

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that Washington County will be receiving sealed bids for the furnishing of varied quantities of **‘Liquid Asphalt, Aggregate, Rock Lining, Bituminous Material, Petroleum Asphalt, Corrugated Metal and Plastic Drainage Pipe’** under the **Joint Municipal Purchasing Program** for Washington County and its’ Municipalities at the Office of the County Controller, to be mailed or delivered to, **95 West Beau Street, Suite 430, Washington, PA 15301, until 11:00 A.M. Prevailing Time, on Tuesday, April 1, 2025.** All submissions shall contain one original and one unbound copy. Bids will be promptly opened at the time indicated above. **Late submissions will not be accepted.**

The above-mentioned bid document may be obtained **on or before Monday, March 11th** from the Washington County website at [Washington County PA: Official Website \(washingtoncopa.gov\)](http://Washington County PA: Official Website (washingtoncopa.gov)). Vendors receiving bid documents are responsible for checking for contract changes and addenda at the website.

All bids must be in the format requested and must comply with all applicable laws, regulations, and specifications. Washington County reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Interested parties may email any written **request for clarifications or information** to the Washington County Purchasing Office to Dalton Thompson at dalton.thompson@co.washington.pa.us or to Randy Vankirk at vankirk@co.washington.pa.us. Any requests for clarifications are due to be received no later than **March 21st, 2025.** Inquiries will not be accepted orally or via phone. Requests for Information (RFI’s) will be distributed and responded to in the timeliest manner available and in question-and-answer form. Responses will be posted to the County website as listed herein in the form of an addendum.

Washington County will not be held responsible for any incorrect information obtained from any source other than from Washington County.

SEALED BID SUBMISSION MUST BE MARKED:

BID: Summer 2025 Washington County JMPP
Contract No. 040125-JMPP (Summer)

WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

NICK SHERMAN, CHAIRMAN
ELECTRA JANIS, VICE-CHAIR
LARRY MAGGI

BID FORM

CONTRACT: 040125-JMPP
WASHINGTON COUNTY
JOINT MUNICIPAL PURCHASING COUNCIL

DATE: _____

TO: WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CROSSROADS BUILDING
WASHINGTON, PA 15301

In accordance with the advertisement of the Washington County Board of Commissioners, Crossroads Building, Washington, Pennsylvania, inviting bid offers for the furnishing of varied quantities of liquid asphalt, aggregate material, rock lining, bituminous pavement material, cut back petroleum asphalt, and corrugated metal and plastic drainage pipe for the Washington County Joint Municipal Purchasing Council, Washington, Pennsylvania, having examined the attached specifications and understanding the same, the undersigned offers to furnish and comply with all of said specifications.

SIGNATURE

ATTEST: _____

(Secretary if bid by a Corporation)

Name of Bidder

ADDRESS: _____

(Signature of Bidder)

(Typed Name of Bidder-Must be an Officer)

Phone #: _____

EMAIL: _____

FAX: _____

WE ARE REQUIRED TO ISSUE A FORM 1099 FOR PAYMENTS PROCESSED

ALL BIDS MUST BE SUBMITTED

AS ONE ORIGINAL + ONE UNBOUND COPY

BY 11:00 A.M.

DATE OF BID OPENING

SEALED BID ENVELOPE MUST BE MARKED:

**BID: JOINT MUNICIPAL PURCHASING
CONTRACT NO. 040125-JMPP(Summer)**

The following forms must be signed and returned with Bid Offer. If the following forms are not signed and returned with Bid Offer, your bid offer will not be considered.

- 1. Bid Form**
- 2. Separate File Excel Pricing Sheet – Bid Item Commodities List**
- 3. Signature**
- 4. Anti-Collusion Affidavit**
- 5. Requirements for Vendors Doing Business with Washington County**

VENDOR MUST SUBMIT UNIT COST PRICES AS REQUESTED IN BID OFFER. FAILURE TO SUBMIT UNIT COSTS EXACTLY AS REQUESTED WILL CAUSE YOUR BID FOR THAT ITEM NOT TO BE CONSIDERED. ALSO, DUPLICATE BIDS ON ONE ITEM ARE UNACCEPTABLE.

ALL AWARDS WILL BE ON THE UNIT COST. UNIT COSTS SUBMITTED BY VENDOR MUST CALCULATE OUT EVENLY TO THE CASE COST AND TOTAL COST. THE COUNTY WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY INCORRECT UNIT COSTS SUBMITTED BY THE VENDOR.

BID DOCUMENTS WHICH ARE NOT SIGNED BY INDIVIDUALS MAKING THEM SHALL HAVE ATTACHED THERETO A POWER OF ATTORNEY WITH AUTHORITY TO SIGN THE DOCUMENT IN THE NAME OF THE PERSON FOR WHOM IT IS ASSIGNED.

