



REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

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The State of Ohio, through the Department of Administrative Services, Office of Procurement Services, on behalf of the Ohio Department of Health, is requesting Proposals for: Marketing and Branding Services for Expansion of Good Food Here – Healthy Eating.

TITLE: MARKETING AND BRANDING SERVICES FOR THE EXPANSION OF GOOD FOOD HERE –
HEALTHY EATING

OBJECTIVE: The objective is to enter into a contract with a specialist in marketing, branding and application development to develop and distribute promotional materials and create an electronic assessment application by expanding the existing Good Food Here brand, a current strategy being used to market healthy foods in small corner and convenience stores in Ohio.

RFP ISSUED: March 25, 2016
INQUIRY PERIOD BEGINS: March 25, 2016
INQUIRY PERIOD ENDS: April 15, 2016 at 8:00 AM
PROPOSAL DUE DATE: April 22, 2016 by 1:00 PM

Proposals received after the due date and time will not be evaluated.

MINORITY SET-ASIDE BID IN ACCORDANCE WITH ORC CH. 125.081

Submit Sealed Proposals to:

Department of Administrative Services
Office of Procurement Services
Attn: Bid Desk
4200 Surface Road
Columbus, OH 43228-1395

Note: Please review the [Proposal Instructions](#) on our Web site.

The Offeror must submit this cover page (signed) with its Technical Proposal.

Offeror Name and Address: _____ _____ _____ _____ E-Mail Address: _____ Phone Number: () _____ - _____ Ext. _____	Name/Title: _____ _____ Signature: _____ By submitting a response to this RFP, and signing above, Offeror acknowledges, understands and agrees to comply with the RFP requirements and confirms all the instructions and links have been read and understood.
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RFP GLOSSARY OF TERMS

AA:	Affirmative Action
Contractor:	Vendor after Award
CSP:	Competitive Sealed Proposal
DAS:	Department of Administrative Services
EOD:	Equal Opportunity Division
FEI:	Federal Employer Identification
Mandatory:	Must, Will, Shall
OAC:	Ohio Administrative Code
OAKS:	Ohio Administrative Knowledge System (Ohio's Accounting System)
OBG:	Ohio Business Gateway
Offeror:	Vendor Submitting Proposal
OPS:	Office of Procurement Services
ORC:	Ohio Revised Code
RFP:	Request for Proposal
SOS:	Secretary of State
UNSPSC:	The United Nations Standard Products and Services Code

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 INTRODUCTION This is a Request for Competitive Sealed Proposals (RFP) under Section 125.071 of the Ohio Revised Code (ORC) and Section 123:5-1-08 of the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC). The Department of Administrative Services (DAS), Office of Procurement Services, on behalf of the Ohio Department of Health (the Agency), is soliciting competitive sealed proposals (Proposals) for Marketing, Branding and Application Development Services for Expansion of Good Food Here – Healthy Eating. If a suitable offer is made in response to this RFP, the State of Ohio (State), through DAS, may enter into a contract (the Contract) to have the selected Offeror (the Contractor) perform all or part of the Project (the Work). This RFP provides details on what is required to submit a Proposal for the Work, how the State will evaluate the Proposals, and what will be required of the Contractor in performing the Work.

This RFP gives the dates on page 1 for the various events in the submission process. While these dates are subject to change, prospective Offerors must be prepared to meet them as they currently stand.

