### \*\*\*\*\*NOTICE TO BID VENDORS PLEASE READ THIS PAGE\*\*\*\*\*

- ❖ ALL VENDOR RESPONSE FORMS MUST BE SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY in EXCEL ONLY VIA CD/Jump Drive, SUPPLIED BY BIDDER, along with printed version. SEE FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS BELOW. (BidNet Direct only has an option for vendor responses to be hard copy or electronic (meaning by e-mail) Erie 1 BOCES will select the hard copy option, because e-mailed or faxed bids are not acceptable.
- ❖ IF YOU ARE NOT BIDDING AT THIS TIME, THERE IS NO NEED TO SEND NOTICE ALL BIDS AND AWARDS ARE POSTED ON-LINE.
- ❖ PLEASE PUT BID NAME ON THE OUTSIDE ENVELOPE (THIS INCLUDES THE UPS, FEDEX OR DHL ENVELOPE AS WELL. MANY TIMES WE ARE OPENING MORE THAN ONE BID AT A TIME!)
- ❖ ALL DOCUMENTS MUST BE ORIGINAL. FAXED OR E-MAILED COPIES OF ANY PAGES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.
- ❖ IF BIDDING ON A PACKAGE SIZE OTHER THAN THAT REQUESTED PLEASE LET US KNOW WHAT YOUR UNIT PRICE REFLECTS.
  (EXAMPLE, if we ask for each and you bid 12 per case, let us know if your unit price is per each or per case (sold per case priced each or sold and priced per case).
- The Bidder may submit a Bid for any product which is in all material respects equal to any of the Product specified as a substitute therefore. The decision of the Erie 1 BOCES or a Component School District as to whether a substitute product is "in all material respects equal" shall be final. If a Bid is submitted on a substitute product, the Bidder must in each instance specify the trade designation, the manufacturer's name and detail specifications of such product, or supply a sample. A Bid received which does not specify the foregoing shall be deemed to be submitted with respect to the Product detailed in the Erie 1 BOCES specifications.

### **DOCUMENTS TO BE RETURNED:**

- NOTICE TO BIDDERS MUST BE COMPLETE. To supply company name, contact person, address, phone numbers and notes.
- ❖ CORPORATE RESOLUTION MUST BE FILLED OUT AND SIGNED.
- ❖ NON-COLLUSIVE BIDDING CERTIFICATION MUST BE SIGNED
- ❖ IRAN DIVESTMENT ACT CERTIFICATION MUST BE SIGNED
- Sexual Harassment Policy & Training Certification must be signed and notarized.
- ❖ <u>EVERY BID MUST HAVE A CURRENT DATED</u>: W-9 form Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification <u>MUST</u> be completed and in your sealed bid response.
- ❖ REFERENCE SHEET- NEW VENDORS ONLY
- ❖ BID VENDOR RESPONSE FILE ELECTRONIC EXCEL FILE (via CD/Jump Drive) (ATTACHED AS VENDOR RESPONSE) <u>AND</u> A PRINTED VERSION (use PDF file or modify print settings on the excel file).

ALL BID REQUESTS AND BID AWARDS ARE POSTED ONLINE AT: <a href="https://www.bidnetdirect.com/new-york">https://www.bidnetdirect.com/new-york</a> – BIDNET DIRECT. BID REQUESTS AND AWARD NOTICES WILL NOT BE MAILED. IF YOU HAVE TROUBLE WITH THE WEBSITE, PLEASE CONTACT BIDNET AT 1-800-835-4603.

Instructions for the Submission of Electronic Bid Forms

- Erie 1 BOCES uses electronic bid sheets as part of the Cooperative/Instructional Bid process.
- 2. Bid vendor response forms shall be completed electronically in Excel (using the attached file) and submitted on a CD/Jump Drive (supplied by bidder) along with signed hard copies of all the required bid documents and a printed version of the bid form in a sealed

envelope marked with the name of the bidder and the bid title on the front of the envelope. Bid packets and forms must be submitted by the date and time specified. E-mailed or faxed responses are not acceptable.

- 3. Bidder must insert the price per unit as specified.
- 4. An example bid sheet is attached. Please refer to this sample sheet when filling out the bid forms.
- 5. Please do not use the Alternate or Notes area of the bid form to submit bid information.

  These areas are hidden and are for BOCES use only.

### **Bidding as Specified**

6. If the bidder is bidding as specified (including manufacturer, color and package size) the bidder should fill in **only** the **Unit Cost** and the **Vendor Catalog Number** fields.

Unit Cost	Vendor
	Catalog
	Number
N12.4	C35

### Bidding other than as specified or adding a note

7.If the vendor is offering a product in which the manufacturer's packaging size is not the same as the packaging requested in the bid specifications, the bidder is required to fill in all substitute fields. COPY & PASTE the bid description over to the substitute column, and then make changes to the description where needed. The bidder must also adjust the number of packages needed of their product to equal the actual total individual units requested in the specifications. Failure to provide substitute packaging may result in the rejection of the bid item. The bid software will not recognize the vendor substitute offer if the unit of measure (UM), cost & quantity information are not provided and will not

evaluate the bidders pricing for that item. All quantities must be in whole numbers. Cannot bid 0.20 cases. Round up to 1.00 case.

Vendor Catalog	Substitute Desc	Subs UM	Subs Unit	Subs
Number			Cost	Qty
C35	M	C4	N12.4	N11.2

9. If the vendor is offering a substitute item with the same packaging as the items specified, the bidder is required to fill in all substitute fields. COPY & PASTE the bid description over to the substitute column, and then make changes to the description where needed. The bid software will not recognize the vendor substitute offer if the unit of measure (UM), cost & quantity information are not provided and will not evaluate the bidders pricing for that item. Failure to provide packaging information with a substituted item may result in the rejection of the bid item. All quantities must be in whole numbers. Cannot bid 0.20 cases. Round up to 1.00 case.