BID DOCUMENTS SIGNED FOR A CORPORATION SHALL HAVE THE CORRECT CORPORATE NAME THEREON, AND THE SIGNATURE OF THE PRESIDENT OR OTHER AUTHORIZED OFFICER OF THE CORPORATION MANUALLY WRITTEN BELOW THE CORPORATE NAME FOLLOWING THE WORD "BY _____." ANY DOCUMENT MANUALLY SIGNED BY AN OFFICIAL OTHER THAN THE PRESIDENT OF THE CORPORATION SHALL HAVE ATTACHED TO IT A CERTIFIED COPY OF A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS DIRECTING AUTHORITY OF SUCH OFFICIAL TO SIGN THE BID DOCUMENT. THE BID DOCUMENT SHALL ALSO BEAR THE ATTESTING SIGNATURE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE CORPORATION, AND THE IMPRESSION OF THE CORPORATE SEAL.

BY SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT VENDOR AGREES TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE "AGREEMENT" INCLUDED IN THIS DOCUMENT AND THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE BID DOCUMENT.

Signature of Bidder

Name of Bidder

ADDRESS: _____

(Name of Contractor/Vendor)

Phone #: _____

EMAIL: _____

THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND ATTACHED WITH ORIGINAL BID PROPOSAL.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. This is a Joint Purchasing Program developed by Washington County and the Washington County Joint Municipal Purchasing Council.
2. The bid item quantities listed in each bid category are **estimates** only and the individual municipality reserves the right to purchase any part, all, more, or none of the materials specified.
3. Bids may include all items, or each item may be bid separately.
4. Both plant FOB price and delivered price are to be included for each bid item. (See attached list of commodities)
5. Bid prices are to be in effect for a period of 12 months from the DOA.
6. The participating municipalities themselves will make separate awards to the lowest responsible bidder for each item.
7. Delivery is to be made on **five** days notice from the municipality to the contractor. The successful bidder shall be required to execute a contract with the participating municipalities assuring prompt delivery as directed by an authorized municipal representative and in a manner provided for herein. In the event prompt delivery is not made, the contractor will be held responsible for the difference in cost of materials purchased elsewhere over that specified in the contract.
8. Any questions regarding the enclosed specifications should be emailed to Randy Vankirk, Director of Purchasing at least ten (10) days prior to bid opening at vankirk@co.washington.pa.us or to Dalton Thompson, Contract Manager/Senior Buyer at dalton.thompson@co.washington.pa.us.
9. Locations for delivered products:

Municipalities – to a location within the municipality requesting products.

Washington County – to one of the following specified locations; **The Washington County Bridge Department** (City of Washington); **Washington County Building & Grounds Department** (City of Washington; Washington County Parks- **Ten Mile Creek Park** (East Bethlehem Township), **Mingo Creek Park** (Nottingham Township), **Cross Creek Park** (Hopewell/Cross Creek Townships).
10. Washington County reserves the right to award the items for Washington County departments as a single award covering all items listed, or a separate award for each item, or awards for any combination or combinations of items, whichever is in the best interest of the County.
11. Vendor is required to download commodities list from the Washington County website in an excel format at [Washington County PA: Official Website \(washingtoncopa.gov\)](http://washingtoncopa.gov). Changes to the format including changes to the Item #, Description, Estimated Qty, will not be accepted. If packing specifications are different than that listed, please note.

Materials List and Estimated Quantities: See Commodities List to Fill

A, LIQUID ASPHALT

Emulsified Asphalt according to official notice, instructions, and specifications as follows:

A-1. **CRS-2** – Price as per attached Bid Price Sheet, estimated quantity during contract period of 215,000 gallons

A-2. **CRS-2PM** – Price as per attached Bid Price Sheet, estimated quantity during contract period of 20,000 gallons

All locations require product to be delivered and applied.

Material specifications are to be in accordance with the current Pennsylvania Department of Transportation's Publication 408 specifications. Section 470, ASPHALT SEAL COAT or most recent publication.

B. BITUMINOUS SURFACING MATERIAL ALL TO INCLUDE SUPERPAVE ASPHALT MIX, HMA WEARING-BASE AND PG-64

B-1. **Superpave 9.5mm Fine Graded**

B-2. **Superpave 9.5mm Wearing Course** – Price as per attached Bid Price Sheet, estimated quantity of 15,250 tons

B-3. **Superpave 12.5mm Wearing Course** – Price as per attached Bid Price Sheet, estimated quantity of 500 tons

B-4. **Superpave 19.0mm Wearing Course** – Price as per attached Bid Price Sheet, estimated quantity of 8,900 tons

B-5. **Superpave 19.0mm Binder Course** – Price as per attached Bid Price Sheet, estimated quantity of 7,850 tons.

B-6. **Superpave 25.0mm Binder Course** – Price as per attached Bid Price Sheet, estimated quantity of 5,850 tons.

B-7. **Superpave 25.0mm Base Course**– Price as per attached Bid Price Sheet, estimated quantity of 1,700 tons.

B-8. **Superpave 37.5mm Base Course**– Price as per attached Bid Price Sheet, estimated quantity of 500 tons.