- 1.2 MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (MBE) SET ASIDE: The State is committed to making more State contracts and opportunities available to minority business enterprises (MBE) certified by the Ohio Department of Administrative Services (DAS) pursuant to Section 123.151 of the Ohio Revised Code and Rule 123:2-15-01 of the Ohio Administrative Code. This RFP/ITB is being issued as a minority set aside contract in accordance Section 125.081 of the Ohio Revised Code. All bidders must be an Ohio certified MBE as of the Bid due/opening date. If a certification application has been submitted that needs to be expedited to meet the solicitation due/opening date, contact the DAS Equal Opportunity Division at 614-466-8380. For more information regarding Ohio MBE certification requirements, including a list of Ohio certified MBE businesses, please visit the DAS Equal Opportunity Division web site at: <http://das.ohio.gov/Divisions/EqualOpportunity/MBEEDGECertification/tabid/134/default.aspx>
- 1.3 CONTRACT PERIOD Once awarded, the term of the Contract will be from May 15, 2016 through April 30, 2017. The State may solely renew all or part of this Contract at the discretion of DAS for a period of one month and subject to the satisfactory performance of the Contractor and the needs of the Agency. Any other renewals will be by mutual agreement between the Contractor and DAS for any number of times and for any period of time. The cumulative time of all mutual renewals may not exceed two (2) years and are subject to and contingent upon the discretionary decision of the Ohio General Assembly to appropriate funds for this Contract in each new biennium.
- 1.4 BACKGROUND This project will support two chronic disease prevention programs within the ODH Bureau of Health Promotion, Creating Healthy Communities (CHC) and Communities Preventing Chronic Disease (CPCD). The CHC program funds 23 counties, as shown in the [Creating Healthy Communities](#) Projects 2015-2019 section to address active living, healthy eating and tobacco exposure primary prevention strategies.

The CPCD program funds 6 counties (Lorain, Montgomery, Athens, Washington, Richland and Summit) to prevent and reduce chronic disease through environmental and systems approaches complimenting clinical community linkages strategies. This contract will support both local and state efforts for expertise in marketing healthy vending efforts. ODH will work with a contractor specializing in marketing and branding to develop and distribute materials by expanding the existing Good Food Here brand which is currently being used to market healthy foods in small corner and convenience stores in Ohio.

This contractor will expand the current Good Food Here branding to include food and beverage guidelines (incorporating Water First for Thirst Campaign messaging) including vending machines, concessions, meetings, café and cafeteria, on and off site catering in community and worksite sectors. The brand will also be expanded to include client choice food pantry and healthy checkout lane materials.

The contractor will develop and produce collateral materials- both print and electronic, develop a web-based application for assessing food and beverage products, coordinate the distribution of materials and create a success story.

For addition information on Healthy Eating please visit the website:

<http://www.healthy.ohio.gov/healthylife/healthyeating/healthyeating.aspx>

1.5 SCOPE OF WORK

1. Expand current Good Food Here branding to include food and beverage guidelines (incorporating Water First for Thirst Campaign messaging) including vending machine, concessions, meetings, café and cafeteria, on and off site catering in community and worksite sectors. Produce food and beverage guideline collateral materials, both print and electronic media such as point of decision signage, vending machine kickers, and floor clings.
2. Expand current Good Food Here branding to include client choice food pantry messaging. Produce food pantry collateral materials, both print and electronic media such as shelving tags, floor clings, and signage.
3. Expand current Good Food Here branding to include healthy checkout lane materials. Produce healthy checkout lanes collateral materials, both print and electronic media such as aisle flags, ceiling danglers, beverage vending machine clings or markers, floor clings, signage.
4. Coordinate distribution of materials to CPCD and CHC funded counties and State partners.
5. Participate in regular communication (bi-monthly) with state staff and integrate changes into project as received through feedback.
6. Develop a Good Food Here web-based application and mobile app for assessment of food and beverage offerings using the American Heart Association standards i.e. calculator, and make accessible to state and local CPCD/CHC counties and nationally.
7. Develop a Good Food Here healthy eating success story booklet based on specific strategies and impacts of activities in the CHC/CPCD communities.
8. Organize and execute a minimum of three (3) focus groups for additional messaging used for healthy checkout lanes, food pantries, and food and beverage guidelines within the CHC or CPCD Counties. Provide focus group reports that include priority populations' responses to each sectors messaging. Messages will show alignment with outcomes of focus groups. Note: Gift cards and incentives are not allowed to be used on this grant. Offeror will be responsible for all cost involved with hosting the focus groups, including the facility to be used.

