

The awarded bidder shall begin delivery within <u>60 days</u> of award with 48-hours required notice prior to delivery to the following location:

Mississippi State Penitentiary MS Highway 49 West Parchman, MS 38738 Point(s) of Contact (48-hour notice required prior to delivery):

Mr. Gerrard Poole (662) 588-4683 gpoole@mdoc.state.ms.us - Primary Contact

Mr. Barney Poole (601) 507-2338 <u>barney.poole@mdoc.state.ms.us</u> - Secondary

Contact

### 4.0 PROCUREMENT TIMELINE

It is our intent to follow the schedule below in the execution of this request for quote; however, MDOC reserves the right to amend and/or change the below schedule of events, as it deems necessary.

A. Issue Date

**B.** Deadline for Submission of Questions

C. Ouestions & Answers Posted to Website

D. Bid Packet Submission Deadline

E. Anticipated Bid Opening Date

F. Anticipated Date to Notify Qualified Bidders

**G.** Reverse Auction Start Date:

H. Projected Award Date:

July 22, 2025

5 p.m. (CDT) on August 6, 2025

August 12, 2025

10 a.m. (CDT) on August 21, 2025

2 p.m. on August 21, 2025

August 26, 2025

10 a.m. (CDT) on August 28, 2025

September 3, 2025

### 5.0 REFERENCES

As part of its bid, each bidder must furnish contact information of at least four (4) current references. The reference information should include the contact person, address and phone number for each contract with their largest clients of similar size and scope of services, as specified in this RFQF. "Largest client" is determined by the revenue paid by the client to the bidder over the past two-year period. Failure to list a qualifying client may result in rejection of prospective bidder's bid. MDOC will contact these clients as references to evaluate the quality of the bidder's past work and management capabilities. Reference information must be provided as part of the packet submitted for consideration.

References must report the vendor to be of good reputation in providing applicable services. Although MDOC requires the provision of a minimum of four (4) references, bidder may submit as many references as desired. References will be contacted in order listed until at minimum two references have been interviewed. Bidders are encouraged to submit additional references to ensure that at least two references are available for interview. It is the responsibility of the bidder to verify before submitting their bid that contact information is correct and current for each reference. MDOC will not seek to correct erroneous contact information or track down references. MDOC staff must be able to contact two (2) references for a bid to be found responsive. In addition, the bidder must have a minimum score of six (6) on the Reference Score Sheet in **Attachment L** from reference interviews by MDOC with two (2) references for a total minimum score of twelve (12).

# **6.0 BUSINESS LONGEVITY**

Each bidder must have been in business a minimum of two (2) years prior to submission of its bid. Please indicate the length of time you have been in business providing equipment as specified in

this RFQF. Business longevity information must be provided, as part of the bid package submitted for consideration.

### 7.0 APPROACH

It is understood that all bids are submitted on the basis of complying with the provisions, terms and specifications set out herein, provided that you can do so under the various government rulings and directives now in effect or which may be issued during the period of the contract. The MDOC reserves the right to waive minor technicalities on bid forms and specifications that can be waived or corrected without prejudice to other bidders when it is in the best interest of the Mississippi Department of Corrections. The MDOC reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any minor informality in the bids, and, unless otherwise specified by the bidders, to accept any items on the bid.

The bidder understands that the Mississippi Department of Corrections is an equal opportunity employer and maintains a policy that prohibits unlawful discrimination based on race, color, creed, sex, age, national origin, physical handicap, disability, or any other consideration. The bidder will strictly adhere to this policy in its employment practices and provision of services.

### 8.0 REGISTRATION WITH MISSISSIPPI SECRETARY OF STATE

By submitting a bid, the bidder certifies it is registered to do business with the State of Mississippi through the Secretary of State or, if not already registered, that it will do so within seven (7) business days of being notified by MDOC that it has been awarded the contract. Please complete the Secretary of State Acknowledgement form included in **Attachment H.** 

# 9.0 PROCUREMENT METHODOLOGY

### 9.1 BIDDER RULES OF PROCUREMENT

All formal bids shall be binding for a minimum of forty-five (45) days after opening. If a bid is withdrawn after opening, the vendor will be removed from the list of eligible bidders for a period of six (6) months.

# 9.2 PROCUREDURES FOR ANSWERING QUESTIONS

- A. All questions or clarifications concerning this RFQF or the bid process must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. (CDT) on August 6, 2025 to:

  Procurement@mdoc.state.ms.us.
- **B.** Questions and requests for clarification must be submitted via email during normal business hours by the deadline reflected in Section II, 4.0, Procurement Time Line. Questions received after this time will not be considered.

- C. All questions and answers shall be treated as amendments to the RFQF. See Section II, 9.4 below. Therefore, all questions received by MDOC in a timely manner will be answered and issued in the form of amendments to each vendor that received the RFQF. Additionally, the questions and answers will be published on the MDOC website (<a href="https://www.mdoc.ms.gov/">https://www.mdoc.ms.gov/</a>) in a manner that all bidders will be able to view by the date and time reflected in Section II, 4.0, Procurement Time Line.
- **D.** It shall be incumbent upon all Bidders to understand the provisions of the scope of services and to obtain clarification by the time reflected in Section II, 4.0, Procurement Time Line. Bidders are responsible for following up to see that any correspondence or communications are properly received.
- E. MDOC will <u>not</u> be bound by any verbal information that is not contained within this RFQF or its Attachment(s) or Addendum(s) unless formally noticed and issued by: Crystal T. Henry, Ph.D., Project Manager II, <u>Procurement@mdoc.state.ms.us</u>.

### 9.3 AMENDEMENT OR WITHDRAWAL

No bids shall be modified after the specified time for the opening. If a bid is withdrawn after opening, the bidder will be removed from the list of eligible for a period of six (6) months. A bidder may withdraw a bid prior to the time set for the opening by simply making a request in writing to MDOC; no explanation is required. No partial withdrawals are permitted after the time and date set for the opening; only complete withdrawals are permitted. No late bids, modifications or withdrawals will be considered unless receipt would have been timely but for the action or inaction of MDOC personnel directly involved with the procurement activity.

# 9.4 AMENDEMENTS TO THE RFQF

Amendments to the RFQF will be identified as such. Amendments will reference the portions of the RFQF that it amends. Amendments will be sent to all prospective bidders that received an RFQF. Each vendor shall acknowledge receipt of amendments by completing and signing the Acknowledgement of Amendments form included in **Attachment G** hereto. The Bid Coordinator of MDOC will post the Amendment by number on MDOC website <a href="https://www.mdoc.ms.gov/">https://www.mdoc.ms.gov/</a> in a manner all bidders will be able to view. Respondents shall rely only on communication from the Bid Coordinator of MDOC in submitting bids and obtaining amendments. The MDOC's Office of Procurement and Contract shall not be bound by any oral communications; bidders who rely upon any oral communications regarding the bid do so at their own risk.

Additionally, each bidder shall complete **Attachment G**, Acknowledgements of Amendments, and include as part of its bid packet.