Material specifications are to be in accordance with the current Pennsylvania Department of Transportation's Publication 408 specifications, Section 400, 404-440. or most recent publication

C. ROAD AGGREGATES

C-1. **AASHTO #8** – Price as per attached Bid Price Sheet, estimated quantity: 7,500 tons

C-2. **#2A**– Price as per attached Bid Price Sheet, estimated quantity: 8,650 tons

C-3. **AASHTO #57**– Price as per attached Bid Price Sheet, estimated quantity: 4,300 tons

C-4. **AASHTO #67** - Price as per attached Bid Price Sheet, estimated quantity: 4,650 tons

C-5. **AASHTO #4**- Price as per attached Bid Price Sheet, estimated quantity 3,400 tons

C-6. **AASHTO #1**- Price as per attached Bid Price Sheet, estimated quantity 3,400 tons

Material specifications are to be in accordance with the current Pennsylvania Department of Transportation's Publication 408 specifications, Sections 703 or most recent publication

D. ROCK LINING (RIP RAP)

D-1. **R3 Rock Lining** – Price as per attached Bid Price Sheet, estimated quantity 1,890 tons

D-2. **R4 Rock Lining** – Price as per attached Bid Price Sheet, estimated quantity 2,480 tons

D-3. **R5 Rock Lining** – Price as per attached Bid Price Sheet, estimated quantity 1,765 tons

D-4. **R6 Rock Lining** – Price as per attached Bid Price Sheet, estimated quantity 1,375 tons

D-5. **R7 Rock Lining** – Price as per attached Bid Price Sheet, estimated quantity 450 tons

D-6. **R8 Rock Lining** – Price as per attached Bid Price Sheet, estimated quantity 850 tons

Material specifications are to be in accordance with the current Pennsylvania Department of Transportation's Publication 408 specifications Sections 850 or most recent publication.

E. CORRUGATED GALVANIZED METAL PIPE

E-1. **Corrugated Galvanized Metal Pipe 12" – 16 Gauge** – Price as per attached Bid Price Sheet

E-2. **Corrugated Galvanized Metal Pipe 15" – 16 Gauge** – Price as per attached Bid Price Sheet

E-3. **Corrugated Galvanized Metal Pipe 24" – 16 Gauge** – Price as per attached Bid Price Sheet

E-4. **Corrugated Galvanized Metal Pipe 48" – 16 Gauge** – Price as per attached Bid Price Sheet

Material specifications are to be in accordance with the current Pennsylvania Department of Transportation's Publication 408 specifications, Sections 600. or most recent publication

Estimated quantity during contract period is up to 150 feet.

F. CORRUGATED PLASTIC PIPE

F-1. **Corrugated Plastic Pipe 12"** – Price as per attached Bid Price Sheet estimated quantity 3,510 feet

F-2. **Corrugated Plastic Pipe 15"** – Price as per attached Bid Price Sheet estimated quantity 6,750 feet

F-3. **Corrugated Plastic Pipe 18"** – Price as per attached Bid Price Sheet estimated quantity 3,660 feet

F-4. **Corrugated Plastic Pipe 24"** – Price as per attached Bid Price Sheet estimated quantity 1,940 feet

F-5. **Corrugated Plastic Pipe 48"** – Price as per attached Bid Price Sheet estimated quantity 520 feet

F-6. **Corrugated Plastic Pipe 20ft** – Price as per attached Bid Price Sheet

Material specifications are to be in accordance with the current Pennsylvania Department of Transportation's Publication 408 specifications, Sections 600. or most recent publication

G. ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

G-1. **AASHTO #8 (1B) (1% Washed)** – Price as per attached Bid Price Sheet estimated quantity 2,400 tons

G-2. **AASHTO #67 (#2) (1% Washed)** – Price as per attached Bid Price Sheet estimated quantity 1,650 tons

G-3. **MC-70 Cut-Back Petrol. Asphalt** – Price as per attached Bid Price Sheet estimated quantity 1,000 gallons

G-4. **Road Fuel** – Price as per attached Bid Price Sheet estimated quantity 6,000 gallons

Material specifications are to be in accordance with the current Pennsylvania Department of Transportation's Publication 408 specifications or most recent publication

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS:

1. **Bidder Responsibility** – Bidder is expected to be thoroughly familiar with all specifications and requirements of this bid. Failure or omission to examine any relevant form, article, site or document will not relieve you from any obligation regarding this Bid. By Submitting a Response, you are presumed to concur with all terms, conditions and specifications of this Bid unless you have specifically, by Section number, raised objection in writing and submitted it with your bid. Objections we consider excessive or affecting vital terms may reduce or eliminate your prospects for award.

2. Bidder may withdraw his bid by making a properly authorized and executed written application to the Controller's office prior to the deadline for the submission of bids. Certain bids may be withdrawn after the bid opening if in compliance with the act of January 23, 1974, P.L. 9 No.4 : 1 et seq. 73 PS : 1601 et seq.

