

Attachment A

COUNTY OF MONTEREY STANDARD AGREEMENT

This **Agreement** is made by and between the County of Monterey, a political subdivision of the State of California (hereinafter "County") and:

Staples Contract & Commercial, LLC

(hereinafter "CONTRACTOR").

In consideration of the mutual covenants and conditions set forth in this Agreement, the parties agree as follows:

1.0 GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

The County hereby engages CONTRACTOR to perform, and CONTRACTOR hereby agrees to perform, the services described in **Exhibit A** in conformity with the terms of this Agreement. The goods and/or services are generally described as follows:

Provide: Furniture solutions with related accessories and services, procured under Sourcewell contract 121919-SCC

2.0 PAYMENT PROVISIONS:

County shall pay the CONTRACTOR in accordance with the payment provisions set forth in **Exhibit A**, subject to the limitations set forth in this Agreement. The total amount payable by County to CONTRACTOR under this Agreement shall not exceed the sum of: \$ 500,000

3.0 TERM OF AGREEMENT:

3.01 The term of this Agreement is from April 19, 2022 to February 18, 2024, unless sooner terminated pursuant to the terms of this Agreement. This Agreement is of no force or effect until signed by both CONTRACTOR and County and with County signing last, and **CONTRACTOR may not commence work before County signs this Agreement.**

3.02 The County reserves the right to cancel this Agreement, or any extension of this Agreement, without cause, with a thirty day (30) written notice, or with cause immediately.

4.0 SCOPE OF SERVICES AND ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS:

The following attached exhibits are incorporated herein by reference and constitute a part of this Agreement:

Exhibit A Scope of Services/Payment Provisions

Exhibit B Other: Sourcewell Contract #121919-SCC

5.0 PERFORMANCE STANDARDS:

- 5.01 CONTRACTOR warrants that CONTRACTOR and CONTRACTOR’s agents, employees, and subcontractors performing services under this Agreement are specially trained, experienced, competent, and appropriately licensed to perform the work and deliver the services required under this Agreement and are not employees of the County, or immediate family of an employee of the County.
- 5.02 CONTRACTOR, its agents, employees, and subcontractors shall perform all work in a safe and skillful manner and in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations. All work performed under this Agreement that is required by law to be performed or supervised by licensed personnel shall be performed in accordance with such licensing requirements.
- 5.03 CONTRACTOR shall furnish, at its own expense, all materials, equipment, and personnel necessary to carry out the terms of this Agreement, except as otherwise specified in this Agreement. CONTRACTOR shall not use County premises, property (including equipment, instruments, or supplies) or personnel for any purpose other than in the performance of its obligations under this Agreement.

6.0 PAYMENT CONDITIONS:

Contractor Initials

6.01 Prices shall be determined according to the documents attached hereto as Exhibit A and Exhibit B

Contractor Initials

6.02 Rate changes shall be not less than the rates and discounts established in Sourcewell contract 121919-SCC. Rate Changes to reflect amendments to 121919-SCC are not binding unless mutually agreed upon in writing by the County and CONTRACTOR.

6.03 Invoice amounts shall be billed directly to the ordering department.

6.04 CONTRACTOR shall submit such invoice periodically or at the completion of services, but in any event, not later than 30 days after completion of services. The invoice shall set forth the amounts claimed by CONTRACTOR for the previous period, together with an itemized basis for the amounts claimed, and such other information pertinent to the invoice. The County shall certify the invoice, either in the requested amount or in such other amount as the County approves in conformity with this Agreement and shall promptly submit such invoice to the County Auditor-Controller for payment. The County Auditor-Controller shall pay the amount certified within 30 days of receiving the certified invoice.

7.0 TERMINATION:

7.01 During the term of this Agreement, the County may terminate the Agreement for any reason by giving written notice of termination to the CONTRACTOR at least thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of termination. Such notice shall set forth the effective date of termination. In the event of such termination, the amount payable under this Agreement shall be reduced in proportion to the services provided prior to the date of termination.

7.02 The County may cancel and terminate this Agreement for good cause effective immediately upon written notice to CONTRACTOR. "Good cause" includes the failure of CONTRACTOR to perform the required services at the time and in the manner provided under this Agreement. If County terminates this Agreement for good cause, the County may be relieved of the payment of any consideration to CONTRACTOR, and the County may proceed with the work in any manner, which County deems proper. The cost to the County shall be deducted from any sum due the CONTRACTOR under this Agreement.

7.03 The County's payments to CONTRACTOR under this Agreement are funded by local, state and federal governments. If funds from local, state and federal sources are not obtained and continued at a level sufficient to allow for the County's purchase of the indicated quantity of services, then the County may give written notice of this fact to CONTRACTOR, and the obligations of the parties under this Agreement shall terminate immediately, or on such date thereafter, as the County may specify in its notice, unless in the meanwhile the parties enter into a written amendment modifying this Agreement.

8.0 INDEMNIFICATION:

CONTRACTOR shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the County, its officers, agents, and employees, from and against any and all claims, liabilities, and losses whatsoever (including damages to property and injuries to or death of persons, court costs, and reasonable attorneys' fees) occurring or resulting to any and all persons, firms or corporations furnishing or supplying work, services, materials, or supplies in connection with the performance of this Agreement, and from any and all claims, liabilities, and losses occurring or resulting to any person, firm, or corporation for damage, injury, or death arising out of or connected with the CONTRACTOR's performance of this Agreement, unless such claims, liabilities, or losses arise out of the sole negligence or willful misconduct of the County. "CONTRACTOR's performance" includes CONTRACTOR's action or inaction and the action or inaction of CONTRACTOR's officers, employees, agents and subcontractors.

9.0 INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS:

9.01 **Evidence of Coverage:** Prior to commencement of this Agreement, the Contractor shall provide a "Certificate of Insurance" certifying that coverage as required herein has been obtained. Individual endorsements executed by the insurance carrier shall accompany the certificate. In addition, the Contractor upon request shall provide a certified copy of the policy or policies.

This verification of coverage shall be sent to the County's Contracts/Purchasing Department, unless otherwise directed. The Contractor shall not receive a "Notice to Proceed" with the work under this Agreement until it has obtained all insurance required and the County has approved such insurance. This approval of insurance shall neither relieve nor decrease the liability of the Contractor.

9.02 **Qualifying Insurers:** All coverage's, except surety, shall be issued by companies which hold a current policy holder's alphabetic and financial size category rating of not less than A- VII, according to the current Best's Key Rating Guide or a company of equal financial stability that is approved by the County's Purchasing Manager.

9.03 **Insurance Coverage Requirements:** Without limiting CONTRACTOR’s duty to indemnify, CONTRACTOR shall maintain in effect throughout the term of this Agreement a policy or policies of insurance with the following minimum limits of liability:

Commercial General Liability Insurance: including but not limited to premises and operations, including coverage for Bodily Injury and Property Damage, Personal Injury, Contractual Liability, Broad form Property Damage, Independent Contractors, Products and Completed Operations, with a combined single limit for Bodily Injury and Property Damage of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence.

(Note: any proposed modifications to these general liability insurance requirements shall be attached as an Exhibit hereto, and the section(s) above that are proposed as not applicable shall be lined out in blue ink. All proposed modifications are subject to County approval.)

Requestor must check the appropriate Automobile Insurance Threshold:

Requestor must check the appropriate box.

Agreement Under \$100,000 Business Automobile Liability Insurance: covering all motor vehicles, including owned, leased, non-owned, and hired vehicles, used in providing services under this Agreement, with a combined single limit for Bodily Injury and Property Damage of not less than \$500,000 per occurrence.

Agreement Over \$100,000 Business Automobile Liability Insurance: covering all motor vehicles, including owned, leased, non-owned, and hired vehicles, used in providing services under this Agreement, with a combined single limit or Bodily Injury and Property Damage of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence.

(Note: any proposed modifications to these auto insurance requirements shall be attached as an Exhibit hereto, and the section(s) above that are proposed as not applicable shall be lined out in blue ink. All proposed modifications are subject to County approval.)

Workers’ Compensation Insurance: if CONTRACTOR employs others in the performance of this Agreement, in accordance with California Labor Code section 3700 and with Employer’s Liability limits not less than \$1,000,000 each person, \$1,000,000 each accident and \$1,000,000 each disease.

(Note: any proposed modifications to these workers’ compensation insurance requirements shall be attached as an Exhibit hereto, and the section(s) above that are proposed as not applicable shall be lined out in blue ink. All proposed modifications are subject to County approval.)

Professional Liability Insurance: if required for the professional services being provided, (e.g., those persons authorized by a license to engage in a business or profession regulated by the California Business and Professions Code), in the amount of not less than \$1,000,000 per claim and \$2,000,000 in the aggregate, to cover liability for malpractice or errors or omissions made in the course of rendering professional services. If professional liability insurance is written on a “claims-made” basis rather than an occurrence basis, the CONTRACTOR shall, upon the expiration or earlier termination of this Agreement, obtain extended reporting coverage (“tail coverage”) with the same liability limits. Any such tail

coverage shall continue for at least three years following the expiration or earlier termination of this Agreement.

(Note: any proposed modifications to these insurance requirements shall be attached as an Exhibit hereto, and the section(s) above that are proposed as not applicable shall be lined out in blue ink. All proposed modifications are subject to County approval.)

9.04 Other Requirements:

All insurance required by this Agreement shall be with a company acceptable to the County and issued and executed by an admitted insurer authorized to transact Insurance business in the State of California. Unless otherwise specified by this Agreement, all such insurance shall be written on an occurrence basis, or, if the policy is not written on an occurrence basis, such policy with the coverage required herein shall continue in effect for a period of three years following the date CONTRACTOR completes its performance of services under this Agreement.

Each liability policy shall provide that the County shall be given notice in writing at least thirty days in advance of any endorsed reduction in coverage or limit, cancellation, or intended non-renewal thereof. Each policy shall provide coverage for Contractor and additional insureds with respect to claims arising from each subcontractor, if any, performing work under this Agreement, or be accompanied by a certificate of insurance from each subcontractor showing each subcontractor has identical insurance coverage to the above requirements.

Commercial general liability and automobile liability policies shall provide an endorsement naming the County of Monterey, its officers, agents, and employees as Additional Insureds with respect to liability arising out of the CONTRACTOR'S work, including ongoing and completed operations, **and shall further provide that such insurance is primary insurance to any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the County and that the insurance of the Additional Insureds shall not be called upon to contribute to a loss covered by the CONTRACTOR'S insurance.** The required endorsement form for Commercial General Liability Additional Insured is ISO Form CG 20 10 11-85 or CG 20 10 10 01 in tandem with CG 20 37 10 01 (2000). The required endorsement form for Automobile Additional Insured endorsement is ISO Form CA 20 48 02 99.

Prior to the execution of this Agreement by the County, CONTRACTOR shall file certificates of insurance with the County's contract administrator and County's Contracts/Purchasing Division, showing that the CONTRACTOR has in effect the insurance required by this Agreement. The CONTRACTOR shall file a new or amended certificate of insurance within five calendar days after any change is made in any insurance policy, which would alter the information on the certificate then on file. Acceptance or approval of insurance shall in no way modify or change the indemnification clause in this Agreement, which shall continue in full force and effect. CONTRACTOR shall always during the term of this Agreement maintain in force the insurance coverage required under this Agreement and shall send, without demand by County, annual certificates to County's Contract Administrator and County's Contracts/Purchasing Division. If the certificate is not received by the expiration date, County shall notify CONTRACTOR and CONTRACTOR shall have five calendar days to send in the certificate, evidencing no lapse in coverage during the interim. Failure by CONTRACTOR to maintain such insurance is a default of

this Agreement, which entitles County, at its sole discretion, to terminate this Agreement immediately.

10.0 RECORDS AND CONFIDENTIALITY:

- 10.1 **Confidentiality:** CONTRACTOR and its officers, employees, agents, and subcontractors shall comply with any and all federal, state, and local laws, which provide for the confidentiality of records and other information. CONTRACTOR shall not disclose any confidential records or other confidential information received from the County or prepared in connection with the performance of this Agreement, unless County specifically permits CONTRACTOR to disclose such records or information. CONTRACTOR shall promptly transmit to County any and all requests for disclosure of any such confidential records or information. CONTRACTOR shall not use any confidential information gained by CONTRACTOR in the performance of this Agreement except for the sole purpose of carrying out CONTRACTOR's obligations under this Agreement.
- 10.2 **County Records:** When this Agreement expires or terminates, CONTRACTOR shall return to County any County records which CONTRACTOR used or received from County to perform services under this Agreement.
- 10.3 **Maintenance of Records:** CONTRACTOR shall prepare, maintain, and preserve all reports and records that may be required by federal, state, and County rules and regulations related to services performed under this Agreement. CONTRACTOR shall maintain such records for a period of at least three years after receipt of final payment under this Agreement. If any litigation, claim, negotiation, audit exception, or other action relating to this Agreement is pending at the end of the three-year period, then CONTRACTOR shall retain said records until such action is resolved.
- 10.4 **Access to and Audit of Records:** The County shall have the right to examine, monitor and audit all records, documents, conditions, and activities of the CONTRACTOR and its subcontractors related to services provided under this Agreement. Pursuant to Government Code section 8546.7, if this Agreement involves the expenditure of public funds in excess of \$10,000, the parties to this Agreement may be subject, at the request of the County or as part of any audit of the County, to the examination and audit of the State Auditor pertaining to matters connected with the performance of this Agreement for a period of three years after final payment under the Agreement.
- 10.5 **Royalties and Inventions:** County shall have a royalty-free, exclusive and irrevocable license to reproduce, publish, and use, and authorize others to do so, all original computer programs, writings, sound recordings, pictorial reproductions, drawings, and other works of similar nature produced in the course of or under this Agreement. CONTRACTOR shall not publish any such material without the prior written approval of County.