### 9.5 BID ACCEPTANCE PERIOD

The original bid form, cover sheet, certification to sign form, references and all acknowledgement forms, shall be signed and submitted in a sealed envelope or packet to the address noted in Section II 10.1 Procedure for Submitting Bids, no later than the time specified by the Procurement timeline. Timely submission of the bid forms is the responsibility of the bidder. Bids received after the specified time shall be rejected and returned to the bidder unopened. The envelope or packet shall be marked with the bid opening date and time, and the number of the Request for Quote. The time and date of receipt shall be indicated on the envelope or packet by Administrative Services or Support Staff. Each page of the bid and all attachments shall be identified with the name of the bidder. Failure to submit a bid on the bid form shall be considered just cause for rejection of the bid. Modifications or additions to any portion of the procurement document may be cause for rejection of the bid. MDOC reserves the right to decide, on a case-by-case basis, whether to reject a bid with modifications or additions as nonresponsive. As precondition to bid acceptance, MDOC may request the bidder to withdraw or modify those portions of the bid deemed non-responsive that do not affect quality, quantity, price or delivery of service.

# 9.6 PREQUALIFICATION OF SUPPLIERS

Supplier should include specifications, literature, samples, etc. with their quotes. Upon completion of the quote evaluation, the Mississippi Department of Corrections will email the vendor or vendors who have submitted and meet all requirements outlined in the RFQF to participate in the Reverse Auction process.

### 9.7 BID EVALUATION

Contracts and purchases will be made or entered into with the lowest, responsible and responsive bidder meeting specifications. Factors to be considered in determining the lowest, responsible bidder include:

- Price
- Conformity
- Responsibility of Bidder
- Bidder's ability to deliver as per specifications
- Reference response
- Qualified to contract with the State of Mississippi

### 9.8 AWARD NOTICE

Suppliers should be advised no award will automatically result from a reverse auction. MDOC will review the results of the auction and make a determination. After the Mississippi Department of Corrections makes the award, official notification will be sent to all participating vendors. This information will be released in written form via email and/or letter. The Mississippi Department of Corrections will not respond to telephone calls requesting the information. Actions taken by a bidder before the receipt of the official notification will be at the bidder's own risk, and the Mississippi Department of

Corrections will not be responsible for such actions. If the purchase is for an amount greater than \$50,000, such award shall be subject to approval of the purchase by the Office of Purchasing, Travel and Fleet Management (OPTFM).

### 9.9 RIGHT TO PROTEST

Any actual or prospective bidder, offeror, or contractor who is aggrieved in connection with the solicitation or award of a contract may protest to the Chief Procurement Officer or the Commissioner of the Mississippi Department of Corrections. The protest shall be submitted in writing within seven (7) days after notification is received. The written protest letter shall contain an explanation of the basis of the protest. A protest is considered submitted when received by the Chief Procurement Officer or Commissioner of the Mississippi Department of Corrections. To expedite handling the protest, the envelope should be labeled "Protest". Protest filed after normal business hours on the seventh day will not be considered.

### 10.0 OPENING PROCEDURES

Bids will not be opened publicly. Bids will be made available for inspection only after award of contract.

### 11.0 BID OWNERSHIP

All bids become MDOC property. Bids will be made available for inspection only after award of contract. For this reason, proprietary material should be clearly labeled as such. The classification of an entire Bid as proprietary or trade secret is not acceptable and may result in rejection of the Bid. Request to review proprietary information will be handled in accordance with state law and applicable procedures. All disclosures of Bid information to interested parties will be made in compliance with MDOC policies and procedures established in accordance with the Mississippi Public Records Act of 1983 defined in Section 26-61-1 et seq., of the Mississippi Code and exceptions found in Section 25-61-9 and 79-23-1.

### 12.0 PARTIAL BIDS

Bids are not required to bid on all items but may include more than one item in their bid. MDO will consider bids for each line item separately by item.

# 13.0 EXCEPTIONS AND DEVIATIONS

Bidders taking exception to any part or section of the solicitation shall indicate such exceptions on the Bid form and shall fully describe said exception. Failure to indicate any exception will be interpreted as the proposer's intent to comply fully with the requirements as written. Conditional or qualified bidders, unless specifically allowed, shall be subject to rejection in whole or in part.

### 14.0 CONFLICT OF INTEREST

All bids must be accompanied by a statement disclosing (1) any involvement, financial or otherwise, that an employee, officer, or agent of MDOC may have in the proposing organization, and (2) any involvement, financial or otherwise, that any employee, officer of any other

governmental agency may have in the proposing organization. Disclosure statement form included in **Attachment I.** 

### 15.0 OFFICE CLOSURE STATEMENT

If the agency is closed for any reason, including but not limited to: acts of God, strikes, lockouts, riots, acts of war, epidemics, governmental regulations superimposed after the fact, fire, earthquakes, floods, or other natural disasters (the "Force Majeure Events"), which closure prevents the opening of bids at the advertised date and time, all bids received shall be opened on the next business day that the agency shall be open and at the previously advertised time. The new date and time of the Bid opening, as determined in accordance with this paragraph, shall not be advertised, and all bidders, upon submission of a Bid, shall be deemed to have knowledge of and shall have agreed to the provisions of this paragraph. Bids shall be received by the agency until the new date and time of the Bid opening as set forth herein. The agency shall not be held responsible for the receipt of any bids for which the delivery was attempted and failed due to the closure of the agency as a result of a Force Majeure Event. Each proposer shall be required to ensure the delivery and receipt of its Bid by the agency prior to the new date and time of the Bid opening.

### 16.0 SUBMISSISON PROCEDURES

### 16.1 PROCEDURES FOR SUBMITTING BID

- A. Bids must be written and formatted based on the forms furnished by MDOC, or they may not be considered. Letters will not be considered a part of your Bid. Facsimile transmissions will not be accepted. Failure to submit a bid on the Bid Form in the manner specified will be considered cause for rejection of Bid.
- Bids should be typed and single-sided; not handwritten. Failure to submit a bid on the Bid Form in the manner specified will be considered cause for rejection of Bid. The Bid shall be signed by a company official with authorization to bind contractor to its provisions and submitted in a sealed envelope or package no later than 10:00 a.m. (CDT) on August 21, 2025. labeled in the following manner:

Mississippi Department of Corrections
Office of Procurement and Contracts

Attention: Crystal T. Henry, Ph.D., Bid Coordinator RFQF # 3140004300 301 North Lamar Street Jackson, MS 39201 SEALED BID – DO NOT OPEN

C. Unless submitted in the Mississippi Accountability System Government Information and Collaboration (MAGIC) system, a packet must be

delivered by the time indicated for submission in Section II, 4.0 of the Procurement Time Line. It must be labeled as noted in (E.) below. If submitted in MAGIC documents must be signed and scanned in as an attachment.

- **D.** MDOC reserves the right to decide, on a case-by-case basis, whether to reject with exceptions, modifications or additions outside the parameters set by this RFQF, including specifications, as nonresponsive.
- **E.** Sealed bids should be hand delivered (strongly encouraged) or mailed and labeled as follows:

Mississippi Department of Corrections
Office of Procurement and Contracts
Attention: Crystal T. Henry, Ph.D., Bid Coordinator
RFQF # 3140004300
301 North Lamar Street
Jackson, MS 39201
SEALED BID – DO NOT OPEN

F. The parties submitting bids are responsible for ensuring they are delivered by the required time assuming all risk of delivery. MDOC will not be responsible for mail delays or lost mail. Delays due to system down time or weather will be reviewed on a case by case basis and the proposer should notify MDOC Bid Coordinator of such occurrences. Bids and modifications or corrections thereof received after the closing time specified will not be considered. Any bids or responses received subsequent to the specified date and time shall remain sealed and be maintained as part of the procurement file.