3. **Contract** – By submitting a bid, the Bidder warrants that if the County makes an award to the Bidder, the Bidder shall, at the option of the County, enter into a written contract with the County. This contract shall consist of the terms and conditions set forth in the Bid, Bulletins (if applicable), Specifications, and these Instructions to Bidders. If no bid bond or substitute is required and Bidder shall pay to the County the difference in the amount specified in bid and the amount County shall pay to fulfill the specifications.

4. **Permits and Fees** - If applicable, the Contractor shall secure and pay for, all permits, fees licenses and inspections necessary for the proper execution and completion of the work which are customarily secured after execution of the agreement and which are legally required.

5. **Other Entity Use** - The successful Bidder may be requested to convey the bid prices, contract terms and conditions to municipalities or other governmental agencies within the County of Washington.

All orders, deliveries and invoices will be the responsibility of the participating governmental agencies. Washington County will not be responsible for any orders, deliveries and invoices placed by the participating governmental agency.

6. **Contract Approval** – The Washington County Board of Commissioners must approve the contract resulting from this solicitation.

A sample contract may be attached for review as part of this solicitation. Exceptions to the County's standard contract form may result in rejection of the bid or proposal. The County will prepare a formal contract specific to this solicitation for execution by the successful Contractor & the Board of County Commissioners.

7. **Sample Form Contract** – The County's form contract may be attached as part of this solicitation. The vendor's submission of a bid response without identifying exceptions expressly acknowledges and formally evidences the vendor's acceptance of all terms and conditions of the form contract. Any and all exceptions must be submitted in writing in the vendor's bid response.

If the vendor submits an exception, which alters the County's risk, liability, exposure in, or the intent of this procurement, the County reserves the right in its sole and absolute discretion to deem the vendor non-responsive.

All vendors further understand and agree that the County will accept no vendor exceptions to the form contract at any time after submission of the bid response.

8. All contracts entered into will be executed in Washington County, Pennsylvania. The parties acknowledge that the jurisdiction and venue for any dispute or any occurrence hereby arising out of the contract or out of performance of the contract or any other matter relating to Washington County shall be in the Court of Common Pleas of Washington County, Pennsylvania, and in no other location. This provision shall be deemed to be an integral part of any contract entered into by any Contractor with Washington County.

9. There will be no changes to an executed agreement without prior written approval by the Board of County Commissioners in the form of an addendum or change order. Types of changes include but are not limited to change in scope of work, extension of contract terms, unit pricing or total cost.

10. The County is required by State and Federal regulations to determine if any employee or contractor or vendor is excluded from participation in any Medicare, Medicaid, or other health care program. If it has been determined that any employee or contractor, both individual and entity, is on the exclusion list, said individual or entity must be reported to the Department of Public Welfare's Bureau of Program Integrity (BPI). Furthermore, in order to preserve funding through these programs, the County is required to immediately terminate excluded employees and to immediately terminate any contact with any vendor who is either on an exclusion list or employs an individual or individuals who are on such lists.

Federal health care programs (including Medicaid and SCHIP programs) are prohibited from paying for any goods or services furnished, ordered, or prescribed by excluded individuals or entities. Washington County will have no alternative but to cancel any existing contracts with excluded vendors or vendors who employs an excluded individual or entity. The County will not be responsible for any payment of goods or services furnished, ordered, or prescribed by excluded individuals or entities.

Bidders responding to bids or proposals affected by these regulations accept an affirmative duty to verify that neither Bidder nor Bidder's employees have been excluded from participation in Medicare, Medicaid, or any other health care program pursuant to Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare (DPW) Medical assistance recommendations interpreting the United States Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Inspector General's regulations.

All County contracts with any contractor identified as meeting the criteria requiring exclusion screening must include the requirement that the contractor will develop and institute exclusion screening policies and procedures that conform to DPW recommendations and County requirements to assure compliance with federal regulations concerning suspension/debarment of all covered individual and entities.

11. Washington County may request a complete background search of any individual working on County projects to determine if the individual has committed any serious acts and has been cleared by the Pennsylvania State Police before being hired by the Contractor and placed on the job in County facilities.

12. Washington County may request proof of financial stability. Request for financial statements may be for the past three years or other methods of proof. The County may secure financial information about the Bidder from third-party sources such as, but not limited to, credit reporting agencies, Dun & Bradstreet, and other firms to which the Bidder has provided services.

13. By submitting bid offer or proposal, Bidder certifies that Bidder does not and will not during the performance of this contract employ illegal undocumented workers or otherwise violate the provisions of the "Federal Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986."

14. **SUBCONTRACTING** - Any person undertaking a part of the work under the terms of the contract, by virtue of an agreement with the contractor, who, prior to such undertaking must receive the written approval of the Director of Purchasing. The County may terminate the contract if the subcontracting is done without the Director of Purchasing's approval. **Invoices relating to any work performed by a subcontractor are subject to non-payment if prior written approval has not been received by the Director of Purchasing.**

15. **TERMINATION** - This Agreement shall continue in force until the end of its term and shall automatically terminate at the end of its term unless County terminates this Agreement earlier by providing thirty (30) days' notice to Contractor of its intent to terminate.