DELIVERABLES	Due Date
1. Provide focus group reports.	6/30/16
2. Produce food and beverage guideline collateral materials.	8/1/16
3. Produce food pantry collateral materials.	8/1/16
4. Produce healthy checkout lanes collateral materials.	8/1/16
5. Distribute materials to CPCD and CHC funded counties and state partners.	10/1/16
6. Provide and make available the Good Food Here web-based application and phone app calculator to State and local CPCD/CHC counties and nationally.	12/31/16
7. Provide print and digital success story booklet and disseminate nationally.	4/30/17
8. Participation in bi-weekly communications.	4/30/17

- 1.6 CONFIDENTIAL, PROPRIETARY OR TRADE SECRET INFORMATION DAS procures goods and services through a RFP in a transparent manner and in accordance with the laws of the State of Ohio. All proposals provided to DAS in response to this RFP become records of DAS and as such, will be open to inspection by the public after award unless exempt from disclosure under the Ohio Revised Code or another provision of law. Refer to section 5.1.6 in the Instructions.
- 1.7 REGISTRY OF OFFERORS DAS will prepare a registry of Proposals containing the name and address of each Offeror. The registry will be on the Office of Procurement Services Web site and available for public inspection after the Proposals are received.
- 1.8 PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL Offeror must submit both a "Technical Proposal" and a "Cost Proposal" as a part of its Proposal package. These are two separate components which shall be submitted in separate sealed envelopes/packages, clearly identified on the exterior as either "Technical Proposal" or "Cost Proposal" with CSP908916 and due date on each. Offeror must submit this signed cover page with its technical Proposal. Offeror shall mark the correct CSP number on all envelopes/packages. Refer to section 5.1.6 in the Instructions for further detail.
- 1.9 NUMBER OF PROPOSALS TO SUBMIT Offeror must submit one (1) original, completed and signed in blue ink, and five (5) copies for a total of six (6) Proposal packages.

2.0 EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS

2.1 MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS The following table contains items that are Mandatory Requirements for this RFP.

Determining the Offeror’s ability to meet the Mandatory Requirements is the first step of the DAS evaluation process. The Offeror’s response must be clearly labeled “Mandatory Requirements” and collectively contained in Tab 2 of the Offeror’s Proposal in the “Offeror Required Information and Certification” section.

DAS will evaluate Tab 2 alone to determine whether the Proposal meets all Mandatory Requirements (accept/reject). If the information contained in Tab 2 does not clearly meet every Mandatory Requirement, the Proposal may be disqualified by DAS from further consideration.

TABLE 1 - MANDATORY PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS.

Mandatory Requirements
1. Offerors must have two (2) years’ experience in marketing and branding services

If the State receives no Proposals meeting all of the mandatory requirements, the State may elect to cancel this RFP.

2.2 PROPOSAL EVALUATION CRITERIA If the Offeror provides sufficient information to DAS in its Proposal, demonstrating it meets the Mandatory Requirements, the Offeror’s Proposal will be included in the next step of the evaluation process which involves the scoring of the Proposal Technical Requirements (Table 3), followed by the scoring of the Cost Proposals. In the Proposal evaluation step, DAS rates the Proposals based on the following listed criteria and the weight assigned to each criterion. The possible points allowed in this RFP are distributed as indicated in the Table 2 - Scoring Breakdown.

2.3 TABLE 2 - SCORING BREAKDOWN

Criteria	Maximum Allowable Points
Proposal Technical Requirements	500 Points
Proposal Cost	200 Points
Total	700 Points

2.4 SCORE RATINGS The scale below (0-5) will be used to rate each proposal on the criteria listed in the Technical Proposal Evaluation table.

DOES NOT MEET 0 POINTS	WEAK 1 POINT	WEAK TO MEETS 2 POINTS	MEETS 3 POINTS	MEETS TO STRONG 4 POINTS	STRONG 5 POINTS
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DAS will score the Proposals by multiplying the score received in each category by its assigned weight and adding all categories together for the Offeror’s Total Technical Score in Table 3. Representative numerical values are defined as follows:

DOES NOT MEET (0 pts.): Response does not comply substantially with requirements or is not provided.

WEAK (1 pt.): Response was poor related to meeting the objectives.

WEAK TO MEETS (2 pts.): Response indicates the objectives will not be completely met or at a level that will be below average.

MEETS (3 pts.): Response generally meets the objectives (or expectations).

MEETS TO STRONG (4 pts.): Response indicates the objectives will be exceeded.

STRONG (5 pts.): Response significantly exceeds objectives (or expectations) in ways that provide tangible benefits or meets objectives (or expectations) and contains at least one enhancing feature that provides significant benefits.

