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Request for Information (RFI)

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TITLE

Ohio Department of Administrative Services (DAS), Office of Procurement Services (OPS) in conjunction with the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections, Ohio Penal Industries (OPI) – REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON Laminate, Edge-banding and T-Mold

PURPOSE: The State of Ohio Department of Administrative Services Office of Procurement Services (DAS) requests information and input from the laminate, edge-banding and t-mold supplier/vendor community on specifications for a possible Bid and Contract for various types of materials used for producing office furniture or work surfaces for modular systems.

DESCRIPTIVE LITERATURE: The bidder may submit, as part of the RFI response, descriptive literature of the supplies or services being offered.

Please complete this request as completely as possible using additional sheets if required. If you have questions concerning this request, please utilize the question and answer facility on the web page listing for this RFI. The state will endeavor to answer any question within 24 hours of posting.

THIS DOCUMENT IS NOT A REQUEST FOR A BID, QUOTE OR PRICES. IT IS A REQUEST FOR INFORMATION AND VENDOR OR SUPPLIER INPUT ONLY. COMMENT, INPUT OR INFORMATION RECEIVED MAY ULTIMATELY RESULT IN CHANGES TO THE STATE'S BID(S) OR CONTRACT(S) FOR LAMINATE, EDGE BANDING AND T-MOLD.

This RFI will remain actively posted until the end of business on Monday, November 23, 2015.

In order to reply or offer information or comment in response to this RFI, please return a copy of this document with your comments, extra pages and other information you deem pertinent not later than 4:00 PM, Monday, November 23, 2015. Please address your response to:

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BACKGROUND: The State of Ohio Department of Administrative Services (DAS) is gathering information into all manufacturers and the availability of the types of laminate and related materials, on behalf of the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, Ohio Penal Industries (OPI). Accordingly, DAS and OPI seek supplier input on the accuracy, depth and validity of specifications DAS and OPI have accumulated over time for these types of laminates.

REQUEST: The following pages contain DAS and OPI's draft specifications for laminates DAS and OPI. Please review the specifications on below and following pages, and provide comment on the validity and accuracy of the specifications. Please consider the following and any additional information for related or substitute items:

- I. Classification of Materials/Categories
 1. The Laminate covered Substrate (Particleboard)
 - a. Density
 - b. Length & Width Tolerance
 - c. Modulus of rupture
 - d. Modulus of Elasticity
 - e. Internal Bond
 - f. Linear Expansion
 - g. Screw Holding Power
 - h. Face
 - i. Edge
 - j. Formaldehyde Maximum Emissions
 - k. Width X Length

Classification of Materials/Categories Continued

- I. Backer surfaces / thermally fused
- m. Laminate Surfaces
 - 1. The face sheet be high pressure laminate (HPL) or NEMA HPL equivalent the performance requirements of NEMA VGS as outlined in NEMA LD 3-2005.
 - 2. Single faced sheets shall have a phenolic backer sheet in a complimentary color. Backer sheet shall phenolic backing material to seal the board and provide a structural balance to the laminate.
 - 3. Laminate surfaces shall withstand the minimum number of cycles in resistance to wear in accordance with NEMA test 3.01 as outlined in NEBA LD 3-2005. The laminate surfaces shall be heat resistant. Surfaces shall be warranted against delamination under normal conditions.
 - 4. The laminate sheeting applied to the substrate shall have a minimum thickness.
 - 5. Colors and Patterns: include all colors and patterns to be made available to OPI.
 - 6. Substrate (particleboard) with affixed laminate made available in the different thicknesses.

Indicate responses in the space provided below:

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| Density | |
| Length & width Tolerance | |
| Modulus of rupture | |
| Modulus of elasticity | |
| Internal bond | |
| Linear Expansion | |
| Screw holding power | |
| • Face | |
| • Edge | |
| Formaldehyde maximum emissions | |
| Width x Length | |
| Backer Surfaces / Thermally fused | |
| Laminate surfaces | |
| Color / Pattern Availability | |

- 2. Edge banding
 - a. Minimum thickness
 - b. Glue-able Backing
 - c. Available colors and patterns the same as laminate surfaces
 - d. Widths
 - e. Roll Width and length

Indicate responses in the space provided below:

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| Minimum thickness | |
| Glue-able backing | |
| Color / Pattern Availability As Laminate | |
| Widths | |
| Roll width and length | |

- 3. T-Mold and Other types of edge finishes

Indicate responses in the space provided below:

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| Minimum thickness | |
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- 4. Melamine covered fiberboard
 - a. Length & width tolerances
 - b. Modulus of rupture
 - c. Modulus of elasticity
 - d. Internal bond
 - e. Linear expansion
 - f. Screw holding power
 - i. Face
 - ii. Edge
 - g. Density per cubic foot
 - h. Grade

- i. Thickness
- j. Design
- k. Federal Safety Regulations
- l. Thermal fused high pressure laminate or equivalent
- m. Resistance to wear

Indicate responses in the space provided below:

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| Length & width Tolerance | |
| Modulus of rupture | |
| Modulus of elasticity | |
| Internal bond | |
| Linear Expansion | |
| Screw holding power | |
| • Face | |
| • Edge | |
| Density per cubic foot | |
| Grade | |
| Thickness | |
| Design | |
| Federal Safety Regulations | |
| Thermal fused high Pressure laminate or equivalent | |
| Resistance to wear | |

5. Melamine covered particleboard

- a. Length & width tolerances
- b. Modulus of rupture
- c. Modulus of elasticity
- d. Internal bond
- e. Linear expansion
- f. Screw holding power
 - i. Face
 - ii. Edge
- g. Density per cubic foot
- h. Grade
- i. Thickness
- j. Design
- k. Federal Safety Regulations
- l. Thermal fused high pressure laminate or equivalent
- m. Resistance to wear

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| Length & width Tolerance | |
| Modulus of rupture | |
| Modulus of elasticity | |
| Internal bond | |
| Linear Expansion | |
| Screw holding power | |
| • Face | |
| • Edge | |
| Density per cubic foot | |
| Grade | |
| Thickness | |
| Design | |
| Federal Safety Regulations | |
| Thermal fused high Pressure laminate or equivalent | |
| Resistance to wear | |

This ends this Request for Information (RFI). Thank you for any information you have provided and for your participation.