County may terminate this Agreement at any time for any reason with or without cause; however, in the event County elects to terminate this Agreement, Contractor shall be

entitled to compensation for services provided up to the point of termination.

16. If any alleged errors are noted in the bid specifications, Bidder should immediately notify the county and, if confirmed, a bulletin shall be sent to all Bidders. A copy of all bulletins issued shall be submitted with the bid documents to the County.

17. In completing the bid documents, Bidder should not add, delete or vary any of the terms or conditions or the documents prepared by the County. If Bidder makes any substantial changes in any of the documents, the county may, in its discretion, either reject the bid or waive the discrepancy. Bidder warrants that all goods and services described by Bidder in its offer, and all samples submitted by Bidder to the County shall conform to the specifications. The Director of Purchasing & the County Solicitor may waive insubstantial errors in the bid offer and specifications.

18. Bidder must be merchant dealing in the goods and services on which they bid and must be qualified to advise as to their application and use. Bidder warrants, and must be able upon request, to demonstrate to possess the knowledge, experience, skill, capital, stock, charters, licenses, permits, patents and personnel necessary to satisfactorily perform the contract for which they submit bids.

19. The County may, at its discretion, provide a bid form in electronic file (EXCEL spreadsheet format). If applicable for this project, the electronic file may be downloaded from our website, or is included with bid documents made available as outlined in the Invitation for Bids. Be advised that use of the bid form made available electronically is at the Bidder's discretion. Bidder assumes full responsibility for the integrity of the completed bid form submitted and acknowledges that no changes or alterations to the bid form structure or content, other than the Bidder's pricing, are allowed. Should any changes or alterations to the bid form structure or content be detected, the bid may be determined to be non-responsive and, therefore, disqualified.

The County reserves the right to correct formula errors on the bid form.

20. Bidder will quote price for such quantities as shown and no change in price will be made during the period of the contract.

21. Washington County reserves the right to add additional like supplies and/or service to existing bid contract throughout term of contract based on an agreed upon cost.

Additional like service or supplies are not to be provided without written approval. If prior approval has not been received, invoices are subject to **non-payment**.

22. All work or commodity exceeding \$21,300 must receive prior approval by the Board of County Commissioners.

23. One price only will be considered for each item. When two prices are quoted both will be rejected.

24. All items subject to testing after delivery.

25. Unless otherwise provided in the specifications, all goods supplied to the County will be from new, unused, or current stock.

26. **Warranty** - Unless otherwise noted by Washington County in the general terms and conditions, the Bidder warrants that all products, equipment, supplies, and or service delivered under this contract shall be covered by the industry standard or better warranty. All products and equipment shall carry a minimum industry standard manufacturer's warranty that includes materials and labor. Dealer/Distributors agree to assist the purchaser in reaching a solution in a dispute over warranty's terms with the manufacturer.

27. No Bidder may submit more than one bid for the same item, nor may he submit multiple by or through the agency of any partner, employee, or other person

28. By submitting a bid, the Bidder agrees to DELIVER TO the County, at the County's request at no additional cost to the County, samples of any goods or workmanship bid. Said samples will be returned to the bidder, if requested within ten (10) days of bid award; provided, however, that the County shall not be liable for damage to or destruction or consumption of these samples occurring in the ordinary course of reasonable inspection and testing. Inspection or testing by the County does not constitute a waiver of any claims or rights which the County would otherwise have with respect to the quality of goods or workmanship.

29. Unless otherwise provided in the specifications, any references in the specifications to the quantities of goods or frequency of services to be provided to the County are estimates, and the County reserves the right to require the successful Bidder to provide more or less than the estimated quantity or frequency, or to purchase none at all. If the County requires more than the estimated quantity during the bid period, the Bidder shall supply such additional quantity at the per UNIT COST submitted in the bid offer or proposal.

30. Unless otherwise provided in the specifications, all prices shall remain fixed throughout the term of the contract, and bids containing escalation, discount, or other price adjustment provisions will be rejected if such provisions are not consistent with a common standard against which all bids may be judged.

31. **Errors in Bids** – When an error is made in extending total prices, the unit bid price will govern. Erasures in bids must be initialed by the bidder. Carelessness in quoting prices, or in preparation of bid otherwise, will not relieve the bidder. Bidders are cautioned to recheck the bids for possible errors. Errors discovered after public opening cannot be corrected and the Bidder will be required to perform if his or her bid is accepted.

32. All billing is to be done on a monthly basis and in unit amounts indicated on bid. Invoices and delivery slips must reference the contract number and bid item number. Invoices that do not reference the contract number, bid item number and the correct unit amounts will be returned. Billing must be current, any bills issued after 90 days will not be considered.

33. "Under Section 204(12) of the Tax Revenue Code sales of tangible personal property to Washington County are not taxable. Under Section 204(57) of the Tax Revenue Code the sale at retail by a construction contractor of building machinery and equipment and services thereto to Washington County is also not taxable. Purchases by a contractor are taxable to the contractor except for purchases that are not taxable pursuant to the above provisions."