Vendor Catalog	Substitute Desc	Subs UM	Subs Unit	Subs
Number			Cost	Qty
C35	M	C4	N12.4	N11.2

11. The bidder **shall not change** or provide the bid sheets in a different format than the one provided. Any change in the electronic format will prevent the CD/Floppy/Jump Drive from being read by the bid evaluation software and therefore may result in the rejection of the bidders' submittal.

### **Helpful Hints**

Complete the EXCEL File as your bid response.

You can only enter information in the highlighted columns as noted. Modifying the white columns will prevent your file from importing correctly.

When bidding a substitute or adding in any notes about an item, COPY & PASTE <u>all</u> of the bid description given over to the substitute column, and then make 5 blank spaces, then type 5 \*\*\*\* then and type your description in.

All quantities must be in whole numbers, cannot bid 0.20 cases. Round up to 1.00 case. It would be helpful to save a copy of the file into your computer so you can use the file to your benefit. Example would be to add a column for the extended prices.

<u>Leave the items you are not bidding on blank, do not delete them from the file and do not mark them with 'N/A'.</u>

You may modify column widths, but you may not delete any columns or rows.

We do require the electronic file via Excel, on CD/Floppy/Jump Drive AND a printed version. The printed version can be from the separately attached PDF File or by modifying print settings on the excel file and printing that file.

The vendors main focus for submitting a bid response should be on the electronic excel file, then the printed version.

Unit of Measure should be Alpha only, limit of 4 characters.

### Electronic Bid Sheet Examples

1. In the below example, the bidder is bidding the same product specified in the same size specified. The bidder will only fill in the Unit Cost and the Vendor Catalog Number.

Bid ID	Item ID	Subcategory	Item Description	Unit Measure	Quantity	Unit Cost	Vendor Catalog Number	Substitute Desc	Subs	Subs Unit Cost	Subs Qty
C20	C11	C8	М	C4	N11.2	N12.4	C35	М	Č4	N12.4	N11.2
Paper/Plastic	10-20-040		ARM & HAMMER, 25# BOX	BX	4.00	10.2500	147880				

Changes to these fields will prevent your bid from being read.

In this example, the bidder is bidding a substitute product specified in the same size specified. The bidder must fill in all five highlighted columns for the bid to be properly read by the bid software.

Bid ID	Item ID	Subcategory	Item Description	Unit Measure	Quantity	Unit Cost	Vendor Catalog Number	Substitute Desc	Subs UM	Subs Unit Cost	Subs Qty
C20	C11	C8	M	C4	N11.2	N12.4	C35	М	C4	N12.4	N11.2
Paper/Plastic	10-35-035		HOT FOAM CUPS, 8 OZ., MOHAWK/ EQUAL, 1M/CS	CS	16.00			HOT FOAM CUPS, 8 OZ., <b>SOLO 436</b> , 1M/CS	cs	14.9600	16.00

Changes to these fields will prevent your bid from being read.

In this example, the bidder is bidding the same product specified in a different size than specified. The bidder must fill in all five highlighted
columns for the bid to be properly read by the bid software.

Bid ID	Item ID	Subcategory	Item Description	Unit Measure	Quantity	Unit Cost	Vendor Catalog Number	Substitute Desc	Subs	Subs Unit Cost	Subs Qty
C20	C11	C8	M	C4	N11.2	N12.4	C35	M	C4	N12.4	N11.2
	10-70-035			cs	10.00			CHINET 10-1/2" PLATE, #22605/EQ., <b>250</b> /CS	CS	5.3500	20.00

Changes to these fields will prevent your bid from being read.

### When bidding a substitute, please

NOTICE the quantity and unit cost columns are flip flopped in the substitute area. Both columns must be filled in when bidding a substitute. Enter catalog number, copy bid description and make changes to reflect your bid, enter the unit of measure, the unit cost, and then the quantity. All quantities must be in whole numbers. Cannot bid 0.20 cases.

Round up to 1.00 case.

Unit of Measure should be Alpha only, limit of 4 characters.

### **NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

The Erie 1 Board of Cooperative Educational Services ("Erie 1 BOCES"), First Supervisory Distric
County of Erie, State of New York, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for:

Date:	l be received by th May 22, 2024	ne Erie 1 BOCES Purc	chasing Department <u>no later than:</u> Erie 1 BOCES (Bldg. C)  Attn: Timothy Kehoe
	May 22, 2024	Location:	,
	11:00 a.m.		355 Harlem Rd. West Seneca, NY 14224
be submitted in attention of the	n a <u>sealed envelo</u> e Erie 1 BOCES Pu	oe and labeled " <u>C25</u>	ncluding all required documentation must <a "="" href="CABLES">-CABLES</a> ". Please forward your bid to the t at the address listed above. Faxed and/oaccepted.
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ORDER ADDRES	SS:		
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ADDITIONAL V	ENDOR NOTES HI	ERE (i.e. VENDOR BI	D NUMBER, MINIMUM ORDER, etc.):

### APPENDIX 1

### **CORPORATE RESOLUTION OF**

		Name of Corporation	
	t is desirable and in thrith Erie 1 BOCES; that	ne best interest of this Corporation	that it determine and submit a
-		Name and title of individual	
deem necessary requisite papers irrevocable conse paper or docume conclusively esta	or advisable in order tand documents, incluents and appointmentent or the doing by the blish their authority the	half of this Corporation any and all to obtain said Contract, and in cond ding but not limited to applications ts of attorneys; and the execution le mem of any act in connection with the herefore from this Corporation and documents so executed and the ac	nection therewith to execute all s, reports, surety bonds, by such officers of any such the foregoing matters shall the approval and ratification
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corporation orga that the foregoin Directors of said which a meeting	nized and existing und g is a true and correct corporation held on the quorum was at all time	he/she is the Secretary of der the laws of the State of t copy of a Resolution duly adopted heday of nes present and acting, and that pa	d at a meeting of the Board of , 20, at
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Dated this	day of	, 20	
Secretary of Co	rporation		

# ERIE 1 BOCES MUST BE SIGNED AT TIME OF BID OPENING

### **NON-COLLUSIVE BIDDING CERTIFICATION**

By submission of this bid, the bidder hereby certifies the following:

- a) this bid or proposal has been independently arrived at without collusion with any other bidder or with any competitor or potential competitor;
- this bid or proposal has not been knowingly disclosed and will not be knowingly disclosed, prior to the opening of bids or proposals for this project, to any other bidder, competitor or potential competitor;
- c) no attempt has been or will be made to induce any other person, partnership or corporation to submit or not to submit a bid or proposal;
- d) the person signing this bid or proposal certifies that they have fully informed themselves regarding the accuracy of the statements contained in this certification and under the penalties of perjury, affirms the truth thereof, such penalties being applicable to the bidder as well as to the person signing in its behalf.