2.5 TABLE 3 - TECHNICAL PROPOSAL EVALUATION

Criterion	Weight	Rating (0 to 5)	Extended Score
Offeror Profile and Prior Projects			
1. Offeror's history, capability, capacity and relevant experience working on similar projects	5		
2. Documentation of a minimum of three (3) previous projects doing marketing, branding and application development preferably projects that implementing similar public health programs and working with similar resource levels, programs, and preferably projects that have focused on environmental approaches that promote health and reinforce healthy behavior.	5		
3. Evidence of past effective campaigns which have promoted healthy eating. Demonstrated experience working with the local health departments. Provide sample reports or performance measure outcome reports for previous project (s) to demonstrate quality and professionalism.	5		
4. Experience in the development of web-based applications.	5		
5. Demonstrated sufficient resources and financial stability to meet the requirements and deadline of the project.	5		
Staffing Plan (Personnel Profile)			
1. Offeror's personnel history, capability, capacity and relevant experience working on similar projects	5		
2. Documentation of personnel history of a minimum of three (3) previous projects implementing doing marketing and branding campaigns preferable project that implemented similar public health programs and working with similar resource levels, programs, and preferably projects that have focused on environmental approaches that promote health and reinforce healthy behavior.	5		
3. Documentation of personnel history showing evidence of past effective campaigns which have promoted healthy eating. Demonstrated experience working with the local health departments. Provide sample reports or performance measure outcome reports for previous project (s) to demonstrate quality and professionalism.	5		
4. Demonstrate personnel experience in the development of web-based applications.	5		
5. Demonstrated sufficient personnel resources to meet the requirements and deadline of the project.	5		
Scope of Work (Work Plan)			
1. Work plan demonstrates a clear understanding of the requirements of the project, clear vision for the solution, detailed description as to how it proposes to accomplish this project and the resources necessary to meet the deliverables.	15		
2. Work plan demonstrates a suitable delivery process and indicates a successful completion of deliverables by due dates.	15		
3. Methodologies, processes and procedures proposed to be utilized in the implementation and production of the scope of work and deliverables align with ODH program direction.	15		
4. Anticipated challenges in performing the specified project requirements and proposed plan of action for solutions to those difficulties.	5		

Total Technical Score: _____

- 2.6 PRESENTATIONS AND INTERVIEWS DAS may require top Offerors to be interviewed. Such interviews will provide an Offeror with an opportunity to present its Proposal and to ensure a mutual understanding of the Proposal's content. This will also allow DAS and the Agency an opportunity to test or probe the professionalism, qualifications, skills, and work knowledge of the proposed candidates. The interviews will be scheduled at the convenience and discretion of DAS and the Agency. DAS or the Agency may record any presentations and interviews. The one (1) to three (3) highest scoring Offerors; but no more than the top three (3) may be required to participate. Interviews will be scheduled to be held in Columbus, Ohio at the vendor's expense, if applicable.

In this RFP, DAS asks for responses and submissions from Offerors, most of which represent components of the above criteria. While each criterion represents only a part of the total basis for a decision to award the Contract to an Offeror, a failure by an Offeror to make a required submission or meet a mandatory requirement will normally result in a rejection of that Offeror's Proposal. The value assigned above to each criterion is only a value used to determine which Proposal is the most advantageous to the State in relation to the other Proposals that DAS received.

Once the technical merits of a Proposal are evaluated, the costs of that Proposal will be considered. It is within DAS' discretion to wait to factor in a Proposal's cost until after the conclusion of any interviews, presentations, demonstrations or discussions. Also, before evaluating the technical merits of the Proposals, DAS may do an initial review of costs to determine if any Proposals should be rejected because of excessive cost. DAS may reconsider the excessiveness of any Proposal's cost at any time in the evaluation process.

- 2.7 COST PROPOSAL POINTS DAS will use the information the Offeror submits on the Cost Summary Form to calculate Cost Proposal Points. DAS will calculate the Offeror's Cost Proposal points after the Offeror's total technical points are determined, using the following method:

Cost points = (lowest Offeror's cost/Offeror's cost) x Maximum Allowable Cost Points as indicated in the "Scoring Breakdown" table. "Cost" = (Total Not-to-Exceed) identified in the Cost Summary section of Offeror's Proposal. In this method, the lowest cost proposed will receive the maximum allowable points.