### 16.2 SUBMISSION FORMAT

The bid packet must be sealed and must contain the following:

- **A.** Attachment A Bid Cover Sheet
- **B.** Attachment B Quote Sheet List for Compact Asphalt Paver, Trailer-Mounted Asphalt Hotbox, and Compact Tandem Roller
- C. Attachment C Compact Asphalt Paver Minimum Specifications Data Sheet
- **D.** Attachment D Trailer-Mounted Asphalt Hotbox Minimum Specifications Data Sheet
- E. Attachment E Compact Tandem Roller Minimum Specifications Data Sheet
- **F.** Attachment F Certifications and Assurances
- **G.** Attachment G Acknowledgment of Amendments
- **H.** Attachment H Secretary of State Acknowledgment
- I. Attachment I Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement
- J. Attachment J Live Reverse Auction Participation Intent Form

- **K.** Attachment K Reference List
- L. Attachment L Reference Score Sheet (To be completed by MDOC Staff)

### 17.0 LATE SUBMISSION

No late bids, modifications or withdrawals will be considered unless receipt would have been timely had it not been for the action or inaction of MDOC personnel directly involved with the procurement activity. Late bids or responses shall remain sealed and be maintained as part of the procurement file.

### 18.0 REVERSE AUCTION

All qualified bidders are required to participate in the reverse auction process. Bidders must ensure the following technical requirements are met:

- Acceptable Internet Browser(s)
  - o Microsoft Internet Explorer (IE) version 11
  - o Firefox versions 51 or lower
  - Google Chrome versions 49 and above (will need to download and install a Chrome Extension called "IE Tab Extension")
- Pop-up blocker is turned off.
- Java
  - o Reverse Auction requires Java version 6.30 or higher. Java can be downloaded from the following website: https://www.java.com/en/download/.

The following Internet Browsers are unsupported by the Reverse Auction system:

- Microsoft Internet Explorer (IE) version 10 or below
- Microsoft Edge
- Google Chrome
- Safari
- Firefox Versions 52 or higher

### 19.0 Login Procedure

Vendors must be registered in MAGIC in order to receive a User ID and password to log in. Vendors who are new to MAGIC may visit the Vendor Information page on DFA's website, or register online, Vendor Registration.

To log into MAGIC, open the URL: <a href="https://portal.magic.ms.gov/irj/portal">https://portal.magic.ms.gov/irj/portal</a>. Enter User ID and password. The password is case sensitive.

# SECTION III – HOW TO CREATE AN RFx RESPONSE



# Create an RFx Response Work Instruction Transaction Code(s):

# Purpose

Use this procedure to submit an RFx Response.

# Trigger

Perform this procedure when your company would like to respond to a RFx invitation.

### Menu Path

N/A

### **Transaction Code**

# **Helpful Hints**

Attachments should include blue print, Statement of work, Material list, or other informational documents needed to help select an RFx response.

RFx Response is a bid to complete work or provide products to the State of Mississippi.



### Procedure

1. Start the transaction.

Work Center Overview - State of Mississippi - MAGIC Portal - Windows Internet Explorer

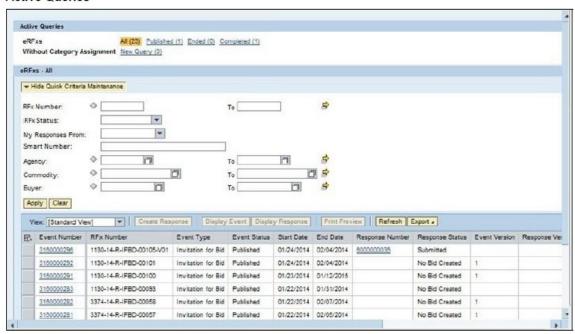
### Procedure





2. Click RFx and Auctions Icon. .

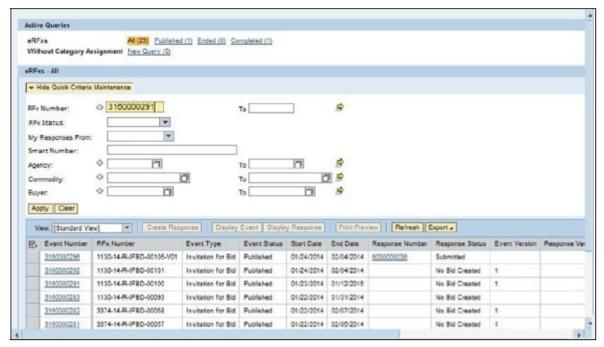
### **Active Queries**



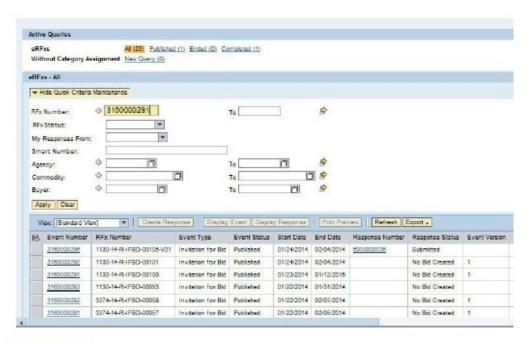
3. As required, complete/review the following fields:

Field R/O/C Description	Field R/O/C Description		
RFx Number:	Required	Example: 3160000291	

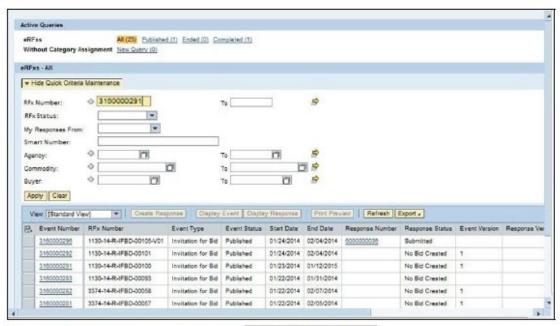
### **Active Queries**



Click Apply Apply to apply the search criteria.

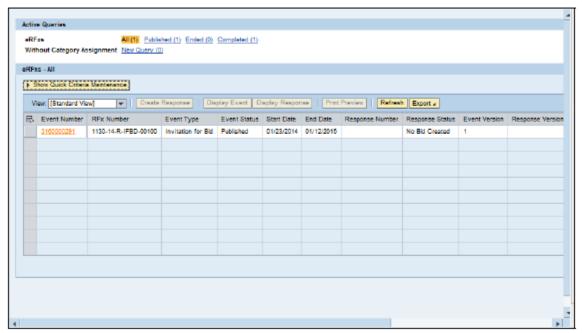


### **Active Queries**



5. Click Hide Quick Criteria Maintenance Hide Quick Criteria Maintenance

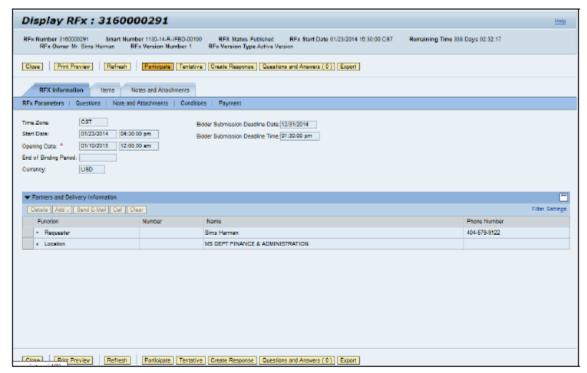
# **Active Queries**



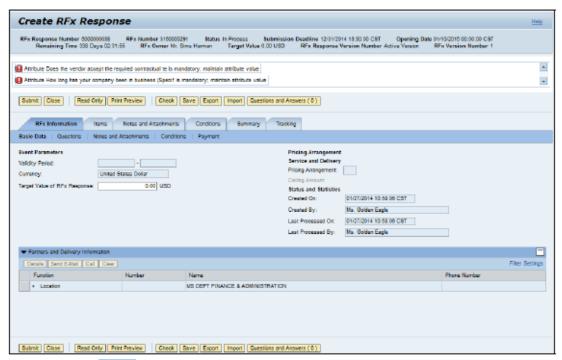
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6. Click 3160000291 .