11.0 NON-DISCRIMINATION:

- 11.1 During the performance of this Agreement, CONTRACTOR, and its subcontractors, shall not unlawfully discriminate against any person because of race, religious creed, color, sex, national origin, ancestry, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, marital status, age (over 40), sexual orientation, or any other characteristic set forth in California Government code § 12940(a), either in CONTRACTOR's employment practices or in the furnishing of services to recipients. CONTRACTOR shall ensure that the evaluation and

treatment of its employees and applicants for employment and all persons receiving and requesting services are free of such discrimination. CONTRACTOR and any subcontractor shall, in the performance of this Agreement, fully comply with all federal, state, and local laws and regulations which prohibit discrimination. The provision of services primarily or exclusively to such target population as may be designated in this Agreement shall not be deemed to be prohibited discrimination.

12.0 COMPLIANCE WITH TERMS OF STATE OR FEDERAL GRANTS:

If this Agreement has been or will be funded with monies received by the County pursuant to a contract with the state or federal government in which the County is the grantee, CONTRACTOR will comply with all the provisions of said contract, to the extent applicable to CONTRACTOR as a subgrantee under said contract, and said provisions shall be deemed a part of this Agreement, as though fully set forth herein. Upon request, County will deliver a copy of said contract to CONTRACTOR, at no cost to CONTRACTOR.

13.0 COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAWS:

13.1 CONTRACTOR shall keep itself informed of and in compliance with all federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, regulations, and orders, including but not limited to all state and federal tax laws that may affect in any manner the Project or the performance of the Services or those engaged to perform Services under this AGREEMENT as well as any privacy laws including, if applicable, HIPAA. CONTRACTOR shall procure all permits and licenses, pay all charges and fees, and give all notices require by law in the performance of the Services.

13.2 CONTRACTOR shall report immediately to County's Contracts/Purchasing Officer, in writing, any discrepancy or inconsistency it discovers in the laws, ordinances, regulations, orders, and/or guidelines in relation to the Project of the performance of the Services.

13.3 All documentation prepared by CONTRACTOR shall provide for a completed project that conforms to all applicable codes, rules, regulations, and guidelines that are in force at the time such documentation is prepared.

14.0 INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR:

In the performance of work, duties, and obligations under this Agreement, CONTRACTOR is always acting and performing as an independent contractor and not as an employee of the County. No offer or obligation of permanent employment with the County or County department or agency is intended in any manner, and CONTRACTOR shall not become entitled by virtue of this Agreement to receive from County any form of employee benefits including but not limited to sick leave, vacation, retirement benefits, workers' compensation coverage, insurance or disability benefits. CONTRACTOR shall be solely liable for and obligated to pay directly all applicable taxes, including federal and state income taxes and social security, arising out of CONTRACTOR's performance of this Agreement. In connection therewith, CONTRACTOR shall defend, indemnify, and hold County harmless from any and all liability which County may incur because of CONTRACTOR's failure to pay such taxes.

15.0 NOTICES:

Notices required under this Agreement shall be delivered personally or by first-class, postage pre-paid mail to the County and CONTRACTOR’S contract administrators at the addresses listed below:

FOR COUNTY:	FOR CONTRACTOR:
<p>John Snively Management Analyst III</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Name and Title</p> <hr/> <p>1441 Schilling Place, South 2nd Floor Salinas, California 93901-4527</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Address</p> <hr/> <p>(831) 759-6617</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Phone:</p>	<p>Steven Matthews Key Account Manager</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Name and Title</p> <hr/> <p>6801 Koll Center Parkway Suite 220 Pleasanton, CA 94566</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Address</p> <hr/> <p>(877) 826-7755</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Phone:</p>

16.0 MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS.

- 16.01 **Conflict of Interest:** CONTRACTOR represents that it presently has no interest and agrees not to acquire any interest during the term of this Agreement, which would directly, or indirectly conflict in any manner or to any degree with the full and complete performance of the services required to be rendered under this Agreement.
- 16.02 **Amendment:** This Agreement may be amended or modified only by an instrument in writing signed by the County and the CONTRACTOR.
- 16.03 **Waiver:** Any waiver of any terms and conditions of this Agreement must be in writing and signed by the County and the CONTRACTOR. A waiver of any of the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall not be construed as a waiver of any other terms or conditions in this Agreement.
- 16.04 **Contractor:** The term “CONTRACTOR” as used in this Agreement includes CONTRACTOR’s officers, agents, and employees acting on CONTRACTOR’s behalf in the performance of this Agreement.
- 16.05 **Disputes:** CONTRACTOR shall continue to perform under this Agreement during any dispute.
- 16.06 **Assignment and Subcontracting:** The CONTRACTOR shall not assign, sell, or otherwise transfer its interest or obligations in this Agreement without the prior written consent of the County. None of the services covered by this Agreement shall be subcontracted without the prior written approval of the County. Notwithstanding any such subcontract, CONTRACTOR shall continue to be liable for the performance of all requirements of this Agreement.

- 16.07 **Successors and Assigns:** This Agreement and the rights, privileges, duties, and obligations of the County and CONTRACTOR under this Agreement, to the extent assignable or delegable, shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties and their respective successors, permitted assigns, and heirs.
- 16.08 **Headings:** The headings are for convenience only and shall not be used to interpret the terms of this Agreement.
- 16.09 **Time is of the Essence:** Time is of the essence in each and all of the provisions of this Agreement.
- 16.10 **Governing Law:** This Agreement shall be governed by and interpreted under the laws of the State of California; venue shall be Monterey County.
- 16.11 **Non-exclusive Agreement:** This Agreement is non-exclusive and both County and CONTRACTOR expressly reserve the right to contract with other entities for the same or similar services.
- 16.12 **Construction of Agreement:** The County and CONTRACTOR agree that each party has fully participated in the review and revision of this Agreement and that any rule of construction to the effect that ambiguities are to be resolved against the drafting party shall not apply in the interpretation of this Agreement or any amendment to this Agreement.
- 16.13 **Counterparts:** This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same Agreement.
- 16.14 **Authority:** Any individual executing this Agreement on behalf of the County or the CONTRACTOR represents and warrants hereby that he or she has the requisite authority to enter into this Agreement on behalf of such party and bind the party to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.
- 16.15 **Integration:** This Agreement, including the exhibits, represent the entire Agreement between the County and the CONTRACTOR with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement and shall supersede all prior negotiations, representations, or agreements, either written or oral, between the County and the CONTRACTOR as of the effective date of this Agreement, which is the date that the County signs the Agreement.
- 16.16 **Interpretation of Conflicting Provisions:** In the event of any conflict or inconsistency between the provisions of this Agreement and the Provisions of any exhibit or other attachment to this Agreement, the provisions of this Agreement shall prevail and control.
- 17.0 **CONSENT TO USE OF ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES.**
- 17.1 The parties to this Agreement consent to the use of electronic signatures via DocuSign to execute this Agreement. The parties understand and agree that the legality of electronic signatures is governed by state and federal law, 15 U.S.C. Section 7001 et seq.; California Government Code Section 16.5; and, California Civil Code Section 1633.1 et. seq. Pursuant to said state and federal law as may be amended from time to time, the parties to this Agreement hereby authenticate and execute this Agreement, and any and all Exhibits to this

Agreement, with their respective electronic signatures, including any and all scanned signatures in portable document format (PDF).

17.2 Counterparts.

The parties to this Agreement understand and agree that this Agreement can be executed in two (2) or more counterparts and transmitted electronically via facsimile transmission or by delivery of a scanned counterpart in portable document format (PDF) via email transmittal.

17.3 Form: Delivery by E-Mail or Facsimile.

Executed counterparts of this Agreement may be delivered by facsimile transmission or by delivery of a scanned counterpart in portable document format (PDF) by e-mail transmittal, in either case with delivery confirmed. On such confirmed delivery, the signatures in the facsimile or PDF data file shall be deemed to have the same force and effect as if the manually signed counterpart or counterparts had been delivered to the other party in person.

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18.0 SIGNATURE PAGE.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, County and CONTRACTOR have executed this Agreement as of the day and year written below.

COUNTY OF MONTEREY

By: _____
Contracts/Purchasing Officer

Date: _____

By: _____
Department Head (if applicable)

Date: _____

Approved as to Form
Office of the County Counsel
Leslie J. Girard, County Counsel

By: DocuSigned by:
Mary Grace Perry, Deputy

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County Counsel

Date: 6/8/2022 | 11:32 AM PDT

Approved as to Fiscal Provisions

By: DocuSigned by:
Gary Giboney

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Auditor/Controller

Date: 6/8/2022 | 11:40 AM PDT

Approved as to Liability Provisions
Office of the County Counsel-Risk Manager
Leslie J. Girard, County Counsel-Risk Manager

By: _____
Risk Management

Date: _____

CONTRACTOR

Staples Contract & Commercial, LLC

Contractor/Business Name *

By: *Mike Guon*

(Signature of Chair, President, or Vice-President)

Mike Guon Vice President of Sales

Name and Title

Date: Apr 28, 2022

By: *Jeffrey Hall*

(Signature of Secretary, Asst. Secretary, CFO, Treasurer, or Asst. Treasurer)

Jeffrey Hall CFO

Name and Title

Date: May 17, 2022

County Board of Supervisors' Agreement No. _____ approved on _____

*INSTRUCTIONS: If CONTRACTOR is a corporation, including non-profit corporations, the full legal name of the corporation shall be set forth above together with the signatures of two (2) specified officers per California Corporations Code Section 313. If CONTRACTOR is a Limited Liability Corporation (LLC), the full legal name of the LLC shall be set forth above together with the signatures of two (2) managers. If CONTRACTOR is a partnership, the full legal name of the partnership shall be set forth above together with the signature of a partner who has authority to execute this Agreement on behalf of the partnership. If CONTRACTOR is contracting in an individual capacity, the individual shall set forth the name of the business, if any, and shall personally sign the Agreement or Amendment to said Agreement.

¹Approval by County Counsel is required

²Approval by Auditor-Controller is required

³Approval by Risk Management is necessary only if changes are made in paragraphs 8 or 9

Staples Contract & Commercial, LLC
Furniture Solutions and Associated Services

EXHIBIT A - SCOPE OF SERVICES/PAYMENT PROVISIONS

**To Agreement by and between
County of Monterey, hereinafter referred to as "County"
and
Staples Contract & Commercial, LLC, hereinafter referred to as "CONTRACTOR"**

A. SCOPE OF SERVICES

A.1 CONTRACTOR shall provide services and staff, and otherwise do all things necessary for or incidental to the performance of work, as set forth below:

Furniture solutions with related accessories and services, procured under Sourcewell contract 121919-SCC (Exhibit B).

B. PAYMENT PROVISIONS

B.1 COMPENSATION/PAYMENT

County shall pay an amount not to exceed \$500,000 for the performance of all things necessary for or incidental to the performance of work as set forth in the Scope of Services. CONTRACTOR'S compensation for services rendered shall be based on the following rates or in accordance with the following terms:

All rates shall be based on and shall not exceed product pricing guidelines established in Sourcewell Contract 121919-SCC.

No travel reimbursement shall be allowed during this Agreement.

CONTRACTOR agrees that pursuant to Labor Code Section 1771, not less than general prevailing rate of per diem wages shall be paid to all workers employed on any public work projects in excess of one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

Under California Labor Code sections 1720 et seq., a contract for some or all of the work contemplated by this RFP may be considered a public work. If applicable, CONTRACTOR shall comply with provisions of the Labor Code (sections 1720 et seq.) governing public works, including payment of prevailing wages, payroll records, and employment of apprentices. Copies of the determination of the general prevailing rate of per diem wages are available to interested parties at: <http://www.dir.ca.gov/public-works/prevailing-wage.html>

CONTRACTOR warrants that the cost charged for services under the terms of this Agreement are not in excess of those charged any other client for the same services performed by the same individuals.

B.2 CONTRACTOR'S BILLING PROCEDURES

EXHIBIT A - SCOPE OF SERVICES/PAYMENT PROVISIONS

Invoices under this Agreement shall be submitted monthly and promptly, and in accordance with Section 6, "Payment Conditions", of the Agreement. All invoices shall reference the Multi-Year Agreement (MYA) number, Project name, and/or services, and associated Delivery Order (DO) number, and an original hardcopy shall be sent to the following address or via email to PWFP-Finance-AP@co.monterey.ca.us:

County of Monterey
Department of Public Works, Facilities, & Parks (PWFP) – Finance Division
1441 Schilling Place, South 2nd Floor
Salinas, California 93901-4527

Any questions pertaining to invoices under this Agreement shall be directed to the PWFP Finance Division at (831) 755-4800 or via email to: PWFP-Finance-AP@co.monterey.ca.us.

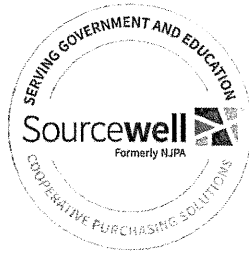
County may, in its sole discretion, terminate the Agreement or withhold payments claimed by CONTRACTOR for services rendered if CONTRACTOR fails to satisfactorily comply with any term or condition of this Agreement.

No payments in advance or in anticipation of services or supplies to be provided under this Agreement shall be made by County.

County shall not pay any claims for payment for services submitted more than twelve (12) months after the calendar month in which the services were completed.

DISALLOWED COSTS: CONTRACTOR is responsible for any audit exceptions or disallowed costs incurred by its own organization or that of its subcontractors.