The number of points assigned to the cost evaluation will be prorated, with the lowest accepted Cost Proposal given the maximum number of points possible for this criterion. Other acceptable Cost Proposals will be scored as the ratio of the lowest Cost Proposal to the Proposal being scored, multiplied by the maximum number of points possible for this criterion.

An example for calculating cost points, where Maximum Allowable Cost Points Value = 60 points, is the scenario where Offeror X has proposed a cost of \$100.00. Offeror Y has proposed a cost of \$110.00 and Offeror Z has proposed a cost of \$120.00. Offeror X, having the lowest cost, would get the maximum 60 cost points. Offeror Y's cost points would be calculated as \$100.00 (Offeror X's cost) divided by \$110.00 (Offeror Y's cost) equals 0.909 times 60 maximum points, or a total of 54.5 points. Offeror Z's cost points would be calculated as \$100.00 (Offeror X's cost) divided by \$120.00 (Offeror Z's cost) equals 0.833 times 60 maximum points, or a total of 50 points.

Cost Score: _____

- 2.8 FINAL STAGES OF EVALUATION The Offeror with the highest point total from all phases of the evaluation (Technical Points + Cost Points) will be recommended for the next phase of the evaluation.

Technical Score: _____ + Cost Score: _____ = Total Score: _____

If DAS finds that one or more Proposals should be given further consideration, DAS may select one or more of the highest-ranking Proposals to move to the next phase. DAS may alternatively choose to bypass any or all subsequent phases and make an award based solely on the Proposal evaluation phase.

- 2.9 REJECTION OF PROPOSALS DAS may reject any Proposal that is not in the required format, does not address all the requirements of this RFP, or that DAS believes is excessive in price or otherwise not in the interest of the State to consider or to accept. In addition, DAS may cancel this RFP, reject all the Proposals, and seek to do the Work through a new RFP or by other means.

3.0 COST SUMMARY

- 3.1 SUBMISSION The Cost Summary shall be submitted with the Proposal (under separate cover labeled as the Cost Proposal). All prices, costs, and conditions outlined in the Proposal shall remain fixed and valid for acceptance for 120 days, starting on the due date for Proposals. No price change shall be effective without prior written consent from DAS, Office of Procurement Services.

The Offeror's total cost for the entire Work must be represented as the not-to-exceed total. All costs for furnishing the services must be included in the Cost Proposal.

- 3.2 THE OFFEROR'S FEE STRUCTURE The Contractor will be paid as proposed on the Cost Summary after the Agency approves the receipt of product(s)/services and continued completion of all deliverables. All costs must be in U.S. Dollars.

- 3.3 REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES None; there will be no additional reimbursement for travel or other related expenses. The State will not be responsible for any costs not identified.

3.4 BILL TO ADDRESS

Accounts Payable
Ohio Department of Health
246 North High Street
Columbus, OH 43215

MARKETING AND BRANDING SERVICES FOR THE EXPANSION OF GOOD FOOD HERE – HEALTHY EATING

CSP909316

UNSPSC CATEGORY CODE: 80140000

BUDGET: \$70,000.00 total through the initial contract period

OFFEROR: _____

Description	Cost
Host at least three (3) focus groups throughout the state and provide focus group reports.	\$ _____ total cost for all focus groups and reports
Produce food and beverage guideline collateral materials for a minimum of 100 sites.	\$ _____ total cost
Produce food pantry collateral materials for a minimum 25 sites.	\$ _____ total cost
Produce healthy checkout lanes collateral materials for a minimum 100 lanes.	\$ _____ total cost
Distribute materials to the six (6) CPCD funded counties and state.	\$ _____ total cost
Provide and make available the Good Food Here web-based application and phone app calculator to State and local CPCD/CHC counties and nationally.	\$ _____ total cost for both applications
Provide 100 print and a digital PDF copy success story booklet and electronically disseminate nationally.	\$ _____ total cost for disseminating
Participation in bi-weekly communications	\$ _____ quarterly fee*
TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED PROJECT COST	\$ _____

*This cost will be multiplied by 4 and added to the total not to exceed project cost for evaluation purposes only.

All Offerors who seek to be considered for a contract award must submit the above information in the format specified. The Original Cost Summary must be included in a separate, sealed envelope/package labeled on the exterior as "Cost Proposal" with the RFP Number and due date.