### Display RFx 3160000291



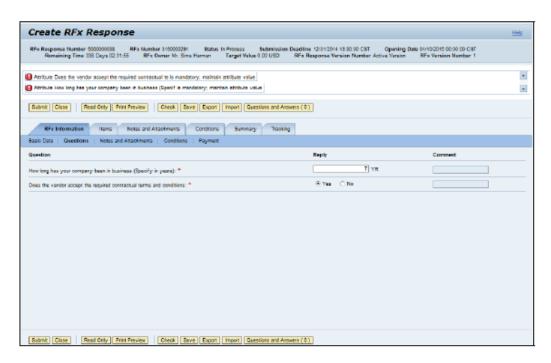
- Click Participate Participate. This step is required and notifies the SoMs your intent to create a RFx response.
- 8. Click Create Response Create Response .



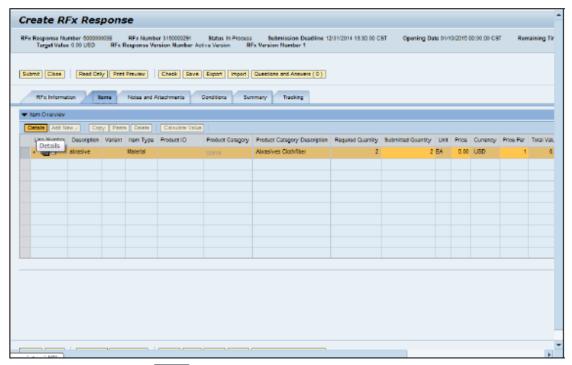
- 9. Click Questions Questions to view the required buyer questions.
  - 10. As required, complete/review the following fields:

Field	R/O/C	Description
How long has your company been in business (Specify in years):	Required	Example: 7

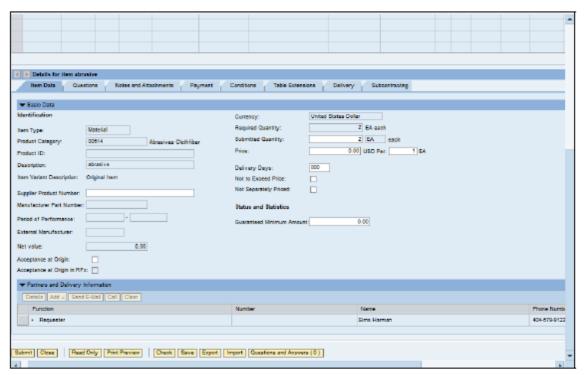
11. Click Yes O Yes



- 12. Click Notes and Attachments . Notes and Attachments
- 13. Click Items . Items

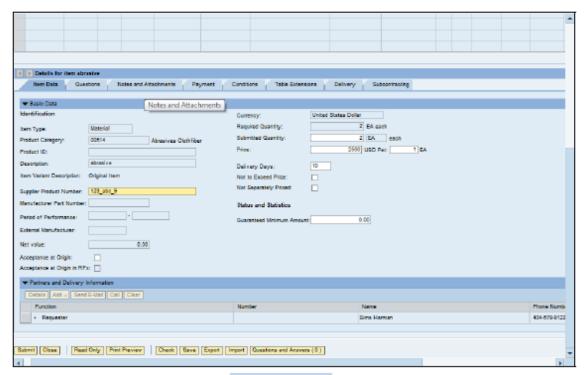


14. Click Details button Details .

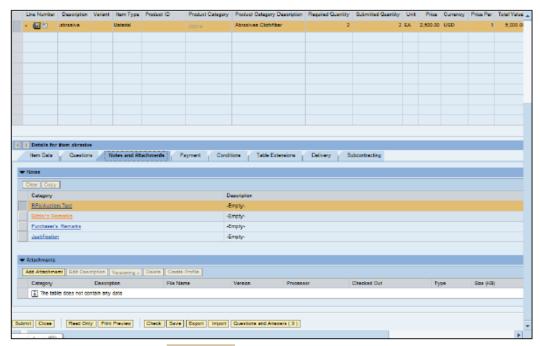


15. As required, complete/review the following fields:

Field R/O/C Description		
Price:	Required	Example: 2500
Delivery Days:	Required	Example: 10
Supplier Product Number:	Required	Example: 123_abc_9

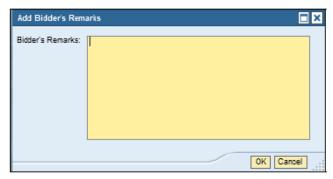


16. Click Notes and Attachments tab Notes and Attachments

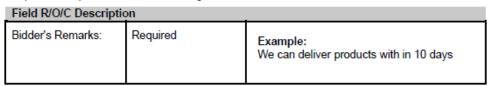


17. Click Bidder's Remarks Bidder's Remarks .

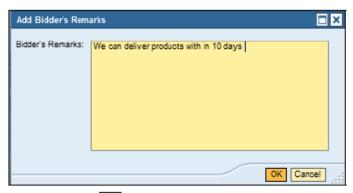
### Add Bidder's Remarks



18. As required, complete/review the following fields:

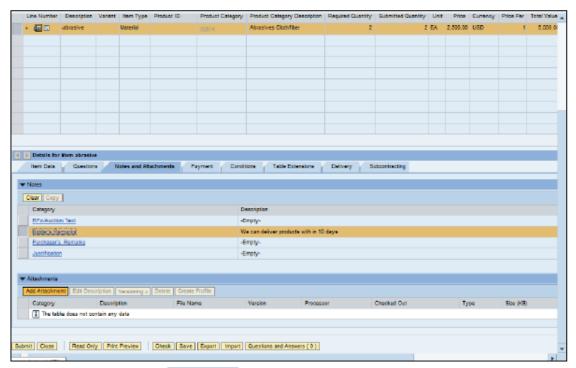


### Add Bidder's Remarks



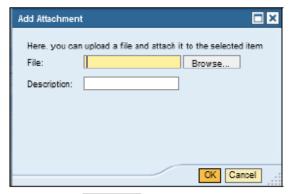
19. Click OK OK OK .