Exhibit B - Sourcewell Contract 121919-SCC



RFP #121919
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
for
Furniture Solutions with Related Accessories and Services
Proposal Due Date: December 19, 4:30 p.m., Central Time

Sourcewell, a State of Minnesota local government agency and service cooperative, is requesting proposals for Furniture Solutions with Related Accessories and Services to result in a contracting solution for use by its members. Sourcewell members include thousands of governmental, higher education, K-12 education, not-for-profit, tribal government, and other public agencies located in the United States and Canada. A full copy of the Request for Proposals can be found on the Sourcewell Procurement Portal [<https://portal.sourcewell-mn.gov>]. Only proposals submitted through the Sourcewell Procurement Portal will be considered. Proposals are due no later than December 19, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. Central Time, and late proposals will not be considered.

Solicitation Schedule

Public Notice of RFP Published:	October 31, 2019
Pre-proposal Conference:	November 21, 2019 10:00 a.m., Central Time
Question Submission Deadline:	December 12, 2019, 4:30 p.m., Central Time
Proposal Due Date:	December 19, 2019 4:30 p.m., Central Time Late responses will not be considered.
Opening:	December 19, 2019, 6:30 p.m., Central Time **

** SEE RFP SUB-SECTION V. G. "OPENING"

Exhibit B - Sourcewell Contract 121919-SCC

I. ABOUT SOURCEWELL AND MEMBERS**A. SOURCEWELL**

Sourcewell is a State of Minnesota local government agency and service cooperative created under the laws of the State of Minnesota (Minnesota Statutes Section 123A.21) that facilitates a competitive public solicitation and contract award process for the benefit of its 50,000+ members across the United States and Canada. Sourcewell's solicitation process complies with Minnesota law and policies, and results in cooperative contracting solutions from which Sourcewell's members procure equipment, products, and services.

Cooperative contracting provides members and vendors increased administrative efficiencies and the power of combined purchasing volume that result in overall cost savings. At times, Sourcewell also partners with other purchasing cooperatives to combine the purchasing volume of their membership into a single solicitation and contract expanding the reach of contracted vendors potential pool of end users.

Sourcewell uses a website-based platform, the Sourcewell Procurement Portal, through which all proposals to this RFP must be submitted.

B. MEMBERS AND USE OF RESULTING CONTRACTS

Membership in Sourcewell is open to government and non-profit entities across the United States and Canada; such as municipal, state/province, K-12 and higher education, tribal government, and other public entities. Access to contracted equipment, products, or services by Members is typically through a purchase order issued directly to the applicable vendor. A Member may request additional terms or conditions related to a purchase. Use of Sourcewell contracts is voluntary and Members retain the right to obtain similar equipment, products, or services from other sources.

To meet Members' needs, public notice of this RFP has been broadly published, including notification to each state-level procurement departments for possible re-posting. As required by certain states, an Appendix of Members is included in this RFP and can be found in the Sourcewell Procurement Portal. Proof of publication will be available at the conclusion of the solicitation process.

For Canadian entities: This RFP is intended to include municipalities and publicly-funded academic institutions, school boards, health authorities, and social services (MASH sectors); including members of the Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA), and their represented Associations: Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities (SARM), Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association (SUMA), and Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM).

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II. EQUIPMENT, PRODUCTS, AND SERVICES

A. SOLUTIONS-BASED SOLICITATION

This RFP and contract award process is a solutions-based solicitation; meaning that Sourcewell is seeking equipment, products, or services that meet the general requirements of the scope of this RFP and that are commonly desired or are required by law or industry standards.

B. REQUESTED EQUIPMENT, PRODUCTS, OR SERVICES

It is expected that Proposers offer a wide array of equipment, products, or services at lower prices and with better value than what they would ordinarily offer to a single government entity, a school district, or a regional cooperative.

1. Sourcewell is seeking proposals for Furniture Solutions with Related Accessories and Services, for applications such as a) office, conference, lobby, lounge, common, collaboration, multi-purpose, and meeting spaces; b) classroom, lab, studio, and maker spaces; c) library, media, technology, or computer centers; and, d) food service or dining areas, student union spaces, and residence halls. Comprehensive solutions are sought for furniture types to include, but not be limited to:

- a. Desks, chairs (folding and stackable), tables, modular walls, cubicles, seating (benches, fixed, stools, etc.), patio or outdoor, cabinets or integrated storage, and residential hall furnishings;
- b. Related services including rental, design, installation, assembly, safety inspection, repair, renovation, refurbishment, and re-manufacture, retrofit or recycling services for the furniture solutions described above; and
- c. Complementary offerings may include: office related storage and technology integrated furniture solutions.

A Proposer may elect to offer a materials-only solution, a turn-key solution, or an alternative solution. Generally, a turn-key solution is most desirable to Sourcewell and its Members, however, it is not mandatory or required.

This solicitation does not include those equipment, products, or services covered under categories included in contracts currently maintained by Sourcewell:

1. RFP#091719 Event Seating and Staging Solutions with Related Accessories and Services
2. RFP#040215 Storage Products or Systems with Related Accessories
3. RFP#081419 Technology Catalog Solutions

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Proposers may include related equipment, accessories, and services to the extent that these solutions are complementary to the equipment, products, or service(s) being proposed.

Generally, the solutions for Sourcewell Members are turn-key solutions, providing a combination of equipment, products and services, delivery, and installation to a properly operating status. However, equipment or products only solutions may be appropriate for situations where Sourcewell Members possess the ability, either in-house or through local third-party contractors, to properly install and bring to operation those equipment/products being proposed.

Sourcewell prefers vendors that provide a sole source of responsibility for the products and services provided under a resulting contract. If Proposer requires the use of dealers, resellers, or subcontractors to provide the products or services, the Proposal should address how the products or services will be provided to Members and describe the network of dealers, resellers, and/or subcontractors that will be available to serve Sourcewell Members under a resulting contract.

Sourcewell desires the broadest possible selection of products/equipment and services being proposed over the largest possible geographic area and to the largest possible cross-section of Sourcewell current and potential Members.

C. REQUIREMENTS

It is expected that Proposers have knowledge of all applicable industry standards, laws, and regulations and possess an ability to market and distribute the equipment, products, or services to Members.

1. Safety Requirements. All items proposed must comply with current applicable safety or regulatory standards or codes.
2. Deviation from Industry Standard. Deviations from industry standards must be identified with an explanation of how the equipment, products, and services will provide equivalent function, coverage, performance, and/or related services.
3. New Equipment and Products. Proposed equipment and products must be for new, current model; however, Proposer may offer certain close-out equipment or products if it is specifically noted in the Pricing proposal.
4. Delivered and operational. Unless clearly noted in the Proposal, equipment and products must be delivered to the Member as operational.
5. Warranty. All equipment, products, supplies, and services must be covered by a warranty that is the industry standard or better.

D. ANTICIPATED CONTRACT TERM

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Sourcewell anticipates that the term of any resulting contract(s) will be four (4) years. An extension may be offered based on the best interests of Sourcewell and its members.

E. ESTIMATED CONTRACT VALUE AND USAGE

Based on past volume of similar contracts, the estimated annual value of all transactions from contracts resulting from this RFP are anticipated to be USD \$200M therefore, proposers are expected to propose volume pricing. Sourcewell anticipates considerable activity under the contract(s) awarded from this RFP; however, sales and sales volume from any resulting contract are not guaranteed.

F. MARKETING PLAN

Proposer's sales force will be the primary source of communication with Members. The Proposer's Marketing Plan should demonstrate Proposer's ability to deploy a sales force or dealer network to Members, as well as Proposer's sales and service capabilities. It is expected that Proposer will promote and market any contract award.

G. ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

1. Contracts will be awarded to Proposers able to best meet the need of Members. Proposers should submit their complete line of equipment, products, or services that are applicable to the scope of this RFP.
2. Proposers should include all relevant information in its proposal. Sourcewell cannot consider information that is not provided in the Proposal. Sourcewell reserves the right to verify Proposer's information and may request clarification from a Proposer, including samples of the proposed equipment or products.
3. Depending upon the responses received in a given category, Sourcewell may need to organize responses into subcategories in order to provide the broadest coverage of the requested equipment, products, or services to Members. Awards may be based on a subcategory.
4. A Proposer's documented negative past performance with Sourcewell or its Members occurring under a previously awarded Sourcewell contract may be considered in the evaluation of a proposal.

III. PRICING

A. REQUIREMENTS

All proposed pricing must be:

1. Either Line-Item Pricing or Percentage Discount from Catalog Pricing, or a combination of these:

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- a. **Line-item Pricing** is pricing based on each individual product or services. Each line must indicate the Vendor's published "List Price," as well as the "Contract Price."
 - b. **Percentage Discount from Catalog or Category** is based on a percentage discount from a catalog or list price, defined as a published Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) for the products or services. Individualized percentage discounts can be applied to any number of defined product groupings. Proposers will be responsible for providing and maintaining current published MSRP with Sourcewell, and this pricing must be included in its proposal and provided throughout the term of any Contract resulting from this RFP.
2. The Proposer's ceiling price (Ceiling price means that the proposed pricing will be considered as the highest price for which equipment, products, or services may be billed to a Member). However, it is permissible for vendors to sell at a price that is lower than the contracted price;
 3. Stated in U.S., and Canadian dollars for Proposers intending to sell in Canada (as applicable); and
 4. Clearly understood, complete, and fully describe the total cost of acquisition (e.g., the cost of the proposed equipment, products, and services delivered and operational for its intended purpose in the Member's location).

Proposers should clearly identify any costs that are NOT included in the proposed product or service pricing. This may include items such as installation, set up, mandatory training, or initial inspection. Include identification of any parties that impose such costs and their relationship to the Proposer. Additionally, Proposers should clearly describe any unique distribution and/or delivery methods or options offered in the Proposal.

B. ADMINISTRATIVE FEES

Proposers are expected to pay to Sourcewell an administrative fee in exchange for Sourcewell facilitating the resulting contracts. The administrative fee is normally calculated as a percentage of the total sales to Members for all contracted equipment, products, or services made during a calendar quarter, and is typically one percent (1%) to two percent (2%). In some categories, a flat fee may be an acceptable alternative.

IV. CONTRACT

Proposers awarded a contract will be required to execute a contract with Sourcewell. Only those modifications the Proposer indicates in its proposal will be available for discussion. Much of the language in the Contract reflects Minnesota legal requirements and cannot be altered. Numerous and/or onerous exceptions that contradict Minnesota law may result in a proposal being disqualified from further review and evaluation.

To request a modification to the Contract terms, conditions, or specifications, a Proposer must complete and submit an Exceptions to Terms, Conditions, or Specifications Form, with all

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requested modifications, through the Sourcewell Procurement Portal at the time of submitting the Proposer's response.

V. RFP PROCESS

A. PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE

Sourcewell will hold an optional, non-mandatory pre-proposal conference via webcast on the date and time noted on page one of this RFP and on the Sourcewell Procurement Portal. The purpose of this conference is to allow potential Proposers to ask questions regarding this RFP and Sourcewell's competitive contracting process. Information about the webcast will be sent to all entities that requested a copy of this RFP through the Sourcewell Procurement Portal. Pre-proposal conference attendance is optional.

B. QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS RFP AND ORAL COMMUNICATION

Questions regarding this RFP must be submitted through the Sourcewell Procurement Portal. The deadline for submission of questions is found in the Solicitation Schedule and on the Sourcewell Procurement Portal. Answers to questions will be issued through an addendum to this RFP. Repetitive questions will be summarized into a single answer and identifying information will be removed from the submitted questions.

All questions, whether specific to a Proposer or generally related to the RFP, must be submitted using this process. Do not contact individual Sourcewell staff to ask questions or request information as this may disqualify the Proposer from responding to this RFP. Sourcewell will not respond to questions submitted after the deadline.

C. ADDENDA

Sourcewell may modify this RFP at any time prior to the proposal due date by issuing an addendum. Addenda issued by Sourcewell become a part of the RFP and will be delivered to potential Proposers through the Sourcewell Procurement Portal. Sourcewell accepts no liability in connection with the delivery of any addenda.

Before a proposal will be accepted through the Sourcewell Procurement Portal, all addenda, if any, must be acknowledged by the Proposer by checking the box for each addendum. It is the responsibility of the Proposer to check for any addenda that may have been issued up to the time for solicitation closing.

If an addendum is issued after a Proposer submitted its proposal, the Sourcewell Procurement Portal will WITHDRAW the submission and change the Proposer's proposal status to INCOMPLETE. The Proposer can view this status change in the "MY BIDS" section of the Sourcewell Procurement Portal Vendor Account. The Proposer is solely responsible to:

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- i) make any required adjustments to its proposal;
- ii) acknowledge the addenda; and
- iii) Ensure the re-submitted proposal is RECEIVED through the Sourcewell Procurement Portal no later than the closing time and date shown in the Solicitation Schedule.

D. PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

Proposer's complete proposal must be submitted through the Sourcewell Procurement Portal no later than the date and time specified in the Solicitation Schedule. Any other form of proposal submission, whether electronic, paper, or otherwise, will not be considered by Sourcewell. **Only complete proposals that are timely submitted through the Sourcewell Procurement Portal will be considered. Late proposals will not be considered.** It is the Proposer's sole responsibility to ensure that the proposal is received on time.

All proposals must be received through the Sourcewell Procurement Portal no later than the Proposal Due Date and time noted in the Solicitation Schedule above. It is recommended that Proposers allow sufficient time to upload the proposal and to resolve any issues that may arise. The closing time and date is determined by the Sourcewell Procurement Portal web clock.

In the event of problems with the Sourcewell Procurement Portal, follow the instructions for technical support posted in the portal. It may take up to twenty-four (24) hours to respond to certain issues.

Upon successful submission of a proposal, the Portal will automatically generate a confirmation email to the Proposer. If the Proposer does not receive a confirmation email, contact Sourcewell's support provider at support@bidsandtenders.ca.