4.0 AWARD OF THE CONTRACT

- 4.1 CONTRACT AWARD DAS intends to award the Contract based on the schedule in the RFP, if DAS decides the Work is in the best interests of the State and has not changed the award date.

DAS expects the Contractor to commence the Work upon receipt of a state issued purchase order. If DAS awards a Contract pursuant to this RFP and the Contractor is unable or unwilling to commence the Work, DAS reserves the right to cancel the Contract and return to the original RFP process and evaluate any remaining Offeror's Proposals reasonably susceptible of being selected for award of the Contract. The evaluation process will resume with the next highest ranking, viable Proposal.

- 4.2 CONTRACT If this RFP results in a Contract award, the Contract will consist of this RFP including the Terms and Conditions, all forms, written addenda to this RFP, the Contractor's accepted Proposal and written authorized addenda to the Contractor's Proposal. It will also include any materials incorporated by reference in the above documents and any purchase orders and amendments issued under the Contract. The general terms and conditions for the Contract are contained in the following link:

<https://procure.ohio.gov/Zip/5.3%20Terms%20and%20Conditions.pdf>

If there are conflicting provisions between the documents that make up the Contract, the order of precedence for the documents is as follows:

1. The one-page Contract Signature Page, Form 5.2.2
2. The RFP, as addended, including the Terms and Conditions;
3. The documents and materials incorporated by reference in the RFP;
4. The Executive Order. EO2011-12K incorporated by reference in the RFP;
5. The Contractor's Proposal, as amended, clarified, and accepted by the State; and
6. The documents and materials incorporated by reference in the Contractor's Proposal.

Notwithstanding the order listed above, amendments issued after the Contract is executed may expressly change the provisions of the Contract. If they do so expressly, then the most recent amendment will take precedence over anything else that is part of the Contract.

- 4.3 ECONOMIC PRICE ADJUSTMENT The Contract prices(s) will remain firm throughout the initial term of the Contract. Thereafter, prior to Contract renewal, the Contractor may submit a request to adjust their price(s) to be effective on the effective date of the Contract's renewal. No price adjustment will be permitted prior to the effective date; on purchase orders that are already being processed; or on purchase orders that have been filled.

Price increases must be supported by a general price increase in the cost of the materials/services rendered due to documented increases in the cost of related materials/services. Detailed documentation, to include a comparison list of the Contract items and proposed price adjustments must be submitted to support the requested adjustment. Supportive documentation should include, but is not limited to: copies of the old and the current price lists or similar documents which indicate the original base cost of the product to the Contractor and the corresponding adjustment, and/or copies of correspondence sent by the Contractor's supplier on the supplier's letterhead, which contain the above price information and explains the source of the adjusted costs in such areas as raw materials, freight, fuel or labor, etc.

Should there be a decrease in the cost of the finished product due to a general decline in the market or some other factor, the Contractor is responsible to notify DAS immediately. The price decrease adjustment will be incorporated into the Contract and will be effective on all purchase orders issued after the effective date of the decrease. If the price decrease is a temporary decrease, such should be noted on the invoice. In the event that the temporary decrease is revoked, the Contract pricing will be returned to the pricing in effect prior to the temporary decrease. Failure to comply with this provision will be considered as a default and will be subject to the Suspension and Termination section contained herein.

5.0 LINKS To be applicable to all Proposals and subsequent award(s), including sections named below.

5.1 Instructions

- 5.1.1 Proposal Instructions
- 5.1.2 Inquiries
- 5.1.3 Protests
- 5.1.4 Addenda to the RFP
- 5.1.5 Proposal Submittal
- 5.1.6 Confidential, Proprietary or Trade Secret Information
- 5.1.7 Waiver of Defects
- 5.1.8 Multiple or Alternate Proposals
- 5.1.9 Addenda to Proposals
- 5.1.10 Proposal Format
- 5.1.11 Evaluation of Proposals
- 5.1.12 Proposal Format and Documentation Required