### Create RFx Response



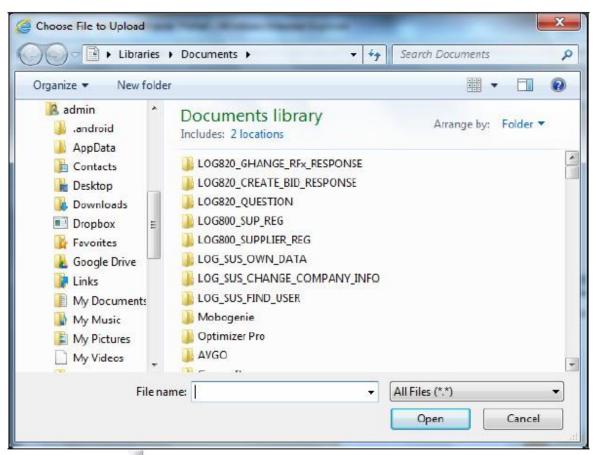
20. Click Add Attachment Add Attachment

### Add Attachment



21. Click Browse...

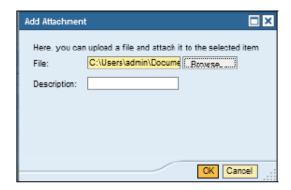
# Choose File to Upload



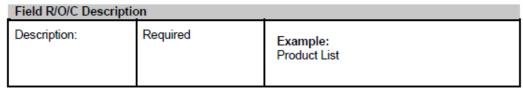
- 23. Click Book2.xlsx

24. Click Open Open

#### Add Attachment

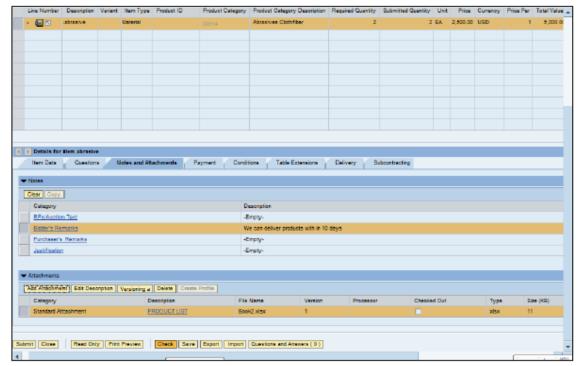


25. As required, complete/review the following fields:



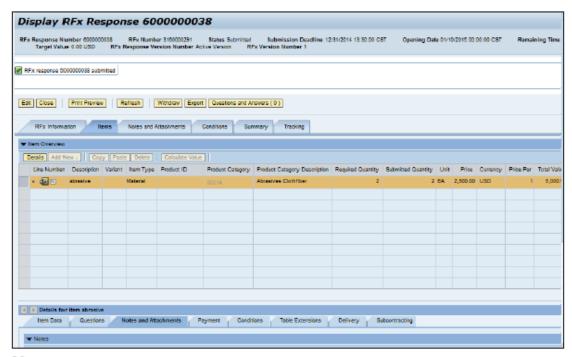
26. Click OK OK .

#### Create RFx Response



- 27. Click Check Check .
- 28. Click Submit Submit

#### End of simulation.



29. End of simulation.

#### Result

You have successfully submitted an RFx response to the State of Mississippi.

#### SECTION IV – REVERSE AUCTION BIDDER'S TRAINING GUIDE

The following section provides a DFA MAGIC Reverse Auction Bidder's Training Guide. It includes detailed instructions on how to access the reverse auction event, including how to gain access to the system utilized and what technical requirements may be involved. However, no supplier may be prohibited from participating in person by paper through surrogate bidding.

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#### Technical Requirements

Bidders are responsible for ensuring technical requirements are

#### met. Acceptable Internet Browser(s)

☐ ■ Google Chrome versions 49 and above (will need to download and install a Chrome Extension called "IE Tab Extension")

#### Unsupported Internet Browser(s)

☐ 🖫 Microsoft Internet Explorer (IE) version 10 or below

☐ 1 Google Chrome

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☐ Firefox

Note: Pop-up blocker must be turned off.

#### <u>Java</u>

Reverse Auction requires Java version 6.30 or higher. Java can be downloaded from following Web site.

https://www.java.com/en/download/



#### Login Procedure

Vendors must be registered in MAGIC in order to receive a User ID and password to log in. Vendors who are new to MAGIC may visit the <u>Vendor Information page</u> on DFA's Web Site, or register online, <u>Vendor Registration</u>.

To Log into MAGIC, open the following URL: <a href="https://portal.magic.ms.gov/iri/portal.">https://portal.magic.ms.gov/iri/portal.</a> Enter User ID and Password. The password is case sensitive.



#### View Available Reverse Auctions

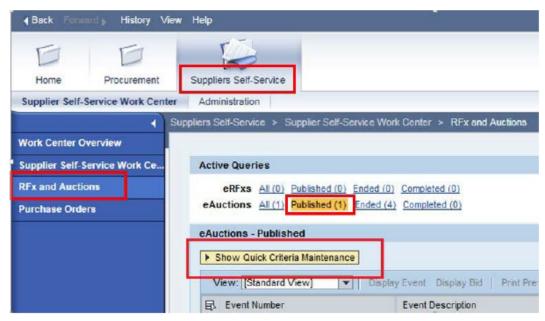
#### Search for Auction(s)

Listed below are the steps to search for a bid response.

- Bidders must first respond to the RFx (RFQF) to be able to participate in the Reverse Auction. Instructions for creating a response to an RFx are available here, RFx Response -Supplier Self Service.
  - The RFx (RFQF)—Bid Specifications will provide details for qualifying criteria.
     Only bidders qualified through the RFx (RFOF) will be invited to participate in Reverse Auctions.
- 2.) To search for auctions, click on the Suppliers Self-Service tab.
- 3.) Select RFx and Auctions in the navigation menu on the left of the screen.
- 4.) Select the Published link on the eAuctions line of the Active Queries section.

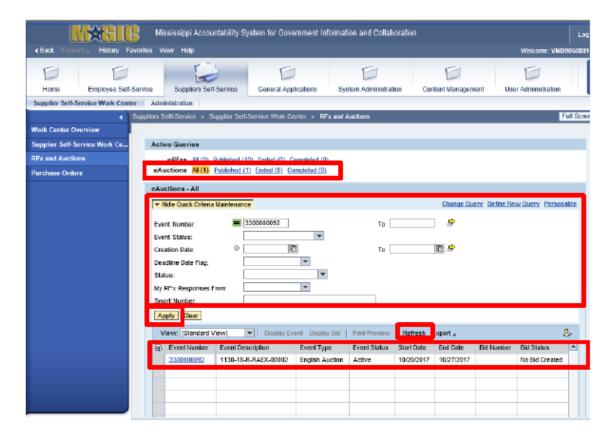
Note: If the search fields are not visible, click the Show Quick Criteria Maintenance button to expand the search criteria.





- 5.) Enter the search criteria. To find all available bid opportunities, skip to step (f).
  - A. Select All or Published to search for available Events (eAuctions).
  - B. Enter the appropriate *Quick Criteria Maintenance* fields: **Event Number** (Auction number) or complete any optional relevant search criteria.
  - C. Click on Apply to view all Auctions based on your search criteria.
  - D. To generate an updated search using the same selection criteria, click Refresh or skip to step (7).
- Click Apply to find available bid opportunities.
- In the results list, click on the Event Number to open the Auction details in a separate window. (Pop-up blocker must be turned off.)





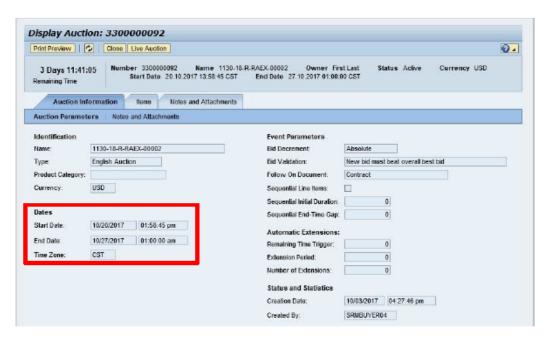
#### **Display Auction Details**

Listed below are the steps view the auction details and information regarding the auction.