To ensure receipt of the latest information and updates via email regarding this solicitation, or if the Proposer has obtained this solicitation document from a third party, the onus is on the Proposer to create a Sourcewell Procurement Portal Vendor Account and register for this solicitation opportunity.

All proposals must be acknowledged digitally by an authorized representative of the Proposer attesting that the information contained in in the proposal is true and accurate. By submitting a proposal, Proposer warrants that the information provided is true, correct, and reliable for purposes of evaluation for potential contract award. The submission of inaccurate, misleading, or false information is grounds for disqualification from a contract award and may subject the Proposer to remedies available by law.

E. GENERAL PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

Proposals must be:

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- In substantial compliance with the requirements of this RFP or it will be considered nonresponsive and be rejected.
- Complete. A proposal will be rejected if it is conditional or incomplete.
- Submitted in English.
- Valid and irrevocable for ninety (90) days following the Proposal Due Date.

Any and all costs incurred in responding to this RFP will be borne by the Proposer.

F. PROPOSAL WITHDRAWAL

Prior to the proposal deadline, a Proposer may withdraw its proposal.

G. OPENING

The Opening of Proposals will be conducted electronically through the Sourcewell Procurement Portal. A list of all Proposers will be made publicly available in the Sourcewell Procurement Portal after the Proposal Due Date, but no later than the Opening time listed in the Solicitation Schedule.

To view the list of Proposers, verify that the Sourcewell Procurement Portal opportunities list search is set to "All" or "Closed." The solicitation status will automatically change to "Closed" after the Proposal Due Date and Time.

VI. EVALUATION AND AWARD

A. EVALUATION

It is the intent of Sourcewell to award one or more contracts to responsive and responsible Proposer(s) offering the best overall quality, selection of equipment, products, and services, and price that meet the commonly requested specifications of Sourcewell and its Members. The award(s) will be limited to the number of offerors that Sourcewell determines is necessary to meet the needs of Sourcewell members. Factors to be considered in determining the number of contracts to be awarded in any category may include the following:

- The number of and geographic location of:
 - Proposers necessary to offer a comprehensive selection of equipment, products, or services for Members' use.
 - A Proposer's sales and service network to assure availability of product supply and coverage to meet Members' anticipated needs.
- Total evaluation scores.
- The attributes of Proposers, and their equipment, products, or services, to assist Members achieve environmental and social requirements, preferences, and goals. Information submitted as part of a proposal should be as specific as possible when

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responding to the RFP. Do not assume Sourcewell's knowledge about a specific vendor or product.

B. AWARD(S)

Award(s) will be made to the Proposer(s) whose proposal conforms to all conditions and requirements of the RFP, and consistent with the award criteria defined in this RFP.

Sourcewell may request written clarification of a proposal at any time during the evaluation process.

Proposal evaluation will be based on the following scoring criteria and the Sourcewell Evaluator Scoring Guide (available in the Sourcewell Procurement Portal):

Conformance to RFP Requirements	50
Financial Viability and Marketplace Success	75
Ability to Sell and Deliver Service	100
Marketing Plan	50
Value Added Attributes	75
Warranty	50
Depth and Breadth of Offered Equipment, Products, or Services	200
Pricing	400
TOTAL POINTS	1000

C. PROTESTS OF AWARDS

Any protest made under this RFP by a Proposer must be in writing, addressed to Sourcewell's Executive Director, and delivered to the Sourcewell office located at 202 12th Street NE, P.O. Box 219, Staples, MN 56479. The protest must be received no later than ten (10) calendar days' following Sourcewell's notice of contract award(s) or non-award and must be time stamped by Sourcewell no later than 4:30 p.m., Central Time.

A protest must include the following items:

- The name, address, and telephone number of the protester;
- The original signature of the protester or its representative;
- Identification of the solicitation by RFP number;
- A precise statement of the relevant facts;
- Identification of the issues to be resolved;
- Identification of the legal or factual basis;
- Any additional supporting documentation; and
- Protest bond in the amount of \$20,000.

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Protests that do not address these elements will not be reviewed.

D. RIGHTS RESERVED

This RFP does not commit Sourcewell to award any contract and a proposal may be rejected if it is nonresponsive, conditional, incomplete, conflicting, or misleading. Proposals that contain false statements or do not support an attribute or condition stated by the Proposer may be rejected.

Sourcewell reserves the right to:

- Modify or cancel this RFP at any time;
- Reject any and all proposals received;
- Reject proposals that do not comply with the provisions of this RFP;
- Select, for contracts or for discussion, a proposal other than that with the lowest cost;
- Waive or modify any informalities, irregularities, or inconsistencies in the proposals received;
- Discuss any aspect of the proposal with any Proposer and negotiate with more than one Proposer;
- Award a contract if only one responsive proposal is received if it is in the best interest of Members; and
- Award a contract to one or more Proposers if it is in the best interest of Members.

E. DISPOSITION OF PROPOSALS

All materials submitted in response to this RFP will become property of Sourcewell and will become public record in accordance with Minnesota Statutes Section 13.591, after negotiations are complete. Sourcewell determines that negotiations are complete upon execution of the resulting contract. If the Proposer submits information in response to this RFP that it believes to be trade secret materials, as defined by the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Minnesota Statutes Section 13.37, the Proposer must:

- Clearly mark all trade secret materials in its proposal at the time the proposal is submitted;
- Include a statement with its proposal justifying the trade secret designation for each item; and
- Defend any action seeking release of the materials it believes to be trade secret, and indemnify and hold harmless Sourcewell, its agents and employees, from any judgments or damages awarded against Sourcewell in favor of the party requesting the materials, and any and all costs connected with that defense. This indemnification survives Sourcewell's award of a contract. In submitting a proposal to this RFP, the Proposer agrees that this indemnification survives as long as the trade secret materials are in possession of Sourcewell.

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Sourcewell will not consider the prices submitted by the Proposer to be proprietary or trade secret materials. Financial information provided by a Proposer is not considered trade secret under the statutory definition.

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Addendum No. 1

Solicitation Number: RFP 121919

Solicitation Name: Furniture Solutions with Related Accessories and Services

Consider the following Questions and Answers to be part of the above-titled solicitation documents. The remainder of the documents remain unchanged.

Question 1:

Can you advise for this RFP the details of this solicitation? I see the basic requirements for fulfillment, but do not see the details.

Answer 1:

Sourcewell utilizes a competitive, solutions-based solicitation approach that is not based on detailed specifications or finite quantities for our cooperative contract awards. A respondent is allowed to propose the entire line of products and services falling within the scope of the RFP. Section II. B. of the RFP addresses the requested equipment, products or services for this solicitation.

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End of Addendum

Acknowledgement of this Addendum to RFP 121919 posted to the Sourcewell Procurement Portal on 10/31/2019, is required at the time of proposal submittal.

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Addendum No. 2

Solicitation Number: RFP 121919

Solicitation Name: Furniture Solutions with Related Accessories and Services

Consider the following Questions and Answers to be part of the above-titled solicitation documents. The remainder of the documents remain unchanged.

Question 1:

Is it a requirement to pay the administrative fee on services? Would it be possible to pay the admin fee on products only?

Answer 1:

Refer to RFP Section III. B. – Administrative Fees, for directions on proposing an administrative fee. It is left to the discretion of each proposer to determine and propose an administrative fee that is consistent with its business and its industry.

End of Addendum

Acknowledgement of this Addendum to RFP 121919 posted to the Sourcewell Procurement Portal on 11/4/2019, is required at the time of proposal submittal.

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Addendum No. 3

Solicitation Number: RFP 121919

Solicitation Name: Furniture Solutions with Related Accessories and Services

Consider the following Questions and Answers to be part of the above-titled solicitation documents. The remainder of the documents remain unchanged.

Question 1:

Pursuant to the Question and subsequent Addendum No. 1, in understanding that the "respondent is allowed to propose the entire line of products and services falling within the scope of the RFP", and referring to Section II. B., can you clarify that there is no specific template, Excel sheet or other required format in the submission of the responses?

Answer 1:

All proposals must be submitted through the Sourcewell Procurement Portal. Guidance on preparing a response in the Portal can be found in the "Submit Response Guide" found on the "Bids Homepage" in the Resource Materials section.

Question 2:

Section III PRICING, A. describes the requirements for pricing proposals. Is a proposer who distributes via a dealer network, required to provide the dealer pricing/discount/margin and the Sourcewell member pricing/discounting in their submission?

Answer 2:

It is left to the discretion of each proposer to articulate and propose the pricing approach that aligns with their business methods and satisfies all the requirements of RFP Article III - Pricing. Proposals are evaluated based on the criteria stated in the RFP.

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Question 3:

Since delivery and installation of product is generally facilitated by the dealer, how shall the cost of labor be handled vis a vis this RFP submission? Can the dealer add their cost of labor on a case by case basis?

Answer 3:

It is left to the discretion of each proposer to determine and propose the pricing approach that aligns with their business methods and satisfies all the requirements of RFP Article III - Pricing. Proposals are evaluated based on the criteria stated in the RFP.

Question 4:

Although financial information does not fall under Minnesota Statutes Section 13.37, some of the financial information requested, is not public information. Will Sourcewell execute a confidentiality agreement prior to a proposer's release of this information?

Answer 4:

Sourcewell is subject to the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act and will not execute a confidentiality agreement for a proposer. It is left to the discretion of each proposer to determine the documentation necessary to best demonstrate their ability to serve Sourcewell members and that they are willing to include. The solicitation is a competitive process and proposals are evaluated on the content submitted. Reference Section VI. E. of Sourcewell RFP.

Question 5:

Is there a list of narrative questions in the form of a pdf? If not, is there a way to download the questions from the portal to pdf?

Answer 5:

After selecting "Start Submission", a proposer may navigate to Step 4 – "Preview Bid" and select "Preview My Bid in PDF" if a downloadable PDF of the questionnaire tables is desired.

End of Addendum

Acknowledgement of this Addendum to RFP 121919 posted to the Sourcewell Procurement Portal on 11/8/2019, is required at the time of proposal submittal.

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Addendum No. 4

Solicitation Number: RFP 121919

Solicitation Name: Furniture Solutions with Related Accessories and Services

Consider the following Questions and Answers to be part of the above-titled solicitation documents. The remainder of the documents remain unchanged.

Question 1:

Is this bid is intended for Saskatchewan and Alberta entities only? On pg.2 it says it is for MASH, RMA, SARM and SUMA AMM?

Answer 1: Sourcewell is seeking solutions to serve the largest possible cross-section of current and potential Sourcewell Members. Refer to RFP Article I., Section B – Members and Use of the Resulting Contracts. In Canada, this includes municipalities and publicly-funded academic institutions, school boards, health authorities, and social services (MASH sectors), which may include the members of RMA, SARM, SUMA, and AMM, as examples.

Question 2:

If you are looking for turnkey solutions, does this mean you would like all products proposed and not just one (like seating)?

Answer 2:

Each proposer, in its discretion, will propose the equipment, products, and services that it deems to fall within Sourcewell's requested equipment, products, and services as described in RFP Section II. B (Requested Equipment, Products and Services). Sourcewell is seeking "... the broadest possible selection of products/equipment and services being proposed over the largest possible geographic area and to the largest possible cross-section of Sourcewell current and potential Members." Proposals are evaluated based on the criteria as stated in the RFP.

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Question 3:

The solicitation states the Administrative Fees are typically 1% to 2%. What determines the calculated percentage? How is that communicated to the supplier?

Answer 3:

Refer to RFP Section III. B. – Administrative Fees, and Addendum No. 2, Answer 1, with respect to administrative fees.

End of Addendum

Acknowledgement of this Addendum to RFP 121919 posted to the Sourcewell Procurement Portal on 11/11/2019, is required at the time of proposal submittal.

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Addendum No. 5

Solicitation Number: RFP 121919

Solicitation Name: Furniture Solutions with Related Accessories and Services

Consider the following Questions and Answers to be part of the above-titled solicitation documents. The remainder of the documents remain unchanged.

Question 1:

To clarify, is Sourcewell is asking for a Drop Ship (Dock Delivery) discount or a Delivered and Installed Discount? Do we need to submit highest product price for all of our products in a separate document or will Price Books suffice?

Answer 1:

Refer to RFP Section III. – PRICING, and Addendum No. 3, Answer 2, with respect to pricing.

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End of Addendum

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Addendum No. 6

Solicitation Number: RFP 121919

Solicitation Name: Furniture Solutions with Related Accessories and Services

Consider the following Questions and Answers to be part of the above-titled solicitation documents. The remainder of the documents remain unchanged.

Question 1:

What is the Membership size in Canada? Is it optional for us to sell to Canadian Members?

Answer 1:

Each proposer is expected to complete the tables in Step 1, entitled "Ability to Sell and Service Nationwide" and "Value-Added Attributes", describing their ability to serve Sourcewell members in the United States and Canada. Proposals are evaluated based on the criteria stated in the RFP. Sourcewell members include thousands of governmental, higher education, K-12 education, not-for-profit, tribal government, and other public agencies located in the United States and Canada.

Question 2:

Are we able to utilize our current Price Books but include the US-Canadian Dollar Conversion Calculation on the cover page of the Price Book?

Answer 2:

Refer to RFP Section III. A. 3. – Pricing Requirements, for directions applicable to pricing for Proposers intending to sell in Canada. It is left to the discretion of each proposer to determine and propose a pricing model that is consistent with the RFP terms and their own business methods.

Question 3:

Within the scope of the RFP, under III. Pricing, all pricing quoted must reflect a Member's total cost of acquisition. Is it acceptable to submit pricing for product only,

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with shipping and handling charges to be calculated and added at time of quote? Will Sourcewell accept any exceptions or deviations to the terms.

Answer 3:

Refer to RFP Section III. A. 3. – Pricing Requirements, for directions applicable to pricing. It is left to the discretion of each proposer to determine and propose a pricing model that is clearly understood, complete, and fully describes the total cost of acquisition.