(Bidder/Vendor)
(Title of person submitting bid)
(Signature of person submitting bid)
(Dated)

## IRAN DIVESTMENT ACT CERTIFICATION MUST BE SIGNED AT TIME OF BID OPENING

As a result of the Iran Divestment Act of 2012 (Act), Chapter 1 of the 2012 Laws of New York, a new provision has been added to the State Finance Law (SFL), § 165-a, effective April 12, 2012. Under the Act, the Commissioner of the Office of General Services (OGS) will be developing a list (prohibited entities list) of "persons" who are engaged in "investment activities in Iran" (both are defined terms in the law). Pursuant to SFL § 165-a(3)(b), the initial list is expected to be issued no later than 120 days after the Act's effective date, at which time it will be posted on the OGS website.

By submitting a bid in response to this solicitation or by assuming the responsibility of a Contract awarded hereunder, Bidder/Contractor (or any assignee) certifies that once the prohibited entities list is posted on the OGS website, it will not utilize on such Contract any subcontractor that is identified on the prohibited entities list.

Additionally, Bidder/Contractor is advised that once the list is posted on the OGS website, any Contractor seeking to renew or extend a Contract or assume the responsibility of a Contract awarded in response to the solicitation, must certify at the time the Contract is renewed, extended or assigned that it is not included on the prohibited entities list.

During the term of the Contract, should the New York State Education Department (AGENCY) receive information that a person is in violation of the above-referenced certification, AGENCY will offer the person an opportunity to respond. If the person fails to demonstrate that it has ceased its engagement in the investment which is in violation of the Act within 90 days after the determination of such violation, then AGENCY shall take such action as may be appropriate including, but not limited to, imposing sanctions, seeking compliance, recovering damages, or declaring the Contractor in default.

AGENCY reserves the right to reject any bid or request for assignment for an entity that appears on the prohibited entities list prior to the award of a contract, and to pursue a responsibility review with respect to any entity that is awarded a contract and appears on the prohibited entities list after contract award.

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# SEXUAL HARASSMENT WRITTEN POLICY & TRAINING CERTIFICATION THIS FORM MUST BE SIGNED AND NOTARIZED

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(Name of Individual Signing this	Certification	)
the	of the _	
(Title/Position of Signer)		(Company Name)
and that by submission of this bid	, each biddei	r and each person signing on behalf of any bidder certifies,
and in the case of a joint bid eac	h party ther	reto certifies as to its own organization, under penalty of
perjury, that the bidder has an	d has imple	mented a written policy addressing sexual harassment
prevention in the workplace and	provides a	nnual sexual harassment prevention training to all of its
employees. Such policy shall, at a	ı minimum,	meet the requirements of Section 201-g of the New York
State Labor Law.		
Signature		
Sworn to before me this		
day of	, 20	<u> </u>
Notary Public		_

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

By submission of this bid proposal, the bidder further certifies that:

- a) No member of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, nor any officer or employee or person whose salary is payable in whole or in part from the treasuries of said Board of Education is directly or indirectly interested in this bid or in the supplies, materials, equipment, work or services to which it relates, or in any portion of the profits thereof.
- b) No officer or employee of the Agency, New York State Department of Education or any other governmental agency shall hold or receive any share or interest in this contract or derive any personal benefit arising there from.
- c) Said Bidder has carefully examined the Instructions to Bidders, Schedules, Special Conditions, and Specifications prepared under the direction of the Board of Education, and will, if successful in this bid, furnish and deliver at the prices bid and within the time stated, all the materials, supplies, apparatus, goods, wares, merchandise, services or labor which this bid is made.
- d) Bid awards are subject to the GENERAL CONDITIONS included herewith in this Bid.
- e) Contractor/Proposer hereby represents that said Contractor/Proposer is in compliance with New York State General Municipal Law Section 103-g entitled "Iranian Energy Sector Divestment".
- f) Unsigned bids or documents will be subject to rejection.