 The Auction Details screen will be displayed. It is important to review the details prior to the Auction begin time. Bidding will not be available prior to the Auction Start Date / Time.

The table below list the fields and a brief description of the information available on the Auction Parameters sub-tab of the Auction Information tab.





Section	Field Name	Description	
Identification	Name	Smart Number with details related to the RFx	
	Туре	English Auction is the standard for State of Mississippi	
	Product Category	The 5 digit NIGP code (optional)	
	Currency	US Dollar (USD)	
Dates	Start Date	Begin Date and Time for the Live Auction	
	End Date	Date and Time of Live Auction completion	
	Time Zone	Central Standard Time (CST)	
Event	Bid Decrement	The amount/percentage by which the next bid must decrease	
Parameters		relevant to the current lowest bid.	
	Bid Validation	Logic used to determine if the bid is valid.	
	Follow On Document	Contract or Purchase Order	
	Sequential Line Items	Enables sequential line item functionality to stagger end	
		times.	
	Sequential Initial Duration	The amount of time in between each line item end time.	
	Sequential End-Time Gap	The time between item end times.	
Automatic	Remaining Time Trigger	The time period before the end of the auction where an	

Extensions	Extension Period	extension can be triggered due to bid activity.  Number of minutes, for which the auction will be extended if bidder submits an offer within the Remaining Time Trigger	
	Number of Extensions	The number of times an auction can be extended by bid activity within the Remaining Time Trigger.	
Status and	Creation Date	The date and time the auction was created.	
Statistics	Created By	The UserID of the Agency Buyer who created the auction.	

#### **Display Line Items**

Listed below is information regarding the line items associated with the auction.

Click the Items tab to view the line items.



If the items are in Lots, the main items will be listed with individual lot items below.



 To view additional details for a line item, select the desired line and click the Detais button.



3.) The details for the line item will be displayed.



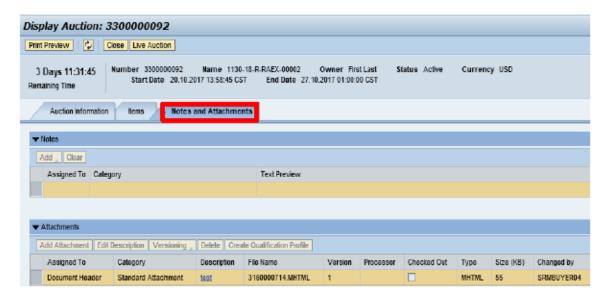
The table below list the fields and a brief description of the information available for each line item

Section	Field Name	Description	
Identification	Item Name	Type of item (Material)	
	Product ID	11 digit material number	
	Description	Detailed description of the item	
	Product Category	The 5 digit NIGP code	
Currency, Values, and	Quantity /Unit	The number of items / the Unit of Measure (i.e. EA for each)	
Pricing	Price Per Unit	The individual price based on the Unit of Measure indicated.	
	Start Price	Starting bid price of the item (Bids higher than the start price will not be accepted.)	
	Ceiling Price	Ceiling Price is not used.	
	Bid Decrement Percent	Bid decrement amount if percentage option is selected.	
	Bid Decrement	Bid decrement amount if dollar amount option is selected.	



#### Display Notes and Attachments

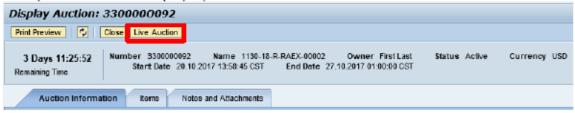
Click the **Notes and Attachments** tab to view supporting documents and/or notes associated with the auction.



#### Participating in a Live Auction

After completing the steps above to find a desired auction, the steps below can be used to participate in the Live Auction process.

With the Auction displayed, click the Live Auction button.



2.) A pop-up window will appear containing Terms and Conditions to participate in the Live Auction. Review all terms and conditions. If you agree, click Accept. If you click Decline you will not be allowed to participate in the Live Auction.



If the agency did not establish Terms and Conditions this screen will not be displayed.



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3.) If any pop-ups appear asking for a confirmation to run the JAVA application, click Run.

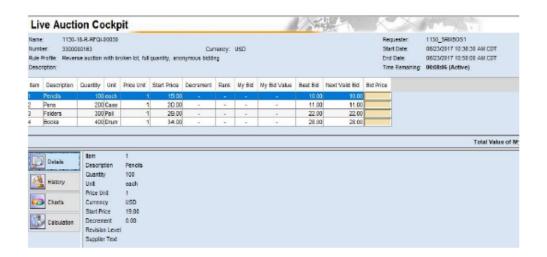


4.) The Live Auction bidding screen will be displayed. If you receive any error messages, please ask your company's system administrator to verify your computer's technical requirements.

#### Live Auction Cockpit

The Live Auction Cockpit will be displayed when the JAVA application has run.

Listed below is information regarding key items for the Live Auction Cockpit. The steps for submitting a response are located on the next page.



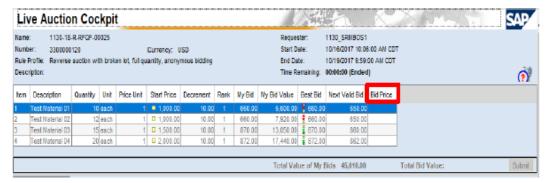
Field Name	Description
Start Date	Date and Time the Live Auction starts
End Date	Date and Time the Live Auction ends
Time Remaining	The time remaining for the Live Auction
Description	Line item description
Quantity	Line item quantity
Unit	Line item unit
Price Unit	Line item price per unit
Start Price	The initial price for the line item.
Best Bid	The lowest bid that has been submitted, to date, for that line item. This field will be blank until the first bid has been submitted.
Next Valid Bid	The next price that is allowed to be bid for that line item. It is determined by subtracting the decrement amount from the best bid amount.
Bid Price	Your bid for the item. Your bid should be equal or less than the next valid bid field.
1	For instructions on how to enter your bid price, see the next page.

#### Submitting a Bid Response

The steps below must be completed for each separate line item you wish to bid on.

- Click desired line item.
- Enter the price in the Bid Price field(s) for the items you wish to bid on.



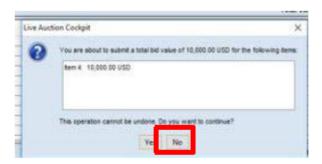


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Click the Submit button. The submit button may be submitted after each line item price is entered or after you enter the price for all line items you wish to bid on.



4. A confirmation pop-up window will be displayed. The bid value (by line item) will be display the total of the Unit Price times the Quantity for that item. If the bid amount(s) are correct, click Yes. If the bid amount(s) are incorrect, click No and repeat the steps above to enter the correct bid amounts.



5.) A confirmation of a successful bid submission will be displayed in the Chat Window. Note: Erroneous bids may be deleted by the agency during the live auction.

# Chat and System Messages 06/07/2017 10:27:40 AM CDT [System]: Your bid for line item 1 has been successfully submitted 06/07/2017 10:27:40 AM CDT [System]: Your bid for line item 2 has been successfully submitted 06/07/2017 10:27:40 AM CDT [System]: Your bid for line item 3 has been successfully submitted

6.) Repeat steps 1 - 5 for each desired line item.