A request for modification to the Sourcewell contract template may only be submitted with a proposal. To request a modification to the template Contract terms, conditions, or specifications, a Proposer may complete and submit the Exceptions to Terms, Conditions, or Specifications Form, which is found as the final Table of Step 1 in the proposal submission process. The contract template will be completed and sent to each awarded vendor, with inclusion of any exceptions stated in the proposer's Exceptions to Terms, Conditions, or Specifications Form that are acceptable to Sourcewell, with the award notification.

Question 4:

If we have products that have been used for Technology benching, and also used for Science or Art tables in K-12 market, and training classes, can we include our products on the Office Furniture contract? The RFP states: This solicitation does not include those equipment, products, or services covered under categories included in contracts currently maintained by Sourcewell: RFP#081419 Technology Catalog Solutions.

Answer 4:

Each proposer, in its discretion, will propose the equipment, products, and services that it deems to fall within Sourcewell's requested equipment, products, and services as described in RFP Section II. B (Requested Equipment, Products and Services). However, only those products within the scope of the RFP will be included in any contract awarded by Sourcewell as a result of this solicitation.

Question 5:

Please give more clarification for Question 68 - "Describe your design resources to develop or enhance culture, change management and integrated technology needs."

Answer 5:

Each Proposer has the opportunity to describe their capabilities with respect to the relevant design resources in response to Question 68.

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Question 6:

What regions or municipalities does this bid pertain to so we can propose the best team to service the bid?

Answer 6:

Sourcewell members include thousands of governmental, higher education, K-12 education, not-for-profit, tribal government, and other public agencies located in the United States and Canada.

Question 7:

When can we expect to receive the call-in information for the pre-bid conference?

Answer 7:

Registered plan takers will receive log-in instructions via email two business days prior to the WebEx conference.

End of Addendum

Acknowledgement of this Addendum to RFP 121919 posted to the Sourcewell Procurement Portal on 11/18/2019, is required at the time of proposal submittal.



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Addendum No. 7

Solicitation Number: RFP 121919

Solicitation Name: Furniture Solutions with Related Accessories and Services

Consider the following Questions and Answers to be part of the above-titled solicitation documents. The remainder of the documents remain unchanged.

Question 1:

Is a manufacturer's authorization required to be submitted for each brand specified and/or quoted?

Answer 1:

It is left to the discretion of each proposer to determine the documentation necessary to best demonstrate their ability to serve Sourcewell members and satisfy all the requirements included in the questionnaire tables.

Question 2:

In the specifications area of the bid response, do any of the line items within the tables have character limits?

Answer 2:

In our experience, the tables provide enough space for a proposer to provide a brief but thorough response to each question.

Question 3:

Will the agency please provide a list of current Sourcewell members, as noted in the RFP?

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Answer 3:

The reference in RFP Article I, Section B, to the Appendix of Members is to the "Political Subdivision List", available by hyperlink, in the Resource Materials section on the front page of the Sourcewell Procurement Portal. The hyperlinked listing is intended to satisfy the requirement of certain states that Sourcewell make a list of members in the jurisdiction available at the time of the solicitation. More generally, membership is open to government and non-profit entities across the United States and Canada; such as municipal, state/province, K-12 and higher education, tribal government, and other public entities.

Question 4:

Will separate price lists for the United States and Canada be acceptable?

Answer 4:

It is left to the discretion of each proposer to determine and propose the pricing approach that aligns with their business methods and satisfies all the requirements of RFP Article III - Pricing. Proposals are evaluated based on the criteria stated in the RFP.

Question 5:

If a manufacturer chooses not to service Canada, would this negatively impact their likelihood to receive an award?

Answer 5:

Each proposer is expected to complete the tables in Step 1, entitled "Ability to Sell and Service" and "Value-Added Attributes", describing their ability to serve Sourcewell members in the United States and Canada. Proposals are evaluated based on the criteria stated in the RFP.

Question 6:

Will the agency please further clarify the scoring criteria?

Answer 6:

Refer to RFP section VI. B. AWARDS for evaluation criteria for this solicitation and the Sourcewell Evaluator Scoring Guide (available by hyperlink, in the Resource Materials section on the front page of the Sourcewell Procurement Portal).

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Question 7:

Will Sourcwell please clarify the Administrative Fees portion?

Answer 7:

Refer to RFP Section III. B. – Administrative Fees, for directions on proposing an administrative fee. It is left to the discretion of each proposer to determine and propose an administrative fee that is consistent with its business and its industry.

End of Addendum

Acknowledgement of this Addendum to RFP 121919 posted to the Sourcwell Procurement Portal on 11/20/2019, is required at the time of proposal submittal.

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11/21/2019

Addendum No. 8

Solicitation Number: RFP 121919

Solicitation Name: Furniture Solutions with Related Accessories and Services

Consider the following Questions and Answers to be part of the above-titled solicitation documents. The remainder of the documents remain unchanged.

Question 1:

Is there a limit on the number of awards?

Answer 1:

Refer to RFP Section VI. EVALUATION AND AWARD, subsections A. and B., for information regarding Sourcewell's intent with respect to awards. No limit (floor or ceiling) on the number of awards has been imposed.

Question 2:

Do the award criteria include a set minimum on a Proposer's: a) company size; b) sales volume or annual revenues; or, c) years in business?

Answer 2:

Refer to RFP Section VI. EVALUATION AND AWARD, subsections A. and B., for information regarding the evaluation criteria. No minimums of the types described have been imposed.

Question 3:

What weight is placed on a company's past experience with Sourcewell/NJPA versus new comers?

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Answer 3:

Sourcewell will consider the relevant information submitted in each proposal and apply the evaluation criteria as set forth in the RFP.

Question 4:

If a manufacturer offers products for music furnishings, that could be considered cross over in the storage and platforms categories, can those products be submitted under the furniture solicitation.

Answer 4:

Each proposer, in its discretion, will propose the equipment, products, and services that it deems to fall within Sourcewell's requested equipment, products, and services as described in RFP Section II. B (Requested Equipment, Products and Services). However, only those products within the scope of the RFP will be included in any contract awarded by Sourcewell as a result of this solicitation.

Question 5:

During the pre-bid conference, the presenters stated that a manufacturer and a dealer could both propose the same product line. How must the dealer prove they have authorization if a Manufacturer's Letter of Authorization is not required?

Answer 5:

As stated in Addendum 7, it is left to the discretion of each proposer to determine the documentation necessary to best demonstrate their ability to serve Sourcewell members and satisfy all the requirements included in the questionnaire tables.

Question 6:

Do any line items in the questionnaire tables have character limits?

Answer 6:

As indicated in Addendum 7, there is sufficient space for the proposer to provide a brief but thorough response to each question. The platform designer indicates the character limit of a text field is 32,000.

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End of Addendum

Acknowledgement of this Addendum to RFP 121919 posted to the Sourcewell Procurement Portal on 11/21/2019, is required at the time of proposal submittal.

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12/2/2019

Addendum No. 9

Solicitation Number: RFP 121919

Solicitation Name: Furniture Solutions with Related Accessories and Services

Consider the following Question and Answer to be part of the above-titled solicitation documents. The remainder of the documents remain unchanged.

Question 1:

We are a division of a larger parent company and cannot release information as a division in response to several questions without a non-disclosure agreement or protection of a -proprietary/trade secret clause. The information can be released as our company as a whole but not by division without an NDA. Can you tell us how we should proceed?

Answer 1:

In the competitive process, Sourcewell will not advise a proposer on the content of the proposal. So, it is left to the discretion of each proposer to determine the information necessary to best demonstrate their ability to serve Sourcewell members and that they are willing to include. The solicitation is a competitive process and proposals are evaluated on the content submitted. Sourcewell is subject to the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act and will not execute a non-disclosure agreement for a proposer. Reference Section VI. E. of the Sourcewell RFP.

End of Addendum

Acknowledgement of this Addendum to RFP 121919 posted to the Sourcewell Procurement Portal on 12/2/2019, is required at the time of proposal submittal.

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Addendum No. 10

Solicitation Number: RFP 121919

Solicitation Name: Furniture Solutions with Related Accessories and Services

Consider the following Questions and Answers to be part of the above-titled solicitation documents. The remainder of the documents remain unchanged.

Question 1:

If a manufacturer enters a bid for this solicitation and lists a specific dealer as part of his bid, can the dealer also enter a bid listing the manufacturer's line of products and can both of them be awarded?

Answer 1:

Sourcewell does not limit the proposers in any given solicitation. Each proposer, in its discretion, will propose the equipment, products, and services that it deems to fall within Sourcewell's requested equipment, products, and services as described in RFP Section II. B (Requested Equipment, Products and Services). Proposals are evaluated based on the criteria stated in the RFP.

Question 2:

Is Sourcewell including Quebec in this solicitation?

Answer 2:

Sourcewell utilizes a competitive, solutions-based solicitation approach that is not based on detailed specifications, finite quantities, or set locations. Sourcewell members include thousands of governmental, higher education, K-12 education, not-for-profit, tribal government, and other public agencies located in the United States and Canada. However, this solicitation has not been posted in the French language, nor has it been advertised specifically in Quebec, which may impact the use of the awarded contracts within the province.

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Question 3:

In section 4 of the sample contract provided regarding product and pricing change requests, the last bullet point states to include a complete restatement of pricing documentation in Microsoft Excel. Can you please confirm if the initial pricing must be in excel format or can we submit our price book only with an intended discount structure?

Answer 3:

Section 4, Product and Pricing Change Requests of the Contract Template is applicable once a vendor has a contract and needs to change pricing or add or subtract products from the initial proposed offering. It is left to the discretion of each proposer to determine and propose the pricing approach that aligns with their business methods and satisfies all the requirements of RFP Article III - Pricing. Proposals are evaluated based on the criteria stated in the RFP.

End of Addendum

Acknowledgement of this Addendum to RFP 121919 posted to the Sourcewell Procurement Portal on 12/5/2019, is required at the time of proposal submittal.

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Addendum No. 11

Solicitation Number: RFP 121919

Solicitation Name: Furniture Solutions with Related Accessories and Services

Consider the following Question and Answer to be part of the above-titled solicitation documents. The remainder of the documents remain unchanged.

Question 1:

We do not carry an insurance coverage required in the Sourcewell contract template. How should we address this in our response?

Answer 1:

To request a modification to the template Contract terms, conditions, or specifications, a Proposer may complete and submit the Exceptions to Terms, Conditions, or Specifications Form, which is found as the final Table of Step 1 – Specifications in the proposal submission process. The contract template will be completed and sent to each awarded vendor, with inclusion of any exceptions stated in the proposer's Exceptions to Terms, Conditions, or Specifications Form that are acceptable to Sourcewell, at the time of award notification.

End of Addendum

Acknowledgement of this Addendum to RFP 121919 posted to the Sourcewell Procurement Portal on 12/5/2019, is required at the time of proposal submittal.

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Addendum No. 12

Solicitation Number: RFP 121919

Solicitation Name: Furniture Solutions with Related Accessories and Services

Consider the following Question and Answer to be part of the above-titled solicitation documents. The remainder of the documents remain unchanged.

Question 1:

Regarding Table 11: Pricing & Delivery - Line Item 54, the detailed pricing data showing both our list prices as well as the Sourcewell discounted price for all SKUs expands some of the price lists beyond a standard letter size in landscape orientation, but works in 11 x 17 landscape orientation. Will this be an issue when submitting our pricing data in an electronic format?

Answer 1:

It is left to the discretion of each proposer to determine the content and format of the data and documentation that best represents their proposal. As mentioned in Addendum 3, a Proposer may navigate to Step 4 of the response process, select "Preview Bid" and then "Preview My Bid in PDF" to self-assess the output format. Sourcewell will consider the relevant information submitted in each proposal and apply the evaluation criteria as set forth in the RFP.

End of Addendum

Acknowledgement of this Addendum to RFP 121919 posted to the Sourcewell Procurement Portal on 12/13/2019, is required at the time of proposal submittal.

EXHIBIT A - SCOPE OF SERVICES/PAYMENT PROVISIONS

**To Agreement by and between
County of Monterey, hereinafter referred to as “County”
and
Staples Contract & Commercial, LLC, hereinafter referred to as “CONTRACTOR”**

A. SCOPE OF SERVICES

A.1 CONTRACTOR shall provide services and staff, and otherwise do all things necessary for or incidental to the performance of work, as set forth below:

Furniture solutions with related accessories and services, procured under Sourcewell contract 121919-SCC (Exhibit B).

B. PAYMENT PROVISIONS

B.1 COMPENSATION/ PAYMENT

County shall pay an amount not to exceed \$500,000 for the performance of all things necessary for or incidental to the performance of work as set forth in the Scope of Services. CONTRACTOR'S compensation for services rendered shall be based on the following rates or in accordance with the following terms:

All rates shall be based on and shall not exceed product pricing guidelines established in Sourcewell Contract 121919-SCC.

No travel reimbursement shall be allowed during this Agreement.

CONTRACTOR agrees that pursuant to Labor Code Section 1771, not less than general prevailing rate of per diem wages shall be paid to all workers employed on any public work projects in excess of one thousand dollars (\$1,000).

Under California Labor Code sections 1720 et seq., a contract for some or all of the work contemplated by this RFP may be considered a public work. If applicable, CONTRACTOR shall comply with provisions of the Labor Code (sections 1720 et seq.) governing public works, including payment of prevailing wages, payroll records, and employment of apprentices. Copies of the determination of the general prevailing rate of per diem wages are available to interested parties at: <http://www.dir.ca.gov/public-works/prevailing-wage.html>

CONTRACTOR warrants that the cost charged for services under the terms of this Agreement are not in excess of those charged any other client for the same services performed by the same individuals.