### **INSTRUCTIONS**

- 1. The Corporate Resolution, Non-Collusive Bidding Certification and Iran Divestment Act must be signed and included with your bid submittal.
- 2. CONTRACT TERM: Prices shall be effective for all orders placed between JULY 1, 2024 JUNE 30, 2025 AS LONG AS THE PURCHASE ORDER DATE IS WITHIN THIS TIMEFRAME. Vendors MUST SPECIFY a minimum order level (if applicable), however, it should be understood that any minimum order requirements will be a factor in the evaluation process of bids and in the awarding of contracts. PLEASE EXPLAIN TERMS FOR ORDERS NOT MEETING THE REQUIRED MINIMUM ORDER. IF NO MINIMUM ORDER LEVEL IS SPECIFIED, WE WILL ASSUME THERE IS NONE.
- 3. AWARDED BID PRICING: The awarded bid pricing shall be fixed and net delivered to include Shipping & Handling charges during the contract term. There will be no charges added to the invoices of any kind i.e. fuel surcharges, special deliveries, your supplier price increases, etc. However, Any cost savings/rebates intended as a consumer discount by the manufacturer, are to be passed on to the purchaser.
- 4. BID RESPONSE FORM: Separate file use this document/file to submit your bid.
- 5. Each BOCES/School District will arrange all ordering and shipping instructions with the successful bidder ("Seller"). Delivery dates and locations shall be mutually agreed by each BOCES/School District and the successful bidder.
- 6. Orders shall be placed in advance of the scheduled delivery day and at the designated delivery points as mutually agreed upon by each participating school district and the Seller. Delivery is expected for all orders from this bid to the Agency delivery points including shipments to individual schools within the school district.
- 7. Seller must give advanced notice to the agency prior to impending deliveries and also give advanced notice to the school district if a shipment will be delayed.
- 8. The seller shall not deliver products in advance unless specifically authorized by the school district.
- 9. In the event the Agency is unable to effect a cancellation of a delivery, a good-faith effort will be made by the school district to accept and store the delivered goods if personnel and adequate storage spaces are available.
- 10. If the school district is unable to accept and store the delivery, the seller shall be notified and alternate arrangements made that are mutually agreeable to both parties.
- 11. Deliveries must be accompanied by an itemized, unit and extended priced delivery ticket for each delivery location as instructed by each school district.
- 12. All deliveries must be signed and dated by an authorized representative of the school district.

- 13. Vendors must disclose any family or any other personal relationships with district administrators or board members.
- 14. All orders are subject to budget approval.
- 15. Award notices will be posted on-line at <a href="https://www.bidnetdirect.com/new-york">https://www.bidnetdirect.com/new-york</a> Award notices will not be mailed.
- 16. All supplies bid must meet the OTC (Ozone Transport Commission) Regulations. You may view the regulations at <a href="http://www.dec.ny.gov/regs/2492.html">http://www.dec.ny.gov/regs/2492.html</a> Part 235: Consumer Products Subpart 235-3: Standards.
- 17. All supplies/equipment bid must contain instructions for use written in English.
- 18. All bids for gloves of any kind require samples. Awards will be based on samples.

# THIS BID IS SCHEDULED TO BE AWARDED AT THE JUNE 12, 2024 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING, AWARD NOTICES WILL BE POSTED ONLINE

https://www.bidnetdirect.com/new-york

FOLLOWING THE MEETING.

W-9 partment of the Treasu ernal Revenue Service

### Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

requester. Do not send to the IRS.

► Go to www.irs.gov/FormW9 for instructions and the latest information. 1 Name (as shown on your income tax return). Name is required on this line; do not leave this line blank. 2 Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above 3 Check appropriate box for federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Check only one of the following seven boxes. 4 Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3): ☐ Individual/sole proprietor or ☐ C Corporation ☐ S Corporation ☐ Partnership single-member LLC Trust/estate 8 Print or type. Exempt payee code (if any) ☐ Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=Partnership) ► Note: Check the appropriate box in the line above for the tax classification of the single-member owner. Do not check LLC if the LLC is classified as a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner unless the owner of the LLC is another LLC that is not disregarded from the owner for U.S. tederal tax purposes. Otherwise, a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner. Exemption from FATCA reporting code (If any) Other (see instructions) ► 5 Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.) See instructions. Requester's name and address (optional) 6 City, state, and ZIP code 7 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 line 1 to avoid Social security number backup withholding. For individuals, this is generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident allen, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the instructions for Part I, later. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see How to get a

### TIN. later.

Note: If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1. Also see What Name and Number To Give the Requester for guidelines on whose number to enter.

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Employer identification number										

Give Form to the

### 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); and
- 4. The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

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 for Part II, later.

Sign Signature of U.S. person ▶ Date >

### General Instructions

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

Future developments. For the latest information about developments related to Form W-9 and its instructions, such as legislation enacted after they were published, go to www.irs.gov/FormW9.

### Purpose of Form

An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) which may be your social security number (SSN), individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN), adoption taxpayer identification number (ATIN), or employer identification number (EIN), to report on an information return the amount paid to you, or other amount reportable on an information return. Examples of information returns include, but are not limited to, the following.

. Form 1099-INT (Interest earned or paid)

- Form 1099-DIV (dividends, including those from stocks or mutual)
- . Form 1099-MISC (various types of income, prizes, awards, or gross proceeds)
- . Form 1099-B (stock or mutual fund sales and certain other transactions by brokers)
- . Form 1099-S (proceeds from real estate transactions)
- Form 1099-K (merchant card and third party network transactions)
- Form 1098 (home mortgage interest), 1098-E (student loan interest), 1098-T (tuttion)
- . Form 1099-C (canceled debt)
- . Form 1099-A (acquisition or abandonment of secured property)

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (Including a resident alleri), to provide your correct TIN.

If you do not return Form W-9 to the requester with a TIN, you might be subject to backup withholding. See What is backup withholding, later

Form W-9 (Rev. 11-2017)

# Erie 1 BOCES Reference Page Please list at least three (3) references for which you have provided the same or similar products or services. Company/School Name Contact Name Address/e-mail address Phone Number

# ERIE 1 BOARD OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES EDUCATIONAL CAMPUS 355 HARLEM ROAD WEST SENECA, NY 14224

Erie 1 BOCES is an equal opportunity employer

### **GENERAL CONDITIONS**

All invitations to bid issued by Erie 1 BOCES will bind bidders and awarded bidders to the conditions and requirements set forth in these general conditions, and such conditions shall form an integral part of each purchase contract awarded by Erie 1 BOCES. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** 

### **DEFINITIONS**

"Erie 1 BOCES" the legal designation of Erie 1 Board of Cooperative Educational Services.

"Board" the Board of Education of Erie 1 BOCES

"Notice to Bidders" a formal statement which, when issued by Erie 1 BOCES, constitutes a

solicitation for bids on the services described by the Specifications.

"Bid" an offer to furnish service, which may/may not include materials,

supplies, and/or equipment in accordance with the Notice to Bidders, the

General Conditions, and the specifications.