5.2 Forms

- 5.2.1 Offeror Required Information
- 5.2.2 Contract Signature Page
- 5.2.3 Offeror Profile
- 5.2.4 Offeror Prior Projects
- 5.2.5 Offeror's Candidate References
- 5.2.6 Offeror's Candidate Education, Training, Experience
- 5.2.7 Offeror Performance Form
- 5.2.8 Contractor/Subcontractor Affirmation and Disclosure

5.3 Terms and Conditions

- 5.3.1 Performance and Payment
- 5.3.2 Work and Contract Administration
- 5.3.3 Ownership & Handling of Intellectual Property & Confidential Information
- 5.3.4 Representations, Warranties and Liabilities
- 5.3.5 Acceptance and Maintenance
- 5.3.6 Construction
- 5.3.7 Law & Courts

5.4 ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

EOD Reporting	http://eodreporting.oit.ohio.gov/searchEODReporting.aspx
Office of Budget and Management	http://www.obm.ohio.gov/
Office of Procurement Services	http://procure.ohio.gov/proc/index.asp
Ohio Shared Services	http://www.ohiosharedservices.ohio.gov
Ohio Business Gateway	http://business.ohio.gov/
Ohio Secretary of State	http://www.sos.state.oh.us/SOS/Businesses.aspx
Healthy Eating (ODOH)	http://www.healthy.ohio.gov/healthylife/healthyeating/healthyeating.aspx

All links are subject to change in accordance with State of Ohio laws, Ohio Revised Code, Ohio Administrative Code, Executive Orders or any other updates issued by the State of Ohio, Department of Administrative Services, and the Office of Procurement Services. It is the Offeror's responsibility to read and be aware of any changes, corrections, updates or deletions to any information included in the link(s) above.

- 6.0 Guide for Proposal Submission This guide outlines steps for submission of a Proposal in response to the advertised Request for Proposal. This guide does not contain the complete instructions for preparing and submitting a Proposal and anything stated herein shall not be considered a term or condition of the Contract. The complete instructions can be found in section 5.1.1, Proposal Instructions.
- 6.1 _____ Read the entire document, including all Web site links. Note critical items such as: Mandatory Requirements; goods or services required, submittal date and time; number of copies to submit; contract requirements; reporting requirements; minimum qualifications; read and understand the terms and conditions.
- 6.2 _____ Take advantage of the “question and answer” period specified in the schedule of events. Questions must be submitted on-line in the Inquiry Process as explained in the Instructions. See section 5.1.1, Proposal Instructions.
- 6.3 _____ Follow the format required in the RFP Instructions when preparing the response in chronological order. Provide point-by-point responses to all sections in a clear and concise manner. See section 5.1.12, Proposal Format & Documentation Required.
- 6.4 _____ Use the forms provided; i.e. Signed RFP Cover Page, Offeror Required Information, Contract Signature Page, Offeror Profile and Prior Projects, Key Personnel forms, Disclosure Form, and Cost Summary Form, See section 5.2, Forms.
- 6.5 _____ Provide complete answers/descriptions. Do not assume the State or any evaluation committee member will know what the Offeror’s capabilities are or what items/services the Offeror can provide, even if previously contracted with the State. The Proposals are evaluated based solely on the information and materials provided in the Offeror’s response.
- 6.6 _____ Check the State’s Web site for RFP addenda. It is the responsibility of the Offeror to be aware of additional information posted on the Web.
- 6.7 _____ The following documents may be submitted with the Proposal or within five (5) business days of request from the Office of Procurement Services: Affirmative Action and proof of insurance. No award will be made without this documentation. Offeror’s Proposal may be eliminated from further consideration upon failure to submit within the specified time frame
- 6.8 _____ If not a current vendor of the State of Ohio, the Offeror will download both the W-9 and Vendor Information Form and submit to Ohio Shared Services (OSS) at vendor@ohio.gov. See section 5.4, Additional Resources.
- 6.9 _____ Review and read the RFP Document again to make sure that you have addressed all requirements. Read and understand Supplements, if applicable. Offeror’s original response and the requested copies must be identical and be complete. The copies are provided to the evaluation committee members and used to score the response.
- 6.10 _____ Offeror’s response must be submitted on time. Late Proposals are never accepted. Make sure the response is labeled on the exterior of the envelope/package with the RFP# and due date, and whether the packet is for the Technical Proposal or the Cost Proposal. Do not place the Cost Proposal in the Technical Proposal.