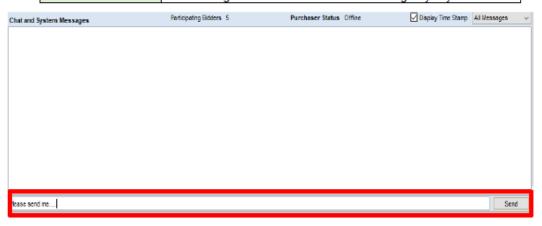


#### Chat and System Messages

The Chat and System Messages area is used for viewing chat messages from an agency buyer and information messages automatically generated by MAGIC.

Below are helpful hints in using the chat feature:

A bidder CAN:	Send a message to an agency buyer.	
	Type the message in the message box and click Send.	
	See broadcast messages from the agency buyer to ALL bidders.	
	See messages regarding the status of the auction (e.g. paused,	
	resumed, or extended)	
A bidder CANNOT:	Send a message to other bidders of the auction.	
	See messages sent to an agency by other bidders.	
	See messages sent to other bidders from the agency buyer.	



#### Pausing and/or Resuming an Auction

If necessary, the agency buyer can pause the Live Auction bidding. In such cases, the auction status will be changed from "Active" to "Paused". A system alert will appear on the screen.



The countdown clock will not stop running while the auction is paused.

The time remaining and end date / time are not affected or extended automatically.



When the agency buyer resumes the auction the auction status will be changed from "Paused" to "Active". A system alert will appear on the screen.



Once the auction has ended, a notification will display.



#### **SECTION V – BID PACKAGE**

#### New Asphalt Paver, Tandem Roller, and Trailer Mounted Asphalt Hot Box Minimum Specification Data Sheets

Be sure to answer and complete each question as requested. All responses must follow the instructions provided.

#### Attachment A Bid Cover Sheet

The Mississippi State Penitentiary of the Mississippi Department of Corrections ("MDOC") is seeking bids from qualified bidders for the purchase and delivery of **one** (1) **new compact asphalt paver**, **one** (1) **new trailer-mounted asphalt hotbox**, **and one** (1) **new compact tandem roller** by using the Reverse Auction Process. The purpose of the RFQF is to solicit quotes from interested parties meeting bid requirements and specifications, in order to determine the qualified vendors, which will participate in the Live Reverse Auction.

Bids are to be submitted as listed below, on or before 10:00 a.m. (CDT) on August 21, 2025.

#### PLEASE MARK YOUR ENVELOPE:

Mississippi Department of Corrections Office of Procurement and Contracts Attention: Crystal T. Henry, Ph.D. RFx #: 3140004300 301 North Lamar Street Jackson, MS 39021 SEALED BID – DO NOT OPEN

NAME AND PHONE NUMBER OF COMPANY REPRESENTATIVE TO BE CONTACTED BY AGENCY SEEKING TO OBTAIN SERVICES PURSUANT TO THIS
EMAIL ADDRESS
FAX NUMBER
TELEPHONE
CITY/STATE/ZIP_
ADDRESS
SIGNATURE
QUOTED BY
NAME OF COMPANY

SS # (if individual):
In addition to providing the above contact information, please answer the following questions regarding your company:
What year was your company started?
Indicate the length of time the company has provided this type of goods and/or services required in this RFQF.
Is company registered with the Mississippi Secretary of State to do business? $\square$ Yes $\square$ No, but agree to register within seven (7) business days of award.
Provide the address of the "Brick and Mortar" structure located inside the State of Mississippi used to conduct business with government agencies and the public along with the days of the week and hours of operation:
Provide a time frame in calendar days, within which delivery will be made after receipt of order.
Deliver in days.
State the warranty for goods and/or services.

#### **Attachment B**

### Compact Asphalt Paver, Trailer-Mounted Asphalt Hotbox, Compact Tandem Roller Quote List

#### **Quote:**

This quote will not be used to award the contract. The quote will be used to help determine the starting price for the Reverse Auction. All pricing shall include all associated costs including shipping for the items with no additional or hidden fees.

Line No.	Item Description	Estimated Quantity	UOM	Unit Price
01	One (1) new compact asphalt paver, meeting all specifications and including delivery.	1	EA	\$
02	One (1) new trailer-mounted asphalt hotbox, meeting all specifications and including delivery.	; 1	EA	\$
03	One (1), new compact tandem roller meeting all specifications and including delivery.	1	EA	\$
		Total Cost:		
Except	tions and/or Deviations? Yes No	o		
If "Yes	s", please list on an accompanying document.			
	RFx number: 3140			
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Compa	any: Sig	gnature:		
Addres	ss: Pri	nted name:		
	Tit	le:		

Email Address:

#### **Attachment C Compact Asphalt Paver Minimum Specifications Data Sheet**

Please review each item and indicate whether your offered product complies with the Specifications as listed. Please respond "Yes" or "No" to indicate compliance to the specifications for each listed criterion. If it does not comply with the listed specification, please explain the variance in the blank provided or on an additional sheet.

	ACT ASPHALT PAVER SPECIFICA VERALL REQUIREMENTS	YES	NO
	42 HP – 76 HP	TES	110
Engine			
Machine Width Min/Max	$Min \ge 8 \text{ ft. } Max \le 17 \text{ ft.}$		
<b>Machine Weight</b>	12,000 Lbs. – 16,000 Lbs.		
Туре	Track		
Paving Range	$Min \ge 20$ in. $Max \le 12$ ft.		
<b>Hopper Capacity</b>	4 – 9 Tons		
	Additional Requirements		
Must have all safety features flashing lights, etc.)	(i.e. backup alarm, warning decals,		
Needs to be delivered within	(60) days		
1 0	hintenance and lack of disruption to bidders must be 150-mile radius of y (MSP) in Parchman, MS.		
Needs to have a minimum 3-	Year Warranty		
	nimum specifications as described on the	e data sheet?	Yes or

Does your bid meet the minimum specifications as described on the data sheet?Ye	es or _	_No
If no, briefly explain:		
Is the warranty included with the purchase or is there an additional charge for it?	Yes or _	_No
If not, what is the additional cost for a 3-year Warranty? \$		
Company Name:		

### Attachment D Trailer-Mounted Asphalt Hotbox Minimum Specifications Data Sheet

Please review each item and indicate whether your offered product complies with the Specifications as listed. Please respond "Yes" or "No" to indicate compliance to the specifications for each listed criterion. If it does not comply with the listed specification, please explain the variance in the blank provided or on an additional sheet.

Please check the appropriate box/column next to each specification listed.

	Trailer Mounted Asphalt Hotbox		
<b>EQUIPMENT O</b>	VERALL REQUIREMENTS	YES	NO
Configuration	Trailer-Mounted		
Capacity	4 Tons of material		
Fuel Type	Diesel		
<b>Temperature System</b>	Automatic Temperature Control		
	System		
<b>Burner Type</b>	≥ 105,000 BTU Diesel		
Number of Burners	≥ 1 burner		
Overnight Heat	Available		
Capability			
Hoist Type	Electric		
<b>Loading &amp; Unloading</b>	Manual		
Door Type			
Brake System	Electric with Safety Breakaway		
Wash-down System	Available		
	Additional Requirements		
Must have all safety features working lights and beacon, e	s (Burner and temperature controls, etc.)		
Needs to be delivered within	n (60) days		
normal MDOC business, all Mississippi State Penitentian			
Needs to have a minimum 3	- Year Warranty		
Does your bid meet the mi If no, briefly explain:	nimum specifications as described on the	data sheet?	Yes orN

Company Name:
<b>,</b> .
If not, what is the additional cost for a 3-year Warranty? \$
Is the warranty included with the purchase or is there an additional charge for it?Yes orNo

#### **Attachment E Compact Tandem Roller Minimum Specifications Data Sheet**

Please review each item and indicate whether your offered product complies with the Specifications as listed. Please respond "Yes" or "No" to indicate compliance to the specifications for each listed criterion. If it does not comply with the listed specification, please explain the variance in the blank provided or on an additional sheet.