"Bid Offer" the form on which the bidder submits his/her bid.

"Bidder" any individual, company, or corporation submitting a bid.

"Contract" a notice to the successful Bidder by the issuance of a Purchase Order; also

all documents relating to the transaction, including but not limited to: the Offer of the Awarded Bidder, Notice to Bidders, Request for Bids, Request for Proposals, General Information, General Conditions, Detailed Instructions, Specifications, and Notice Of Award; also a formal document

signed by the Awarded Bidder and the Erie 1 BOCES representative.

"Contractor" any Vendor to whom a Contract is made by the Board of Education.

"Awarded Bidder" any bidder to whom an award is made by Erie 1 BOCES.

"Awarded Vendor" any Vendor to whom an Award is made by Erie 1 BOCES.

"Specification" description of public work, service, materials, supplies, and/or equipment

and the conditions for its purchase.

### **BIDS**

- 1. The date and time of bid opening will be indicated in the NOTICE TO BIDDERS document.
- 2. All bids must be submitted on bid offer forms and in accordance with instructions provided by the Board.
- 3. Any changes in bid pricing or specifications will not be accepted after the bid opening. If any changes to a submitted bid are requested, then it is the bidder's sole responsibility to request in writing to Erie 1 BOCES that the aforementioned bid be withdrawn and returned to said bidder at bidder's expense. This must be done within a reasonable time PRIOR to the bid opening so as to minimize any disruptions. As such, it shall also be the responsibility of the bidder to resubmit a revised bid if so chosen. However, this revised bid must be received in a sealed envelope by the bid opening date as instructed in the Notice to Bidders.
- 4. All bids received after the time stated in the Notice to Bidders may not be considered and will be returned to the bidder. The bidder assumes the risk of any delay in the mail or in the handling of the mail by employees of Erie 1 BOCES. Whether sent by mail or by means of personal delivery, the bidder assumes responsibility for having his bid deposited on time at the place specified.
- 5. All information required by Notice to Bidders, Specifications, and Bid Offer, in connection with each item against which a bid is submitted must be given to constitute a regular bid.
- 6. The Non-Collusive Bidding Certification must be included with each bid proposal as required by General Municipal Law, section 103-d.
- 7. The submission of a bid will be construed that the bidder is fully informed as to the extent and character of the supplies, materials, equipment, or service required and a representation that the bidder can furnish the supplies, materials, equipment, or service in compliance with the specifications.
- 8. No alteration, erasure, or addition is to be made in the typewritten or printed matter. Deviations from the specifications must be set forth in space provided in bid for this purpose.
- 9. Prices and information required, except signature of bidder, should be typewritten for legibility. Illegible or vague bids may be rejected. All signatures must be written. Facsimile, printed, or typewritten signatures are not acceptable.
- 10. The quantities for each Proposal are indefinite, but estimates given in the Specifications reflect anticipated requirements. The Contract, however, shall be for the quantities actually ordered during the contract period. The Contractor must furnish all the quantities actually ordered.

- 11. <u>Sales to Erie 1 BOCES are not affected by any fair trade agreements</u>. (General Business Law, Ch.39, Sec 369-a, Sub. 3, L. 1941)
- 12. No charge will be allowed for federal, state, or municipal sales and excise taxes since Erie 1 BOCES is exempt from such taxes. The price bid shall be net and shall not include the amount of any such tax. Exemption certificates, if required, will be furnished on forms provided by the bidder. Payment of any tax not covered under said exemption must be mutually agreed upon by both parties.
- 13. In all specifications, the words "OR EQUAL" are understood after each article giving manufacturer's name, catalog reference, or on any patented article. The decision of Erie 1 BOCES as to whether an alternate or substitution is in fact "equal" shall be final.
- 14. If bidding on items other than those specified, bidder must in every instance give the trade designation of the article, manufacturer's name, and detailed specification of such item.

  Otherwise, bid will be construed as submitted on the identical item as specified.
- 15. Bids must be on new (not used or remanufactured) material, supplies, and equipment, of latest model, and in current production, unless otherwise specified.
- 16. All manufactured stock electrical items must bear the label of the Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc.
- 17. When proposals are requested on a lump sum basis, the Vendor must complete each item in the lump sum group. A Vendor desiring to submit a "no charge" on an item in a group must so indicate; otherwise the entire Proposal for the group may be rejected. Where a bidder is requested to submit a bid on individual items and on a total sum or sums, the right is reserved to award bids on individual items or on total sums or on a combination of both when in the public interest.
- 18. All prices quoted must be in the unit of measure (UOM) specified; e.g., do not quote "per each" when "per case" is requested; otherwise, bid may be rejected.
- 19. Bidder must insert the price per UOM and the extensions against each item in his bid. In the event of a discrepancy between the unit price and the extension, the unit price will govern. Prices shall be extended in decimals, not fractions.
- 20. <u>Prices shall be net including transportation and delivery charges fully prepaid by the awarded bidder to destination indicated in the proposal</u>. If award is made on any other basis, transportation charges must be prepaid by the awarded bidder and added to the invoice as a separate item. In any case, title shall not pass until items have been delivered and accepted.
- 21. Under penalty of perjury, the bidder certifies that:

- a. The bid has been arrived at by the bidder independently and has been submitted without collusion with any other vendor of materials, supplies, or equipment of the type described in the invitation for bids, and
- b. The contents of the bid have not been communicated by the bidder, nor, to its best knowledge and belief, by any of its employees or agents, to any person not an employee or agent of the bidder or its surety on any bond furnished herewith prior to the official opening of the bid.
- 22. <u>All bids must be sealed</u>. They may be submitted either in plain, opaque, envelopes, or in those furnished by Erie 1 BOCES.
  - a. Bid envelopes must be clearly marked "Bid". The date/time of the bid opening as indicated on the Notice to Bidders must also appear on envelope.
  - b. Bids must not be attached to or enclosed in packages containing bid samples.
  - c. Email, fax, or telephoned quotations or amendments will not be accepted at any time.
- 23. No interpretation of the meaning of the specifications or other contract document will be made to any bidder orally. Every request for such interpretation should be in writing, addressed to Erie 1 BOCES, not later than five (5) days prior to the date fixed for the opening of bids.
- 24. Notice of any and all such interpretations and any supplemental instructions will be sent to all bidders of record by Erie 1 BOCES in the form of addenda to the specifications. All addenda so issued shall become a part of the contract documents.
- 25. If the supplies, materials, or equipment are to be delivered over an extended period of time, or if the specifications so state, then the awarded bidder may be required to execute an agreement in relation to the performance of his contract. Such agreement to be executed by the bidder within 15 days after notification to execute such contract.
  - a. If the specifications so state, the awarded bidder also may be required to furnish a performance bond equal to the full amount of the contract to guarantee the faithful performance of such contract.
  - b. Such performance bond shall be maintained in full force and effect until the contract shall have been fully performed. The surety company furnishing such performance bond shall be authorized to do business in the State of New York and must be satisfactory to the attorney for Erie 1 BOCES.
  - c. The performance bond shall be executed by the awarded bidder at the time of the execution of the contract by the awarded bidder and the Board.

### **BID AWARDS**

- 26. Bid awards will be made to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder or on the basis of Best Value as defined by Erie 1 BOCES that will best promote the public interest, taking into consideration the reliability of the bidder, the quality of the materials, equipment, or supplies to be furnished, their conformity with the specifications, the purposes for which required, and the terms of delivery. There is no guaranteed minimum or maximum purchase from this bid.
- 27. Erie 1 BOCES reserves the right to reject all bids. Also reserved is the right to reject, for cause, any bid in whole or in part; to waive technical defects; qualifications; irregularities; and omissions if in its judgment the best interests of Erie 1 BOCES will be served. Also reserved is the right to reject bids and to purchase items on State contract if such items can be obtained on the same terms, conditions, specifications, and at a lower price.
- 28. Erie 1 BOCES reserves the right to reject any and all bid proposals not deemed in the Public's best interest. Erie 1 BOCES also reserves the right to reject as informal such bid proposals, as in Erie 1 BOCES opinion, are incomplete, conditional, obscure, or which contain irregularities of any kind including unbalanced bid proposals. By an unbalanced bid proposal, it is meant one in which the amount submitted for one or more separate items is substantially out of line with current market prices for the services, materials and/or work covered thereby.
- 29. If two or more Vendors submit identical bid proposals as to price, the decision of the Board to award a Contract to one of such identical Vendors shall be final (General Municipal Law, sec. 103, sub. 1).
- 30. Erie 1 BOCES reserves the right to make awards within forty-five (45) days after the date of the bid opening during which period bids may not be withdrawn unless the bidder distinctly states in his bid that acceptance thereof must be made with in a shorter specified time.
- 31. Erie 1 BOCES reserves the option to award bids on a line-by-line basis (individual items), or on defined sub-groups (or a combination of both), or on a grand total sum.
- 32. Vendors should ensure accuracy in figures **prior to** submission. If a Vendor discovers a mistake in an item in their bid proposal award and wants that item award rescinded after it has been Awarded, Erie 1 BOCES reserves the right to rescind the entire award and the Vendor's participation in future Erie 1 BOCES bids may be rescinded.
- 33. Erie 1 BOCES reserves the right to allow all political subdivisions, municipalities, county, school districts, other BOCES, and not-for-profit organizations all authorized under the General Municipal Laws of the State of New York, to purchase any goods and/or services awarded as a result of this bid in accordance with the latest amendments to NYS GML 100 through 104. However, it is understood that any said political subdivision choosing to utilize the contract will be wholly responsible for any debts incurred by them as participants of the contract. It is also

understood that the extension of such contracts are at the discretion of the vendor and the vendor is only bound to any contract between Erie 1 BOCES and the vendor.

### **CONTRACT**

- 34. Each bid will be received with the understanding that the acceptance thereof in writing by Erie 1 BOCES, approved by the Board, to furnish any or all of the items described therein shall constitute a contract between the awarded bidder and Erie 1 BOCES. Contract shall bind the awarded bidder on his part to furnish and deliver at the awarded prices and in accordance with the conditions of his bid. Awarded bid prices shall be firm for the contracted period.
- 35. The placing in the mail of a notice of award or purchase order to the successful bidder, to the address given in his bid, will be considered sufficient notice of acceptance of contract.
- 36. Any and all Awards resulting from this bid proposal shall be final and shall be for the complete term of the Contract. No rescinding of Awards will be made because of Vendor error or inability to supply a service.
- 37. The Awarded Vendor is responsible for reviewing the Notice of Award or Purchase Order for errors. Any clerical errors in the Award must be forwarded, in writing, to the Office of the Assistant Superintendent for Business within five (5) working days of the Notification of Award. No corrections will be made beyond that date. If clerical errors are discovered too late to be corrected, a "no award" will be issued on those affected services. The services may be re-bid at a later date.
- 38. If the awarded bidder fails to deliver within the time specified or within reasonable time as interpreted by Erie 1 BOCES, or fails to make replacement of rejected articles, when so requested, immediately or as directed by Erie 1 BOCES, Erie 1 BOCES may purchase from other sources at awarded bidder's expense to replace the item rejected or not delivered.
- 39. Erie 1 BOCES reserves the right to authorize immediate purchase from other sources against rejections on any contract when necessary. On all such purchases, the awarded bidder agrees to reimburse Erie 1 BOCES promptly for excess costs occasioned by such purchases. Should the cost be less, the awarded bidder shall have no claim to the difference. Such purchases will be deducted from contract quantity.
- 40. A contract may be canceled by Erie 1 BOCES at the awarded bidder's expense upon non-performance of contract.
- 41. If the awarded bidder fails to deliver as ordered, Erie 1 BOCES reserves the right to cancel the contract and purchase the balance from other sources at the awarded bidder's expense.
- 42. Cancellation of contract for any reason may result in removal of the awarded bidder's name for future proposals for an indeterminate period.