B.2 CONTRACTOR'S BILLING PROCEDURES

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Invoices under this Agreement shall be submitted monthly and promptly, and in accordance with Section 6, "Payment Conditions", of the Agreement. All invoices shall reference the Multi-Year Agreement (MYA) number, Project name, and/or services, and associated Delivery Order (DO) number, and an original hardcopy shall be sent to the following address or via email to PWFP-Finance-AP@co.monterey.ca.us:

County of Monterey
Department of Public Works, Facilities, & Parks (PWFP) – Finance Division
1441 Schilling Place, South 2nd Floor
Salinas, California 93901-4527

Any questions pertaining to invoices under this Agreement shall be directed to the PWFP Finance Division at (831) 755-4800 or via email to: PWFP-Finance-AP@co.monterey.ca.us.

County may, in its sole discretion, terminate the Agreement or withhold payments claimed by CONTRACTOR for services rendered if CONTRACTOR fails to satisfactorily comply with any term or condition of this Agreement.

No payments in advance or in anticipation of services or supplies to be provided under this Agreement shall be made by County.

County shall not pay any claims for payment for services submitted more than twelve (12) months after the calendar month in which the services were completed.

DISALLOWED COSTS: CONTRACTOR is responsible for any audit exceptions or disallowed costs incurred by its own organization or that of its subcontractors.



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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
for
Furniture Solutions with Related Accessories and Services

Proposal Due Date: December 19, 4:30 p.m., Central Time

Sourcewell, a State of Minnesota local government agency and service cooperative, is requesting proposals for Furniture Solutions with Related Accessories and Services to result in a contracting solution for use by its members. Sourcewell members include thousands of governmental, higher education, K-12 education, not-for-profit, tribal government, and other public agencies located in the United States and Canada. A full copy of the Request for Proposals can be found on the Sourcewell Procurement Portal [<https://proportal.sourcewell-mn.gov>]. Only proposals submitted through the Sourcewell Procurement Portal will be considered. Proposals are due no later than December 19, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. Central Time, and late proposals will not be considered.

Solicitation Schedule

Public Notice of RFP Published:	October 31, 2019
Pre-proposal Conference:	November 21, 2019 10:00 a.m., Central Time
Question Submission Deadline:	December 12, 2019, 4:30 p.m., Central Time
Proposal Due Date:	December 19, 2019 4:30 p.m., Central Time Late responses will not be considered.
Opening:	December 19, 2019, 6:30 p.m., Central Time **

** SEE RFP SUB-SECTION V. G. "OPENING"

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I. ABOUT SOURCEWELL AND MEMBERS

A. SOURCEWELL

Sourcewell is a State of Minnesota local government agency and service cooperative created under the laws of the State of Minnesota (Minnesota Statutes Section 123A.21) that facilitates a competitive public solicitation and contract award process for the benefit of its 50,000+ members across the United States and Canada. Sourcewell's solicitation process complies with Minnesota law and policies, and results in cooperative contracting solutions from which Sourcewell's members procure equipment, products, and services.

Cooperative contracting provides members and vendors increased administrative efficiencies and the power of combined purchasing volume that result in overall cost savings. At times, Sourcewell also partners with other purchasing cooperatives to combine the purchasing volume of their membership into a single solicitation and contract expanding the reach of contracted vendors potential pool of end users.

Sourcewell uses a website-based platform, the Sourcewell Procurement Portal, through which all proposals to this RFP must be submitted.

B. MEMBERS AND USE OF RESULTING CONTRACTS

Membership in Sourcewell is open to government and non-profit entities across the United States and Canada; such as municipal, state/province, K-12 and higher education, tribal government, and other public entities. Access to contracted equipment, products, or services by Members is typically through a purchase order issued directly to the applicable vendor. A Member may request additional terms or conditions related to a purchase. Use of Sourcewell contracts is voluntary and Members retain the right to obtain similar equipment, products, or services from other sources.

To meet Members' needs, public notice of this RFP has been broadly published, including notification to each state-level procurement departments for possible re-posting. As required by certain states, an Appendix of Members is included in this RFP and can be found in the Sourcewell Procurement Portal. Proof of publication will be available at the conclusion of the solicitation process.

For Canadian entities: This RFP is intended to include municipalities and publicly-funded academic institutions, school boards, health authorities, and social services (MASH sectors); including members of the Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA), and their represented Associations: Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities (SARM), Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association (SUMA), and Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM).

II. EQUIPMENT, PRODUCTS, AND SERVICES

A. SOLUTIONS-BASED SOLICITATION

This RFP and contract award process is a solutions-based solicitation; meaning that Sourcewell is seeking equipment, products, or services that meet the general requirements of the scope of this RFP and that are commonly desired or are required by law or industry standards.

B. REQUESTED EQUIPMENT, PRODUCTS, OR SERVICES

It is expected that Proposers offer a wide array of equipment, products, or services at lower prices and with better value than what they would ordinarily offer to a single government entity, a school district, or a regional cooperative.

1. Sourcewell is seeking proposals for Furniture Solutions with Related Accessories and Services, for applications such as a) office, conference, lobby, lounge, common, collaboration, multi-purpose, and meeting spaces; b) classroom, lab, studio, and maker spaces; c) library, media, technology, or computer centers; and, d) food service or dining areas, student union spaces, and residence halls. Comprehensive solutions are sought for furniture types to include, but not be limited to:

- a. Desks, chairs (folding and stackable), tables, modular walls, cubicles, seating (benches, fixed, stools, etc.), patio or outdoor, cabinets or integrated storage, and residential hall furnishings;
- b. Related services including rental, design, installation, assembly, safety inspection, repair, renovation, refurbishment, and re-manufacture, retrofit or recycling services for the furniture solutions described above; and
- c. Complementary offerings may include: office related storage and technology integrated furniture solutions.

A Proposer may elect to offer a materials-only solution, a turn-key solution, or an alternative solution. Generally, a turn-key solution is most desirable to Sourcewell and its Members, however, it is not mandatory or required.

This solicitation does not include those equipment, products, or services covered under categories included in contracts currently maintained by Sourcewell:

1. RFP#091719 Event Seating and Staging Solutions with Related Accessories and Services
2. RFP#040215 Storage Products or Systems with Related Accessories
3. RFP#081419 Technology Catalog Solutions

Proposers may include related equipment, accessories, and services to the extent that these solutions are complementary to the equipment, products, or service(s) being proposed.

Generally, the solutions for Sourcewell Members are turn-key solutions, providing a combination of equipment, products and services, delivery, and installation to a properly operating status. However, equipment or products only solutions may be appropriate for situations where Sourcewell Members possess the ability, either in-house or through local third-party contractors, to properly install and bring to operation those equipment/products being proposed.

Sourcewell prefers vendors that provide a sole source of responsibility for the products and services provided under a resulting contract. If Proposer requires the use of dealers, resellers, or subcontractors to provide the products or services, the Proposal should address how the products or services will be provided to Members and describe the network of dealers, resellers, and/or subcontractors that will be available to serve Sourcewell Members under a resulting contract.

Sourcewell desires the broadest possible selection of products/equipment and services being proposed over the largest possible geographic area and to the largest possible cross-section of Sourcewell current and potential Members.

C. REQUIREMENTS

It is expected that Proposers have knowledge of all applicable industry standards, laws, and regulations and possess an ability to market and distribute the equipment, products, or services to Members.

1. Safety Requirements. All items proposed must comply with current applicable safety or regulatory standards or codes.
2. Deviation from Industry Standard. Deviations from industry standards must be identified with an explanation of how the equipment, products, and services will provide equivalent function, coverage, performance, and/or related services.
3. New Equipment and Products. Proposed equipment and products must be for new, current model; however, Proposer may offer certain close-out equipment or products if it is specifically noted in the Pricing proposal.
4. Delivered and operational. Unless clearly noted in the Proposal, equipment and products must be delivered to the Member as operational.
5. Warranty. All equipment, products, supplies, and services must be covered by a warranty that is the industry standard or better.

D. ANTICIPATED CONTRACT TERM

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Sourcewell anticipates that the term of any resulting contract(s) will be four (4) years. An extension may be offered based on the best interests of Sourcewell and its members.

E. ESTIMATED CONTRACT VALUE AND USAGE

Based on past volume of similar contracts, the estimated annual value of all transactions from contracts resulting from this RFP are anticipated to be USD \$200M therefore, proposers are expected to propose volume pricing. Sourcewell anticipates considerable activity under the contract(s) awarded from this RFP; however, sales and sales volume from any resulting contract are not guaranteed.

F. MARKETING PLAN

Proposer's sales force will be the primary source of communication with Members. The Proposer's Marketing Plan should demonstrate Proposer's ability to deploy a sales force or dealer network to Members, as well as Proposer's sales and service capabilities. It is expected that Proposer will promote and market any contract award.

G. ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

1. Contracts will be awarded to Proposers able to best meet the need of Members. Proposers should submit their complete line of equipment, products, or services that are applicable to the scope of this RFP.
2. Proposers should include all relevant information in its proposal. Sourcewell cannot consider information that is not provided in the Proposal. Sourcewell reserves the right to verify Proposer's information and may request clarification from a Proposer, including samples of the proposed equipment or products.
3. Depending upon the responses received in a given category, Sourcewell may need to organize responses into subcategories in order to provide the broadest coverage of the requested equipment, products, or services to Members. Awards may be based on a subcategory.
4. A Proposer's documented negative past performance with Sourcewell or its Members occurring under a previously awarded Sourcewell contract may be considered in the evaluation of a proposal.

III. PRICING

A. REQUIREMENTS

All proposed pricing must be:

1. Either Line-Item Pricing or Percentage Discount from Catalog Pricing, or a combination of these:

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- a. **Line-item Pricing** is pricing based on each individual product or services. Each line must indicate the Vendor's published "List Price," as well as the "Contract Price."
 - b. **Percentage Discount from Catalog or Category** is based on a percentage discount from a catalog or list price, defined as a published Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) for the products or services. Individualized percentage discounts can be applied to any number of defined product groupings. Proposers will be responsible for providing and maintaining current published MSRP with Sourcewell, and this pricing must be included in its proposal and provided throughout the term of any Contract resulting from this RFP.
2. The Proposer's ceiling price (Ceiling price means that the proposed pricing will be considered as the highest price for which equipment, products, or services may be billed to a Member). However, it is permissible for vendors to sell at a price that is lower than the contracted price;
 3. Stated in U.S., and Canadian dollars for Proposers intending to sell in Canada (as applicable); and
 4. Clearly understood, complete, and fully describe the total cost of acquisition (e.g., the cost of the proposed equipment, products, and services delivered and operational for its intended purpose in the Member's location).

Proposers should clearly identify any costs that are NOT included in the proposed product or service pricing. This may include items such as installation, set up, mandatory training, or initial inspection. Include identification of any parties that impose such costs and their relationship to the Proposer. Additionally, Proposers should clearly describe any unique distribution and/or delivery methods or options offered in the Proposal.

B. ADMINISTRATIVE FEES

Proposers are expected to pay to Sourcewell an administrative fee in exchange for Sourcewell facilitating the resulting contracts. The administrative fee is normally calculated as a percentage of the total sales to Members for all contracted equipment, products, or services made during a calendar quarter, and is typically one percent (1%) to two percent (2%). In some categories, a flat fee may be an acceptable alternative.

IV. CONTRACT

Proposers awarded a contract will be required to execute a contract with Sourcewell. Only those modifications the Proposer indicates in its proposal will be available for discussion. Much of the language in the Contract reflects Minnesota legal requirements and cannot be altered. Numerous and/or onerous exceptions that contradict Minnesota law may result in a proposal being disqualified from further review and evaluation.

To request a modification to the Contract terms, conditions, or specifications, a Proposer must complete and submit an Exceptions to Terms, Conditions, or Specifications Form, with all

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requested modifications, through the Sourcwell Procurement Portal at the time of submitting the Proposer's response.

V. RFP PROCESS

A. PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE

Sourcwell will hold an optional, non-mandatory pre-proposal conference via webcast on the date and time noted on page one of this RFP and on the Sourcwell Procurement Portal. The purpose of this conference is to allow potential Proposers to ask questions regarding this RFP and Sourcwell's competitive contracting process. Information about the webcast will be sent to all entities that requested a copy of this RFP through the Sourcwell Procurement Portal. Pre-proposal conference attendance is optional.

B. QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS RFP AND ORAL COMMUNICATION

Questions regarding this RFP must be submitted through the Sourcwell Procurement Portal. The deadline for submission of questions is found in the Solicitation Schedule and on the Sourcwell Procurement Portal. Answers to questions will be issued through an addendum to this RFP. Repetitive questions will be summarized into a single answer and identifying information will be removed from the submitted questions.

All questions, whether specific to a Proposer or generally related to the RFP, must be submitted using this process. Do not contact individual Sourcwell staff to ask questions or request information as this may disqualify the Proposer from responding to this RFP. Sourcwell will not respond to questions submitted after the deadline.

C. ADDENDA

Sourcwell may modify this RFP at any time prior to the proposal due date by issuing an addendum. Addenda issued by Sourcwell become a part of the RFP and will be delivered to potential Proposers through the Sourcwell Procurement Portal. Sourcwell accepts no liability in connection with the delivery of any addenda.

Before a proposal will be accepted through the Sourcwell Procurement Portal, all addenda, if any, must be acknowledged by the Proposer by checking the box for each addendum. It is the responsibility of the Proposer to check for any addenda that may have been issued up to the time for solicitation closing.