	Compact Tandem Roller		
EQUIPMENT O	VERALL REQUIREMENTS	YES	NO
Maximum Operating	3,300 lbs. – 6000 lbs.		
Weight			
<b>Engine Power</b>	21 HP – 35 HP		
Overall Length	70 in. – 105 in.		
Overall Width	40 in. – 45 in.		
Overall Height	82 in. – 100 in.		
Foldable ROPS	Available		
Drum Width (front/rear)	24 in. – 40 in.		
Drum Diameter	22 in. – 30 in.		
(front/rear)			
Travel Speed	5 mph – 8 mph		
Fuel Tank Capacity	≥ 7 Gallons		
Water Tank Capacity	Min ≥ 18.5		
	Additional Requirements		
	(Working lights, dashboard indicator		
lights and switches, horn, ba			
Needs to be delivered within	(60) days		
	aintenance and lack of disruption to		
normal MDOC business, all	bidders must be 150-mile radius of		
Mississippi State Penitentiar	y (MSP) in Parchman, MS.		
Needs to have a minimum 3-	Year Warranty		

Does your bid meet the minimum specifications as described on the data sheet? _	_Yes or	No
If no, briefly explain:		

Company Name:
If not, what is the additional cost for a 3-year Warranty? \$
Is the warranty included with the purchase or is there an additional charge for it? Yes orNo

### Attachment F Certifications and Assurances

By signing below, the company representative certifies that he/she has authority to bind the company, and further acknowledges and certifies on behalf of the company:

- 1. That he/she has thoroughly read and understands the instructions and specifications for the Request for Quote, RFx #3140004300 and Attachments.
- 2. The company meets all requirements and acknowledges all certifications contained in the Request for Quote, RFx #3140004300 and Attachments.
- 3. The company agrees to all provisions of the Request for Quote, RFx #3140004300 and Attachments.
- 4. The company will provide the equipment requested at the prices quoted on the bid form.
- 5. The company represents that it has not retained a person to solicit or secure a State contract upon an agreement or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee, except as disclosed in the contractor's bid or proposal.
- 6. That, to the best of its knowledge and belief, the cost or pricing data submitted is accurate, complete and current as of the submission date.

[Please execute and return v	with Bid Materials.]	
Company:		
Signature:		
Date:	Title:	
Printed Name:		

#### Attachment G Acknowledgement of Amendments

Please sign and print at the appropriate statement. I acknowledge receipt of all amendments associated with RFx # 3140004300. They are as follows: **Printed Name Company Name** Signature There were no amendments associated with RFx # 3140004300. **Company Name Printed Name** 

Signature

#### Attachment H Secretary of State Acknowledgement

	, acknowledges that we
(Vendor Name)	
are registered with the Secretary of State's O (Attach proof)	ffice.
are not registered with the Secretary of State	s's Office.
We,	
(Vendor Name)	
will register before the start of the contract a	nd provide proof.
Signature	Date
Printed Name	

### Attachment I Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement

Conflict of Interest is defined as involvement, financial or otherwise, that an employee, officer, or agent of MDOC may have in the proposing organization; and any involvement, financial or otherwise, that any employee, officer of any other governmental agency may have in the proposing organization.

Complete the form below and initial beside the applicable statement.	
, acknowledges that we (Vendor Name)	
do not have a conflicting interest to report.	
do have a conflicting interest (please disclose below).	
Describe the Nature of the Conflicting Interest:	
Signature Date	
Printed Name	

### Attachment J Live Reverse Auction Participation Intent Form

Qualified bidders will receive an invitation to the live reverse auction to be held on August.... Bidders may participate or request a surrogate. **Please indicate your intent initialing beside an option below.** 

Option 1:	
I/we certify that we request to participate in the Live Reverse Auction, via Surrogate Bidding. I/We understand that we must be physically present at the publi bidding location, with the means to submit written bids for each offer made and signed by an authorized agent of the Vendor.	c
Option 2:	
I/we certify that we will participate in the Live Auction via MAGIC.	
Signature:	
Printed Name:	
Title:	
Date:	

#### Attachment K References List

Bidder must submit at least four (4) references to be contacted within 2 business days of Bid Opening. Bidder may list more than 3 by duplicating this form. References will be contacted in order listed.

REFERENCE #1	
Name of Company:	
Dates of Service:	
Contact Person:	
Address:	
City/State/Zip:	
Telephone Number:	
Cell Number:	
E-mail:	
Alternative Contact Person (optional):	
Telephone Number:	
Cell Number:	
E-mail:	
REFERENCE #2	
Name of Company:	
Dates of Service:	
Contact Person:	
Address:	
City/State/Zip:	
Telephone Number:	
Cell Number:	
E-mail:	
Alternative Contact Person (optional):	
Telephone Number:	
Cell Number:	

E-mail:	
REFERENCE #3	
Name of Company:	
Dates of Service:	
Contact Person:	
Address:	
City/State/Zip:	
Telephone Number:	
Cell Number:	
E-mail:	
Alternative Contact Person (optional):	
Telephone Number:	
Cell Number:	
E-mail:	
REFERENCE #4	
Name of Company:	
Dates of Service:	
Dates of Service:  Contact Person:	
Contact Person:	
Contact Person:	
Contact Person:  Address:  City/State/Zip:	
Contact Person:  Address:  City/State/Zip:  Telephone Number:	
Contact Person:  Address:  City/State/Zip:  Telephone Number:  Cell Number:	
Contact Person:  Address:  City/State/Zip:  Telephone Number:  Cell Number:  E-mail:	
Contact Person:  Address:  City/State/Zip:  Telephone Number:  Cell Number:  E-mail:  Alternative Contact Person (optional):	

## Attachment L Compact Asphalt Paver, Trailer-Mounted Asphalt Hotbox, and Compact Tandem Roller Procurement Reference Score Sheet

#### TO BE COMPLETED BY AGENCY STAFF ONLY

Company Name:		
Reference Name:		
Person Contacted, Title/Position:		
Date/Time Contacted:		
Service From/To Dates:		
Able to provide the requested services (equipment) when you	called? Yes	No
Satisfied with the services provided? If no, please explain.	Yes	No
Vendor was easy to work with?	Yes	No
Were the services completed on time and within budget?	Yes	No
Vendor listened when you had an issue and readily offered a so (If never had an issue, please check here)	olution? Yes	No
Would you enter into a contract with them again?	Yes	No
Would you recommend them?	Yes	No
proposal to be considered.  Score: Pass/Fail		
Do you have any business, professional or personal interest in vendor's organization? If yes, please explain.	the Yes	No
A "yes" to the above question may result in an automatic of provided reference; therefore, resulting in a score of zero as questions become null and void.  Notes:		
Called by:		
Signature Title	Da	te