34. Unless otherwise provided in the invitation for bid, the name of a certain brand, make or manufacturer does not restrict bidders to the specific brand, make or manufacturer named; it conveys the general style, type, character, and quality of the article desired, and any article which the County in its sole discretion determines to be equal of that specified, considering quality, workmanship, economy of operation, and suitability for the purpose intended, shall be accepted.

35. Bidder agrees and warrants that whenever the Bidder, in its bid offer, describes any goods by trade name, catalog number or "as per sample" the goods so described conform to the specifications. When a "name brand" is specified, it is for reference only. The product supplied is to be of same quality as brand specified. If not noted, it will be assumed that the vendor is supplying name brand specified. Vendor must provide documentation and/or sample that alternate brand meets specifications.

36. **PRODUCT ENDORSEMENT:** Contracting with a vendor as a result of this Bid/RFP will not constitute an endorsement or suggestion, by Washington County, that the vendor's product or services are the best or only solution. In submitting a bid offer or proposal the vendor agrees to make no reference to Washington County in any literature, promotional material, brochures, sales presentation or the like without the express written consent of the Washington County Board of Commissioners.

37. Unless otherwise provided in the specifications, where more than one item is listed on the bid offer, the County may make a single award covering all items listed,

or a separate award for each item, or awards for any combination or combinations of items, whichever is in the best interest of the county.

38. **Equal Low Bids** - When tie bids occur, awards may be made on the following basis:

- A) Past Performance
- B) Local Supplier (Firm within Washington County)
- C) Splitting awards

39. The County reserves the right to reject the bid of any Bidder who has failed to satisfactorily perform any obligations to the County.

40. The County reserves the right to reject all bids, if determines that such rejection is in the best interests of the County.

41. The County will not be responsible for any information provided by third-party sources. The County will not accept bid forms provided by third-party sources.

42. If a re-bid is required for any service/commodity, interested vendors must obtain revised documents provided by the County to be considered.

43. If this bid is subject to the "Steel Procurement Act", 1978, March 3, P.L. No. 3 : 1, 73 P.S. :1881, et seq., a certificate of such must be included.

44. Please submit OSHA Material Safety Data Sheet for any product containing hazardous substances to Washington County.

45. All bids are to be submitted in ink or typewritten. Sealed Bids will be received only between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. at the Washington County Controller's Office, 100 West Beau Street, Ste 403, Washington PA 15301. Bid offer delivered to an address other than as specified, will not be considered. Washington County will not accept responsibility for proposal or bid response being delivered by third-party carriers.

46. Unless stated otherwise, all items requiring delivery are to be delivered inside County building as designated by the Washington County Purchasing Agent. All prices must include inside delivery. The County will not pay for delivery charges.

47. All deliveries require "Proof of Delivery" signed by a County authorized representative. Washington County will not be responsible for any orders misplaced without a signed Proof of Delivery.

48. In the event prompt delivery is not made, the Contractor and/or his surety will be held responsible for the

difference in costs of materials purchased elsewhere over that specified in the contract.

49. Washington County will have no financial obligations to any vendor for deliveries that do not meet our specifications. If item or items are not picked up within thirty (30) days of delivery, Washington County will dispose of them.

50. No interpretation of the meaning of the plans, specifications, or other pre-bid documents will be made to the bidder orally. Every request for such interpretation should be in writing addressed to Washington County Purchasing Office, 95 West Beau St. Suite 430, Washington PA 15301. To be considered the request must be received at least 10 days prior to the date fixed for opening of the bid.

51 Pursuant to Act 142, Senate Bill 1154, Effective February 20, 2001:

The contract shall be awarded, or all bids shall be rejected, within thirty days of the opening of the bids, except for bids subject to 62 Pa.C.S. (relating to procurement). Thirty-day extensions of the date for the award may be made by mutual written consent of the commissioners and any bidder who wishes to remain under consideration for award. The Washington County Board of Commissioners shall excuse from consideration any Bidder not wishing to agree to a request for extension of the date for the award and shall release such Bidder from any bid bond or similar bid security furnished under subsection (f).

52. Pursuant to Act 142, Senate Bill 1154, Effective February 20, 2001:

The Washington County Board of Commissioners may require that any bids advertised be accompanied by cash, a certified check, cashiers check, bank good faith check or other irrevocable letter of credit in a reasonable amount drawn upon a bank authorized to do business in this Commonwealth, or by a bond with corporate surety in a reasonable amount. Whenever it is required that a bid be accompanied by cash, certified check, cashier's check, bank good faith check or other irrevocable letter of credit or bond, no bid shall be considered unless so accompanied. Bid securities of unsuccessful Bidders shall be returned upon official award. Bid security of successful Bidder shall be returned upon execution of an agreement.

53. Bid results are available for review by all vendors. Appointments to review bids are encouraged. Due to the time involved and the volume of bids processed bid tabulations are not mailed or read over the phone. The bid tabulation sheets are posted on the Washington County website for thirty (30) days after bid award. Website address: www.co.washington.pa.us.