If an addendum is issued after a Proposer submitted its proposal, the Sourcwell Procurement Portal will WITHDRAW the submission and change the Proposer's proposal status to INCOMPLETE. The Proposer can view this status change in the "MY BIDS" section of the Sourcwell Procurement Portal Vendor Account. The Proposer is solely responsible to:

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- i) make any required adjustments to its proposal;
- ii) acknowledge the addenda; and
- iii) Ensure the re-submitted proposal is RECEIVED through the Sourcewell Procurement Portal no later than the closing time and date shown in the Solicitation Schedule.

D. PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

Proposer's complete proposal must be submitted through the Sourcewell Procurement Portal no later than the date and time specified in the Solicitation Schedule. Any other form of proposal submission, whether electronic, paper, or otherwise, will not be considered by Sourcewell. **Only complete proposals that are timely submitted through the Sourcewell Procurement Portal will be considered. Late proposals will not be considered.** It is the Proposer's sole responsibility to ensure that the proposal is received on time.

All proposals must be received through the Sourcewell Procurement Portal no later than the Proposal Due Date and time noted in the Solicitation Schedule above. It is recommended that Proposers allow sufficient time to upload the proposal and to resolve any issues that may arise. The closing time and date is determined by the Sourcewell Procurement Portal web clock.

In the event of problems with the Sourcewell Procurement Portal, follow the instructions for technical support posted in the portal. It may take up to twenty-four (24) hours to respond to certain issues.

Upon successful submission of a proposal, the Portal will automatically generate a confirmation email to the Proposer. If the Proposer does not receive a confirmation email, contact Sourcewell's support provider at support@bidsandtenders.ca.

To ensure receipt of the latest information and updates via email regarding this solicitation, or if the Proposer has obtained this solicitation document from a third party, the onus is on the Proposer to create a Sourcewell Procurement Portal Vendor Account and register for this solicitation opportunity.

All proposals must be acknowledged digitally by an authorized representative of the Proposer attesting that the information contained in the proposal is true and accurate. By submitting a proposal, Proposer warrants that the information provided is true, correct, and reliable for purposes of evaluation for potential contract award. The submission of inaccurate, misleading, or false information is grounds for disqualification from a contract award and may subject the Proposer to remedies available by law.

E. GENERAL PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

Proposals must be:

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- In substantial compliance with the requirements of this RFP or it will be considered nonresponsive and be rejected.
- Complete. A proposal will be rejected if it is conditional or incomplete.
- Submitted in English.
- Valid and irrevocable for ninety (90) days following the Proposal Due Date.

Any and all costs incurred in responding to this RFP will be borne by the Proposer.

F. PROPOSAL WITHDRAWAL

Prior to the proposal deadline, a Proposer may withdraw its proposal.

G. OPENING

The Opening of Proposals will be conducted electronically through the Sourcwell Procurement Portal. A list of all Proposers will be made publicly available in the Sourcwell Procurement Portal after the Proposal Due Date, but no later than the Opening time listed in the Solicitation Schedule.

To view the list of Proposers, verify that the Sourcwell Procurement Portal opportunities list search is set to "All" or "Closed." The solicitation status will automatically change to "Closed" after the Proposal Due Date and Time.

VI. EVALUATION AND AWARD

A. EVALUATION

It is the intent of Sourcwell to award one or more contracts to responsive and responsible Proposer(s) offering the best overall quality, selection of equipment, products, and services, and price that meet the commonly requested specifications of Sourcwell and its Members. The award(s) will be limited to the number of offerors that Sourcwell determines is necessary to meet the needs of Sourcwell members. Factors to be considered in determining the number of contracts to be awarded in any category may include the following:

- The number of and geographic location of:
 - Proposers necessary to offer a comprehensive selection of equipment, products, or services for Members' use.
 - A Proposer's sales and service network to assure availability of product supply and coverage to meet Members' anticipated needs.
- Total evaluation scores.
- The attributes of Proposers, and their equipment, products, or services, to assist Members achieve environmental and social requirements, preferences, and goals. Information submitted as part of a proposal should be as specific as possible when

responding to the RFP. Do not assume Sourcwell's knowledge about a specific vendor or product.

B. AWARD(S)

Award(s) will be made to the Proposer(s) whose proposal conforms to all conditions and requirements of the RFP, and consistent with the award criteria defined in this RFP.

Sourcwell may request written clarification of a proposal at any time during the evaluation process.

Proposal evaluation will be based on the following scoring criteria and the Sourcwell Evaluator Scoring Guide (available in the Sourcwell Procurement Portal):

Conformance to RFP Requirements	50
Financial Viability and Marketplace Success	75
Ability to Sell and Deliver Service	100
Marketing Plan	50
Value Added Attributes	75
Warranty	50
Depth and Breadth of Offered Equipment, Products, or Services	200
Pricing	400
TOTAL POINTS	1000

C. PROTESTS OF AWARDS

Any protest made under this RFP by a Proposer must be in writing, addressed to Sourcwell's Executive Director, and delivered to the Sourcwell office located at 202 12th Street NE, P.O. Box 219, Staples, MN 56479. The protest must be received no later than ten (10) calendar days' following Sourcwell's notice of contract award(s) or non-award and must be time stamped by Sourcwell no later than 4:30 p.m., Central Time.

A protest must include the following items:

- The name, address, and telephone number of the protester;
- The original signature of the protester or its representative;
- Identification of the solicitation by RFP number;
- A precise statement of the relevant facts;
- Identification of the issues to be resolved;
- Identification of the legal or factual basis;
- Any additional supporting documentation; and
- Protest bond in the amount of \$20,000.

Protests that do not address these elements will not be reviewed.

D. RIGHTS RESERVED

This RFP does not commit Sourcewell to award any contract and a proposal may be rejected if it is nonresponsive, conditional, incomplete, conflicting, or misleading. Proposals that contain false statements or do not support an attribute or condition stated by the Proposer may be rejected.

Sourcewell reserves the right to:

- Modify or cancel this RFP at any time;
- Reject any and all proposals received;
- Reject proposals that do not comply with the provisions of this RFP;
- Select, for contracts or for discussion, a proposal other than that with the lowest cost;
- Waive or modify any informalities, irregularities, or inconsistencies in the proposals received;
- Discuss any aspect of the proposal with any Proposer and negotiate with more than one Proposer;
- Award a contract if only one responsive proposal is received if it is in the best interest of Members; and
- Award a contract to one or more Proposers if it is in the best interest of Members.

E. DISPOSITION OF PROPOSALS

All materials submitted in response to this RFP will become property of Sourcewell and will become public record in accordance with Minnesota Statutes Section 13.591, after negotiations are complete. Sourcewell determines that negotiations are complete upon execution of the resulting contract. If the Proposer submits information in response to this RFP that it believes to be trade secret materials, as defined by the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Minnesota Statutes Section 13.37, the Proposer must:

- Clearly mark all trade secret materials in its proposal at the time the proposal is submitted;
- Include a statement with its proposal justifying the trade secret designation for each item; and
- Defend any action seeking release of the materials it believes to be trade secret, and indemnify and hold harmless Sourcewell, its agents and employees, from any judgments or damages awarded against Sourcewell in favor of the party requesting the materials, and any and all costs connected with that defense. This indemnification survives Sourcewell's award of a contract. In submitting a proposal to this RFP, the Proposer agrees that this indemnification survives as long as the trade secret materials are in possession of Sourcewell.

Exhibit B - Sourcewell Contract 121919-SCC

Sourcewell will not consider the prices submitted by the Proposer to be proprietary or trade secret materials. Financial information provided by a Proposer is not considered trade secret under the statutory definition.



10/31/2019

Addendum No. 1

Solicitation Number: RFP 121919

Solicitation Name: Furniture Solutions with Related Accessories and Services

Consider the following Questions and Answers to be part of the above-titled solicitation documents. The remainder of the documents remain unchanged.

Question 1:

Can you advise for this RFP the details of this solicitation? I see the basic requirements for fulfillment, but do not see the details.

Answer 1:

Sourcewell utilizes a competitive, solutions-based solicitation approach that is not based on detailed specifications or finite quantities for our cooperative contract awards. A respondent is allowed to propose the entire line of products and services falling within the scope of the RFP. Section II. B. of the RFP addresses the requested equipment, products or services for this solicitation.

End of Addendum

Acknowledgement of this Addendum to RFP 121919 posted to the Sourcwell Procurement Portal on 10/31/2019, is required at the time of proposal submittal.



11/4/2019

Addendum No. 2

Solicitation Number: RFP 121919

Solicitation Name: Furniture Solutions with Related Accessories and Services

Consider the following Questions and Answers to be part of the above-titled solicitation documents. The remainder of the documents remain unchanged.

Question 1:

Is it a requirement to pay the administrative fee on services? Would it be possible to pay the admin fee on products only?

Answer 1:

Refer to RFP Section III. B. – Administrative Fees, for directions on proposing an administrative fee. It is left to the discretion of each proposer to determine and propose an administrative fee that is consistent with its business and its industry.

End of Addendum

Acknowledgement of this Addendum to RFP 121919 posted to the Sourcewell Procurement Portal on 11/4/2019, is required at the time of proposal submittal.



11/8/2019

Addendum No. 3

Solicitation Number: RFP 121919

Solicitation Name: Furniture Solutions with Related Accessories and Services

Consider the following Questions and Answers to be part of the above-titled solicitation documents. The remainder of the documents remain unchanged.

Question 1:

Pursuant to the Question and subsequent Addendum No. 1, in understanding that the "respondent is allowed to propose the entire line of products and services falling within the scope of the RFP", and referring to Section II. B., can you clarify that there is no specific template, Excel sheet or other required format in the submission of the responses?

Answer 1:

All proposals must be submitted through the Sourcewell Procurement Portal. Guidance on preparing a response in the Portal can be found in the "Submit Response Guide" found on the "Bids Homepage" in the Resource Materials section.

Question 2:

Section III PRICING, A. describes the requirements for pricing proposals. Is a proposer who distributes via a dealer network, required to provide the dealer pricing/discount/margin and the Sourcewell member pricing/discounting in their submission?

Answer 2:

It is left to the discretion of each proposer to articulate and propose the pricing approach that aligns with their business methods and satisfies all the requirements of RFP Article III - Pricing. Proposals are evaluated based on the criteria stated in the RFP.

Question 3:

Since delivery and installation of product is generally facilitated by the dealer, how shall the cost of labor be handled vis a vis this RFP submission? Can the dealer add their cost of labor on a case by case basis?

Answer 3:

It is left to the discretion of each proposer to determine and propose the pricing approach that aligns with their business methods and satisfies all the requirements of RFP Article III - Pricing. Proposals are evaluated based on the criteria stated in the RFP.

Question 4:

Although financial information does not fall under Minnesota Statutes Section 13.37, some of the financial information requested, is not public information. Will Sourcewell execute a confidentiality agreement prior to a proposer's release of this information?

Answer 4:

Sourcewell is subject to the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act and will not execute a confidentiality agreement for a proposer. It is left to the discretion of each proposer to determine the documentation necessary to best demonstrate their ability to serve Sourcewell members and that they are willing to include. The solicitation is a competitive process and proposals are evaluated on the content submitted. Reference Section VI. E. of Sourcewell RFP.

Question 5:

Is there a list of narrative questions in the form of a pdf? If not, is there a way to download the questions from the portal to pdf?

Answer 5:

After selecting "Start Submission", a proposer may navigate to Step 4 – "Preview Bid" and select "Preview My Bid in PDF" if a downloadable PDF of the questionnaire tables is desired.

End of Addendum

Acknowledgement of this Addendum to RFP 121919 posted to the Sourcewell Procurement Portal on 11/8/2019, is required at the time of proposal submittal.



11/11/2019

Addendum No. 4

Solicitation Number: RFP 121919

Solicitation Name: Furniture Solutions with Related Accessories and Services

Consider the following Questions and Answers to be part of the above-titled solicitation documents. The remainder of the documents remain unchanged.

Question 1:

Is this bid is intended for Saskatchewan and Alberta entities only? On pg.2 it says it is for MASH, RMA, SARM and SUMA AMM?

Answer 1: Sourcewell is seeking solutions to serve the largest possible cross-section of current and potential Sourcewell Members. Refer to RFP Article I., Section B – Members and Use of the Resulting Contracts. In Canada, this includes municipalities and publicly-funded academic institutions, school boards, health authorities, and social services (MASH sectors), which may include the members of RMA, SARM, SUMA, and AMM, as examples.

Question 2:

If you are looking for turnkey solutions, does this mean you would like all products proposed and not just one (like seating)?

Answer 2:

Each proposer, in its discretion, will propose the equipment, products, and services that it deems to fall within Sourcewell’s requested equipment, products, and services as described in RFP Section II. B (Requested Equipment, Products and Services). Sourcewell is seeking “... the broadest possible selection of products/equipment and services being proposed over the largest possible geographic area and to the largest possible cross-section of Sourcewell current and potential Members.” Proposals are evaluated based on the criteria as stated in the RFP.

Question 3:

The solicitation states the Administrative Fees are typically 1% to 2%. What determines the calculated percentage? How is that communicated to the supplier?

Answer 3:

Refer to RFP Section III. B. – Administrative Fees, and Addendum No. 2, Answer 1, with respect to administrative fees.

End of Addendum

Acknowledgement of this Addendum to RFP 121919 posted to the Sourcewell Procurement Portal on 11/11/2019, is required at the time of proposal submittal.



11/12/2019

Addendum No. 5

Solicitation Number: RFP 121919

Solicitation Name: Furniture Solutions with Related Accessories and Services

Consider the following Questions and Answers to be part of the above-titled solicitation documents. The remainder of the documents remain unchanged.

Question 1:

To clarify, is Sourcewell is asking for a Drop Ship (Dock Delivery) discount or a Delivered and Installed Discount? Do we need to submit highest product price for all of our products in a separate document or will Price Books suffice?

Answer 1:

Refer to RFP Section III. – PRICING, and Addendum No. 3, Answer 2, with respect to pricing.