- 43. When materials, equipment, or supplies are rejected, they must be removed by the awarded bidder from the premises of Erie 1 BOCES within five (5) days of notification. Rejected items left longer than five (5) days will be regarded as abandoned, and Erie 1 BOCES shall have the right to dispose of them as its own property.
- 44. No items are to be shipped or delivered until receipt of an official order from Erie 1 BOCES.
- 45. It is mutually understood and agreed that the awarded bidder shall not assign, transfer, convey, sublet, or otherwise dispose of the contract or his right, title or interest therein, or his power to execute such contract, to any other person, company, or corporation, without the previous written consent of Erie 1 BOCES.
- 46. Contractor hereby acknowledges receipt, at the time of execution of this contract, of an exact copy hereof completely filled in.

### **GUARANTEES BY THE AWARDED BIDDER**

- 47. The awarded bidder guarantees:
  - a. Their products against defective material or workmanship and to repair or replace any damages or marring occasioned in transit.
  - b. To furnish adequate protection from damage for all work and to repair damages of any kind for which he or his workmen are responsible, to the building or equipment, to his own work, or to the work of other awarded bidders.
  - c. To maintain adequate insurance coverage to protect Erie 1 BOCES from loss in case of accident fire, theft, etc.
  - d. That all deliveries will be equal to the accepted bid sample.
  - e. That the equipment or furniture offered is standard, new, latest model of regular stock product or as required by the specifications, with parts regularly used for the type of equipment or furniture offered; also that no attachment or part has been substituted or applied contrary to manufacturer's recommendations and standard practice.
  - f. Every unit delivered must be guaranteed against faulty material and workmanship for a period of at least one year from date of delivery. If during this period such faults develop, the awarded bidder agrees to replace the unit or the part affected without cost to Erie 1 BOCES.
  - g. Any merchandise provided under the contract which is or becomes defective during the guarantee period shall be replaced by the awarded bidder free of charge with the specific understanding that all replacements shall carry the same guarantee as the original equipment (one year from the date of acceptance of the replacement).

The bidder shall make any such replacement immediately upon receiving notice from Erie 1 BOCES.

### **SAMPLES**

- 48. All specifications are minimum standards; and accepted bid samples do not supersede specification for quality unless bid sample is superior, in which case deliveries must be the same identity and quality as accepted bid sample.
- 49. Erie 1 BOCES reserves the right to request a representative sample of the item quoted upon either prior to the award or before shipments are made. If the sample is not in accordance with the requirements of the specification, Erie 1 BOCES may reject the bid; or, if award has been made, cancel the contract at the expense of the awarded bidder.
- 50. Samples, when required, must be submitted in accordance with instructions otherwise, bid may not be considered. If samples are requested after bid opening, they shall be delivered within ten (10) days of the request, or as directed, for bid to have consideration.
- 51. Samples must be furnished free of charge and must be accompanied by descriptive memorandum invoices indicating if the bidder desires their return and specifying the address to which they are to be returned provided they have not been used or made useless by tests. Award samples may be held for comparison with deliveries.
- 52. Erie 1 BOCES will not be responsible for any samples destroyed or mutilated by examination or testing. The bidder at his expense shall remove sample. Samples not removed within fifteen (15) days after written notice to the bidder will be regarded as abandoned and Erie 1 BOCES shall have the right to dispose of them as its own property.
- 53. When a specification indicates that an item to be purchased is to be equal to a sample, such sample will be on display at a designated location in Erie 1 BOCES. Failure on the part of the bidder to examine sample shall not entitle him to any relief from the conditions imposed in the proposal, specification, etc.

### **DELIVERY**

- 54. Delivery must be made as ordered and in accordance with the proposal and specification. If delivery instructions do not appear on order, it will be interpreted to mean prompt delivery (not to exceed 30 days for equipment or machinery).
  - a. The decision of Erie 1 BOCES as to reasonable compliance with delivery terms shall be final.
    - b. Burden of proof of delay in receipt of order shall rest with the awarded bidder.
    - c. Failure to deliver because of delayed payments or for any other reason, except that described in Paragraph 52 will be cause for open market purchase at the expense of the awarded bidder.

- 55. Erie 1 BOCES will not schedule any deliveries for Saturdays, Sundays, or legal holidays, except commodities required for daily consumption or where the delivery is an emergency, a replacement, or is overdue, in which event the convenience of Erie 1 BOCES shall govern.
- 56. Items shall be securely and properly packed for shipment, storage, and stocking in new shipping containers and according to accepted commercial practice, without extra charge for packing cases, baling, or sacks.
- 57. The awarded bidder shall be responsible for delivery of items in good condition at point of destination. He shall file with the carrier all claims for breakage, imperfections, and other losses, which will be deducted from invoices. The receiving Erie 1 BOCES' Center will note for the benefit of awarded bidder when packages are not received in good condition.
- 58. Unless otherwise stated in the specifications, all items must be delivered and placed at a point within the building as directed by the shipping instructions or the agent for Erie 1 BOCES. The awarded bidder will be required to furnish proof of delivery in every instance.
- 59. Unloading and placing of the equipment and furniture is the responsibility of the awarded bidder, and Erie 1 BOCES accepts no responsibility for unloading and placing of equipment.
  - a. Any costs incurred due to the failure of the awarded bidder to comply with this
    requirement will be charged to him. No help for unloading will be provided by Erie 1
    BOCES, and suppliers should notify their truckers accordingly.
- 60. All deliveries shall be accompanied by delivery tickets or packing slips. Ticket shall contain the following information for each item delivered:
  - a. Contract Number and /or Purchase Order Number
  - b. Name of Article and Item Number
  - c. Quantity
  - d. Name of the awarded bidder
- 61. Carton shall be labeled with purchase order or contract number, awarded bidder's name and general statement of contents. Failure to comply with this condition shall be considered sufficient reason for refusal to accept the goods.
- 62. Payment for the used portion of an inferior delivery may be made by the ordering center on an adjusted price basis.
- 63. Payment will be made only after correct presentation claim forms are obtained from the ordering center.
- 64. Payments of any claim shall not preclude the ordering center from making claim for adjustment on any item found not to have been in accordance with general conditions and specifications.