NONDISCRIMINATION CLAUSE

During the term of this contract, Contractor agrees as follows:

1. Contractor shall not discriminate against any employee, applicant for employment, independent contractor, or any other person because of race, color, religious creed, handicap, ancestry, national origin, age, or sex. Contractor shall take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees or agents are treated during employment, without regard to their race, color, religious creed, handicap, ancestry, national origin, age, or sex. Such affirmative action shall include, but is not limited to: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation, and selection for training. Contractor shall post in conspicuous places, available to employees, agents, applicants for employment, and other persons, a notice to be provided by the contracting agency setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.
2. Contractor shall, in advertisements or requests for employment, placed by it or on its behalf, state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religious creed, handicap, ancestry, national origin, age, or sex.
3. Contractor shall send each labor union or workers' representative with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding, a notice advising said labor union or workers' representative of its commitment to this nondiscrimination clause. Similar notice shall be sent to every other source or recruitment regularly utilized by Contractor.
4. It shall be no defense to a finding of noncompliance with this nondiscrimination clause that Contractor had delegated some of its employment practices to any union, training program, or other source of recruitment which prevents it from meeting its obligations. However, if the evidence indicates that the Contractor was not on notice of the third-party discrimination or made a good faith effort to correct it, such factor shall be considered in mitigation in determining appropriate sanctions.
5. Where the practices of a union or any training program or other source of recruitment will result in the exclusion of minority group persons, so that Contractor will be unable to meet its obligations under this nondiscrimination clause, Contractor shall then employ and fill vacancies through other nondiscriminatory employment procedures.
2. Contractor shall comply with all state and federal laws prohibiting discrimination in hiring or employment opportunities. In the event of Contractor's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination clause of this contract or with any such laws, this contract may be terminated or suspended, in whole or in part, and Contractor may be declared temporarily ineligible for further Commonwealth contracts, and other sanctions may be imposed and remedies invoked.
7. Contractor shall furnish all necessary employment documents and records to, and permit access to its books, records, and accounts by the contracting agency for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with the provisions of this clause. If Contractor does not possess documents or records reflecting the necessary information requested, it shall furnish such information on reporting forms supplied by the contracting agency.
8. Contractor shall actively recruit minority and women subcontractors or subcontractors with substantial minority representation among its employees.
9. Contractor shall include the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause in every subcontract, so that such provisions will be binding upon each Subcontractor.
10. Contractor obligations under this clause are limited to the Contractor's facilities within Pennsylvania or, where the contract is for purchase of goods manufactured outside of Pennsylvania, the facilities at which such goods are actually produced.

**ANTI-COLLUSION AFFIDAVIT
WASHINGTON COUNTY, PA**

The undersigned deponent, deposes and says that he is the _____ of the bidder; that he is authorized to make this statement on behalf of the bidder, and he hereby certifies on behalf of the bidder that:

(1) The price(s) and amount of this bid have been arrived at independently and without consultation, communication or agreement for the purpose of restricting Competition with any other contractor, bidder or potential bidder.

(2) Neither the price(s) nor the amount of this bid, and neither the approximate price(s) nor approximate amount of this bid, have been disclosed to any other firm or person who is a bidder or potential bidder, and they will not be disclosed before bid opening.

(3) No attempt has been made or will be made to solicit, cause or induce any firm or person to refrain from bidding on this project, or submit a bid higher than this bid, or to submit any intentionally high or noncompetitive bid or other form of complementary bid.

(4) The bid submitted by the bidder is made in good faith and not pursuant to any agreement or discussion with, or inducement from, any firm or person to submit a complementary or other noncompetitive bid.

(5) The bidder has not offered or entered into a subcontract or agreement regarding the purchase of materials or services from any firm or person, or offered, promised or paid cash or anything of value to any firm or person, whether in connection with this or any other project, in consideration for an agreement or promise by any firm or person to refrain from bidding or to submit a complementary bid on this project.

(6) The bidder has not accepted or been promised any subcontract or agreement regarding the sale of materials or services to any firm or person and has not been promised or paid cash or anything of value by any firm or person, whether in connection with this or any other project, in consideration for my firm's submitting a complementary bid, or agreeing to do so, on this project.

(7) I have made a diligent inquiry of all members, officers, employees, and agents of the bidder with responsibilities relating to the preparation, approval or submission of my firm's bid on this project and have been advised by each of them that he or she has not participated in any communication, consultation, discussion, agreement, collusion, act or other inconsistent with any of the statements and representations made in this Statement.

(8) No attempt has been made to take any action in restraint of free competitive bidding in connection with the bid.

(9) It is understood that if any incidents resulting in conviction or being found liable are, set forth in (10) below, the Pennsylvania Anti Bid Act, 73 P.S. 1611 et seq. provides that it does not prohibit a governmental agency from accepting a bid from or awarding a contract to that person, but may be a ground for administrative suspension or debarment at the discretion of a government agency under rules and regulations of that agency (language omitted).