End of Addendum

Acknowledgement of this Addendum to RFP 121919 posted to the Sourcwell Procurement Portal on 11/11/2019, is required at the time of proposal submittal.



11/18/2019

Addendum No. 6

Solicitation Number: RFP 121919

Solicitation Name: Furniture Solutions with Related Accessories and Services

Consider the following Questions and Answers to be part of the above-titled solicitation documents. The remainder of the documents remain unchanged.

Question 1:

What is the Membership size in Canada? Is it optional for us to sell to Canadian Members?

Answer 1:

Each proposer is expected to complete the tables in Step 1, entitled "Ability to Sell and Service Nationwide" and "Value-Added Attributes", describing their ability to serve Sourcewell members in the United States and Canada. Proposals are evaluated based on the criteria stated in the RFP. Sourcewell members include thousands of governmental, higher education, K-12 education, not-for-profit, tribal government, and other public agencies located in the United States and Canada.

Question 2:

Are we able to utilize our current Price Books but include the US-Canadian Dollar Conversion Calculation on the cover page of the Price Book?

Answer 2:

Refer to RFP Section III. A. 3. – Pricing Requirements, for directions applicable to pricing for Proposers intending to sell in Canada. It is left to the discretion of each proposer to determine and propose a pricing model that is consistent with the RFP terms and their own business methods.

Question 3:

Within the scope of the RFP, under III. Pricing, all pricing quoted must reflect a Member's total cost of acquisition. Is it acceptable to submit pricing for product only,

with shipping and handling charges to be calculated and added at time of quote? Will Sourcewell accept any exceptions or deviations to the terms.

Answer 3:

Refer to RFP Section III. A. 3. – Pricing Requirements, for directions applicable to pricing. It is left to the discretion of each proposer to determine and propose a pricing model that is clearly understood, complete, and fully describes the total cost of acquisition.

A request for modification to the Sourcewell contract template may only be submitted with a proposal. To request a modification to the template Contract terms, conditions, or specifications, a Proposer may complete and submit the Exceptions to Terms, Conditions, or Specifications Form, which is found as the final Table of Step 1 in the proposal submission process. The contract template will be completed and sent to each awarded vendor, with inclusion of any exceptions stated in the proposer's Exceptions to Terms, Conditions, or Specifications Form that are acceptable to Sourcewell, with the award notification.

Question 4:

If we have products that have been used for Technology benching, and also used for Science or Art tables in K-12 market, and training classes, can we include our products on the Office Furniture contract? The RFP states: This solicitation does not include those equipment, products, or services covered under categories included in contracts currently maintained by Sourcewell: RFP#081419 Technology Catalog Solutions.

Answer 4:

Each proposer, in its discretion, will propose the equipment, products, and services that it deems to fall within Sourcewell's requested equipment, products, and services as described in RFP Section II. B (Requested Equipment, Products and Services). However, only those products within the scope of the RFP will be included in any contract awarded by Sourcewell as a result of this solicitation.

Question 5:

Please give more clarification for Question 68 - "Describe your design resources to develop or enhance culture, change management and integrated technology needs."

Answer 5:

Each Proposer has the opportunity to describe their capabilities with respect to the relevant design resources in response to Question 68.

Question 6:

What regions or municipalities does this bid pertain to so we can propose the best team to service the bid?

Answer 6:

Sourcewell members include thousands of governmental, higher education, K-12 education, not-for-profit, tribal government, and other public agencies located in the United States and Canada.

Question 7:

When can we expect to receive the call-in information for the pre-bid conference?

Answer 7:

Registered plan takers will receive log-in instructions via email two business days prior to the WebEx conference.

End of Addendum

Acknowledgement of this Addendum to RFP 121919 posted to the Sourcewell Procurement Portal on 11/18/2019, is required at the time of proposal submittal.



11/20/2019

Addendum No. 7

Solicitation Number: RFP 121919

Solicitation Name: Furniture Solutions with Related Accessories and Services

Consider the following Questions and Answers to be part of the above-titled solicitation documents. The remainder of the documents remain unchanged.

Question 1:

Is a manufacturer's authorization required to be submitted for each brand specified and/or quoted?

Answer 1:

It is left to the discretion of each proposer to determine the documentation necessary to best demonstrate their ability to serve Sourcewell members and satisfy all the requirements included in the questionnaire tables.

Question 2:

In the specifications area of the bid response, do any of the line items within the tables have character limits?

Answer 2:

In our experience, the tables provide enough space for a proposer to provide a brief but thorough response to each question.

Question 3:

Will the agency please provide a list of current Sourcewell members, as noted in the RFP?

Answer 3:

The reference in RFP Article I, Section B, to the Appendix of Members is to the “Political Subdivision List”, available by hyperlink, in the Resource Materials section on the front page of the Sourcewell Procurement Portal. The hyperlinked listing is intended to satisfy the requirement of certain states that Sourcewell make a list of members in the jurisdiction available at the time of the solicitation. More generally, membership is open to government and non-profit entities across the United States and Canada; such as municipal, state/province, K-12 and higher education, tribal government, and other public entities.

Question 4:

Will separate price lists for the United States and Canada be acceptable?

Answer 4:

It is left to the discretion of each proposer to determine and propose the pricing approach that aligns with their business methods and satisfies all the requirements of RFP Article III - Pricing. Proposals are evaluated based on the criteria stated in the RFP.

Question 5:

If a manufacturer chooses not to service Canada, would this negatively impact their likelihood to receive an award?

Answer 5:

Each proposer is expected to complete the tables in Step 1, entitled “Ability to Sell and Service” and “Value-Added Attributes”, describing their ability to serve Sourcewell members in the United States and Canada. Proposals are evaluated based on the criteria stated in the RFP.

Question 6:

Will the agency please further clarify the scoring criteria?

Answer 6:

Refer to RFP section VI. B. AWARDS for evaluation criteria for this solicitation and the Sourcewell Evaluator Scoring Guide (available by hyperlink, in the Resource Materials section on the front page of the Sourcewell Procurement Portal).

Question 7:

Will Sourcewell please clarify the Administrative Fees portion?

Answer 7:

Refer to RFP Section III. B. – Administrative Fees, for directions on proposing an administrative fee. It is left to the discretion of each proposer to determine and propose an administrative fee that is consistent with its business and its industry.

End of Addendum

Acknowledgement of this Addendum to RFP 121919 posted to the Sourcewell Procurement Portal on 11/20/2019, is required at the time of proposal submittal.



11/21/2019

Addendum No. 8

Solicitation Number: RFP 121919

Solicitation Name: Furniture Solutions with Related Accessories and Services

Consider the following Questions and Answers to be part of the above-titled solicitation documents. The remainder of the documents remain unchanged.

Question 1:

Is there a limit on the number of awards?

Answer 1:

Refer to RFP Section VI. EVALUATION AND AWARD, subsections A. and B., for information regarding Sourcewell's intent with respect to awards. No limit (floor or ceiling) on the number of awards has been imposed.

Question 2:

Do the award criteria include a set minimum on a Proposer's: a) company size; b) sales volume or annual revenues; or, c) years in business?

Answer 2:

Refer to RFP Section VI. EVALUATION AND AWARD, subsections A. and B., for information regarding the evaluation criteria. No minimums of the types described have been imposed.

Question 3:

What weight is placed on a company's past experience with Sourcewell/NJPA versus new comers?

Answer 3:

Sourcewell will consider the relevant information submitted in each proposal and apply the evaluation criteria as set forth in the RFP.

Question 4:

If a manufacturer offers products for music furnishings, that could be considered cross over in the storage and platforms categories, can those products be submitted under the furniture solicitation.

Answer 4:

Each proposer, in its discretion, will propose the equipment, products, and services that it deems to fall within Sourcewell's requested equipment, products, and services as described in RFP Section II. B (Requested Equipment, Products and Services). However, only those products within the scope of the RFP will be included in any contract awarded by Sourcewell as a result of this solicitation.

Question 5:

During the pre-bid conference, the presenters stated that a manufacturer and a dealer could both propose the same product line. How must the dealer prove they have authorization if a Manufacturer's Letter of Authorization is not required?

Answer 5:

As stated in Addendum 7, it is left to the discretion of each proposer to determine the documentation necessary to best demonstrate their ability to serve Sourcewell members and satisfy all the requirements included in the questionnaire tables.

Question 6:

Do any line items in the questionnaire tables have character limits?

Answer 6:

As indicated in Addendum 7, there is sufficient space for the proposer to provide a brief but thorough response to each question. The platform designer indicates the character limit of a text field is 32,000.

End of Addendum

Acknowledgement of this Addendum to RFP 121919 posted to the Sourcwell Procurement Portal on 11/21/2019, is required at the time of proposal submittal.



12/2/2019

Addendum No. 9

Solicitation Number: RFP 121919

Solicitation Name: Furniture Solutions with Related Accessories and Services

Consider the following Question and Answer to be part of the above-titled solicitation documents. The remainder of the documents remain unchanged.

Question 1:

We are a division of a larger parent company and cannot release information as a division in response to several questions without a non-disclosure agreement or protection of a -proprietary/trade secret clause. The information can be released as our company as a whole but not by division without an NDA. Can you tell us how we should proceed?

Answer 1:

In the competitive process, Sourcewell will not advise a proposer on the content of the proposal. So, it is left to the discretion of each proposer to determine the information necessary to best demonstrate their ability to serve Sourcewell members and that they are willing to include. The solicitation is a competitive process and proposals are evaluated on the content submitted. Sourcewell is subject to the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act and will not execute a non-disclosure agreement for a proposer. Reference Section VI. E. of the Sourcewell RFP.

End of Addendum

Acknowledgement of this Addendum to RFP 121919 posted to the Sourcewell Procurement Portal on 12/2/2019, is required at the time of proposal submittal.



12/5/2019

Addendum No. 10

Solicitation Number: RFP 121919

Solicitation Name: Furniture Solutions with Related Accessories and Services

Consider the following Questions and Answers to be part of the above-titled solicitation documents. The remainder of the documents remain unchanged.

Question 1:

If a manufacturer enters a bid for this solicitation and lists a specific dealer as part of his bid, can the dealer also enter a bid listing the manufacturer's line of products and can both of them be awarded?

Answer 1:

Sourcewell does not limit the proposers in any given solicitation. Each proposer, in its discretion, will propose the equipment, products, and services that it deems to fall within Sourcewell's requested equipment, products, and services as described in RFP Section II. B (Requested Equipment, Products and Services). Proposals are evaluated based on the criteria stated in the RFP.

Question 2:

Is Sourcewell including Quebec in this solicitation?

Answer 2:

Sourcewell utilizes a competitive, solutions-based solicitation approach that is not based on detailed specifications, finite quantities, or set locations. Sourcewell members include thousands of governmental, higher education, K-12 education, not-for-profit, tribal government, and other public agencies located in the United States and Canada. However, this solicitation has not been posted in the French language, nor has it been advertised specifically in Quebec, which may impact the use of the awarded contracts within the province.

Question 3:

In section 4 of the sample contract provided regarding product and pricing change requests, the last bullet point states to include a complete restatement of pricing documentation in Microsoft Excel. Can you please confirm if the initial pricing must be in excel format or can we submit our price book only with an intended discount structure?

Answer 3:

Section 4, Product and Pricing Change Requests of the Contract Template is applicable once a vendor has a contract and needs to change pricing or add or subtract products from the initial proposed offering. It is left to the discretion of each proposer to determine and propose the pricing approach that aligns with their business methods and satisfies all the requirements of RFP Article III - Pricing. Proposals are evaluated based on the criteria stated in the RFP.

End of Addendum

Acknowledgement of this Addendum to RFP 121919 posted to the Sourcwell Procurement Portal on 12/5/2019, is required at the time of proposal submittal.



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Addendum No. 11

Solicitation Number: RFP 121919

Solicitation Name: Furniture Solutions with Related Accessories and Services

Consider the following Question and Answer to be part of the above-titled solicitation documents. The remainder of the documents remain unchanged.

Question 1:

We do not carry an insurance coverage required in the Sourcewell contract template. How should we address this in our response?

Answer 1:

To request a modification to the template Contract terms, conditions, or specifications, a Proposer may complete and submit the Exceptions to Terms, Conditions, or Specifications Form, which is found as the final Table of Step 1 – Specifications in the proposal submission process. The contract template will be completed and sent to each awarded vendor, with inclusion of any exceptions stated in the proposer's Exceptions to Terms, Conditions, or Specifications Form that are acceptable to Sourcewell, at the time of award notification.

End of Addendum

Acknowledgement of this Addendum to RFP 121919 posted to the Sourcewell Procurement Portal on 12/5/2019, is required at the time of proposal submittal.



12/13/2019

Addendum No. 12

Solicitation Number: RFP 121919

Solicitation Name: Furniture Solutions with Related Accessories and Services

Consider the following Question and Answer to be part of the above-titled solicitation documents. The remainder of the documents remain unchanged.

Question 1:

Regarding Table 11: Pricing & Delivery - Line Item 54, the detailed pricing data showing both our list prices as well as the Sourcewell discounted price for all SKUs expands some of the price lists beyond a standard letter size in landscape orientation, but works in 11 x 17 landscape orientation. Will this be an issue when submitting our pricing data in an electronic format?

Answer 1:

It is left to the discretion of each proposer to determine the content and format of the data and documentation that best represents their proposal. As mentioned in Addendum 3, a Proposer may navigate to Step 4 of the response process, select "Preview Bid" and then "Preview My Bid in PDF" to self-assess the output format. Sourcewell will consider the relevant information submitted in each proposal and apply the evaluation criteria as set forth in the RFP.

End of Addendum

Acknowledgement of this Addendum to RFP 121919 posted to the Sourcewell Procurement Portal on 12/13/2019, is required at the time of proposal submittal.