### **INSTALLATION OF EQUIPMENT**

- 65. The awarded bidder shall clean up and remove all debris and rubbish resulting from his work from time to time as required or directed. Upon completion of the work, the premises shall be left in a neat, unobstructed condition, and the buildings broom cleaned, and everything in perfect repair and order. Old materials are the property of the awarded bidder unless otherwise specified.
- 66. Equipment, supplies, and materials shall be stored at the site only on the approval of Erie 1 BOCES and at the awarded bidder's risk. In general, such on-site storage should be avoided to prevent possible damage or loss of the material.
- 67. Work shall be progressed so as to cause the least inconvenience to Erie 1 BOCES and with proper consideration for the rights of other awarded bidders or workmen. The awarded bidder shall keep in touch with the entire operation and install his work promptly.
- 68. Bidders shall acquaint themselves with conditions to be found at the site and shall assume all responsibility for placing and installing the equipment in the locations required.
- 69. Equipment for trade-in shall be dismantled by the awarded bidder and removed at his expense. The condition of the trade-in equipment at the time it is turned over to the awarded bidder shall be the same as covered in the specifications, except as affected by normal wear and tear from use up to the time of trade-in. All equipment is represented simply "as is". Equipment is available for inspection only at the delivery point listed for new equipment, unless otherwise specified.

### **INVOICES**

70. Vendor must include the applicable purchase order number and bid item numbers on all invoices. Failure to do so may delay payment.

### CONTRACTUAL INDEMNIFICATION AND CONTRIBUTION

71. The Contractor hereby agrees, to the fullest extent permitted by law, to assume the entire responsibility and liability for and defense of and to pay and indemnify the ERIE 1 BOCES, its Board of Education, and its employees, agents and assigns, (hereinafter referred to collectively as the "ERIE 1 BOCES"), against any loss, cost, expense, liability or damage and will hold the ERIE 1 BOCES harmless from and pay any loss, cost, expense, liability or damage (including, without limitation, judgments, attorney's fees, court costs and the cost of appellate proceedings,) which the ERIE 1 BOCES incurs because of injury to or death of any person or on account of damage to property, including loss of use thereof, or any other claim arising out of, in connection with, or as a consequence of the performance of the work or services required of the Contractor under this Agreement and/or any acts or omission of the Contractor or any of its officers, directors, employees, agents, subcontractors or anyone directly or indirectly employed by the Contractor for whom it may be liable as it relates to the scope of this Agreement.

- a. The Contractor's duty to indemnify shall also require the Contractor to pay and reimburse the ERIE 1 BOCES for all court costs, cost of appellate proceedings, disbursements and attorneys' fees that the ERIE 1 BOCES may incur in the enforcement or prosecution of its indemnity rights against the Contractor.
- b. Whenever the ERIE 1 BOCES is prohibited from obtaining contractual indemnification under this Agreement by reason of the General Obligations Law of New York, the Contractor further agrees that it will contribute to the payment and satisfaction of all judgments entered against the ERIE 1 BOCES, in proportion to the Contractor's relative culpability.
- c. The rights and duties created by this provision shall be in addition to and not in limitation upon any common-law, statutory and other contractual rights that the ERIE 1 BOCES has against the Contractor, and shall continue in full force and effect notwithstanding the expiration or termination of the term of this Agreement.

### **SAFETY DELEGATION CLAUSE**

- 72. As between Contractor and Erie 1 BOCES (Owner), the Contractor shall be solely responsible for initiating, maintaining, and supervising all safety precautions and programs (including the provision of safety equipment and devices) in connection with the performance of the Work and services required under this Agreement.
- 73. Contractor shall comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, rules, regulations (including but not limited to 12 NYCRR 23, and federal OSHA regulations), as well as all lawful orders of public authorities related to safety of persons or property.

### MERGER, WRITTEN MODIFICATION AND NON-WAIVER CLAUSE

- 74. This Agreement represents the entire and integrated agreement between the Erie 1 BOCES and the Contractor and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations or agreements, either written or oral.
  - a. This Agreement may be amended only by written instrument. All amendments and modifications of this Agreement must be in writing, signed by both parties.
  - b. The Erie 1 BOCES shall not be deemed to have waived any term or requirement of this Agreement unless the waiver is expressly memorialized in a writing signed by both parties.

### **SAVING CLAUSE**

75. The awarded bidder shall not be held responsible for any losses resulting if the fulfillment of the terms of the contract shall be delayed or prevented by wars, acts of public enemies, strikes, fires, floods, acts of God, or for any other acts not within the control of the awarded bidder and which by the exercise of reasonable diligence he is unable to prevent.

### **EXECUTORY CLAUSE**

76. The contract shall be deemed executory only to the extent of funds appropriated and available for the purpose of the agreement, and no liability shall be incurred beyond the amount of such funds. The contract is not a general obligation of Customer or its component school districts. Neither the full faith and credit nor the taxing power of Customer or its component school districts is pledged to the payment of any amount due or to become due under the contract. It is understood that neither the contract nor any representation by any public employee or officer creates any legal or moral obligation to appropriate or make monies available for the purpose of such contract. In the event no funds or insufficient funds are appropriated and budgeted by the Customer or by its component school districts in any fiscal period for payments due under the contract, the Customer will immediately notify ("VENDOR") of such occurrence. The contract shall terminate as to the Customer upon its failure to appropriate monies for the service provided pursuant to contract on the last day of the fiscal period for which appropriations were received, without further liability therefore.