(10) _____, its affiliates,
(NAME OF BIDDER)

subsidiaries, officers, directors and employees are not aware that they are currently under investigation by any governmental agency and have not in the last three years been convicted or found liable for any act prohibited by State or Federal law in any jurisdiction, involving conspiracy or collusion with respect to bidding on any public contract, except as follows:

I hereby state that

_____ understands and acknowledges that the above representations are material and important, and will be relied on by Washington County, Pennsylvania in awarding the contract(s) for which this bid is submitted. I understand that any misstatement in this affidavit is and shall be treated as fraudulent concealment from the Washington County, Pennsylvania of the true facts relating to the submission of bids for this contract.

(BIDDER)

By: _____

Sworn to and subscribed before me the undersigned notary public this

_____ day of _____, 20_____.

(NOTARY PUBLIC)

My Commission Expires:

REQUIREMENTS FOR VENDORS DOING BUSINESS WITH WASHINGTON COUNTY

The awarded vendor must furnish and keep in full force, during the term of this contract, the following insurances:

Unless waived by the County in writing, Contractor shall obtain insurance of the types and in the amounts described below:

(1) Commercial General and Umbrella Liability Insurance.
(a) Contractor shall maintain Commercial General Liability (CGL) and, if necessary, Commercial Umbrella Insurance with a limit of not less than \$1,000,000 each occurrence unless specified on addendum XXX. If such CGL insurance obtains a general aggregate limit, it shall apply separately to this location or project. CGL insurance shall be written on ISO occurrence form (or substitute form providing equivalent coverage). County of Washington shall be included as an insured under the CGL, using ISO additional insured endorsement CG2026 or a substitute providing equivalent coverage, and under the Commercial Umbrella, if any. This insurance shall apply as primary insurance with respect to any other insurance or self-insurance programs afforded to County of Washington. There shall be no endorsement or modification of the CGL policy which limits coverage for liability arising from claims based on sexual abuse or molestation. If such an endorsement has been added to the Contractor’s CGL insurance, Contractor shall be required to obtain separate insurance coverage for claims based on sexual abuse or molestation.

(2) Business Automobile and Umbrella Liability Insurance.
(a) Contractor shall maintain Business Automobile Liability, and if necessary, Commercial Umbrella Liability insurance with a limit of not less than \$1,000,000 each accident. Such insurance shall cover liability arising out of any automobile, including owned, hired and non-owned automobiles. Business automobile coverage shall be written on ISO form CA0001 or a substitute form providing equivalent liability coverage. If necessary, the policy shall be endorsed to provide Contractual Liability coverage equivalent to that provided in the 1990 and later editions of CA0001.

(3) Workers Compensation Insurance.
Contractor shall maintain Workers Compensation and Employers Liability Insurance.
(a) The Employers Liability and/or Umbrella Liability limits shall not be less than \$100,000 each accident for bodily injury by accident, \$100,000 each employee for bodily injury by disease, \$500,000 policy limit for bodily injury by disease.

(4) Insurance Requirements for all Policies.
(a) Contractor waives all rights against County of Washington and its agents, officers, directors, and employees for recovery of damages to the extent these damages are covered by the Commercial General Liability, Automobile Liability, or Umbrella Liability Insurance maintained pursuant to previous paragraph of this agreement.

(b) By requiring insurance herein, County of Washington does not represent that coverage and limits will necessarily be adequate to protect contractor, and such coverage and limits shall not be deemed as a limitation on Contractor's Liability under the indemnities granted to County of Washington in this contract.

(c) If Contractor's Liability does not contain the standard ISO separation of insured’s provision, or a substantially similar clause, they shall be endorsed to provide Cross-Liability coverage.

(d) Prior to the commencement of terms of this contract, contractor shall furnish County of Washington with a certificate of insurance, executed by a duly authorized representative of each insurer, showing compliance with the insurance requirements set forth above.

(e) All certificates of insurance shall provide for 30 days' written notice to County of Washington prior to the cancellation or material change of any insurance referred to therein.

(f) Failure of County of Washington to demand such certificate or other evidence of full compliance with these insurance requirements or failure of County of Washington to identify a deficiency from evidence that is provided shall not be construed as a waiver of contractor's obligation to maintain such insurance.

(g) Failure to maintain the required insurance may result in termination of this contract or other punitive measures, such as withholding payments or denying access to the premises at County of Washington's option.

(h) The contractor must agree to hold harmless and indemnify Washington County and its officials from and against any and all liability arising out of any action, claimed demand, suit, or cause of action which may be made or asserted against the County of Washington and its officials by reason of any acts of the agency, or its performance of the services contemplated by this contract. The contractor insurance policy including: Commercial General Liability, Automobile Liability, or Umbrella Liability Insurance must be endorsed to include the County of Washington as additional insured.

(i) Certificates of Insurance must be delivered to Washington County within five (5) days after the award evidencing these coverages.

(j) Insurance as required in the foregoing paragraphs shall be placed with an insurer acceptable to the County with a Best Rating of A- or better.

Contractor:

By: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____