

## FORMAL COOPERATIVE PURCHASE AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT (Agreement) is made and entered into EFFECTIVE \_\_\_\_\_, by and between CITY OF FRESNO, a California municipal corporation (City), and PAPE MACHINERY, INC., A OREGON Corporation (Vendor).

### AGREEMENT

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and of the covenants, conditions, and promises hereinafter contained to be kept and performed by the respective parties, it is mutually agreed as follows:

1. The Charter for the City allows for cooperative purchase agreements for materials, supplies and equipment. The City is allowed to piggyback an existing government agency's agreement, under Fresno City Charter 1208. The parties agree the Vendor was the lowest responsive and responsible bidder for Invitation for Bid (IFB) issued by Sourcewell Original Contract RFP #011723. The IFB is attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and is incorporated herein by reference. The Parties agree that the Vendor has entered a Cooperative Purchase Contract with John Deere Construction Retail Sales a Division of Lohn Deere Shared Services LLC, DBA John Deere Construction Retail Sales (Original Government Contract).
2. Vendor's Obligation. Vendor shall provide those services and carry out that work described in the Original Government Contract, which is attached hereto as **Exhibit B** and is incorporated herein by reference, subject to all the terms and conditions contained or incorporated herein.
3. City's Obligation. City shall make to the Vendor those payments described in **Exhibits A and B**, subject to all the terms and condition contained or incorporated herein
4. Notwithstanding the requirements that the Original Government Contract is fully binding on the Parties, the parties have agreed to modify certain non-material provisions of the Original Government Contract as applied to this Agreement between the Vendor and the City, as follows:
  - a) City's Insurance and Indemnity provisions attached as **Exhibit C**.
  - b) Address change for the City: Notwithstanding the address and contract information for the government entity as set out in **Exhibit B**, the Vendor agrees that notices and invoices will be sent to:

City of Fresno  
Attention: Miguel Ramirez  
2101 G Street, Bldg F  
Fresno, Ca. 93706  
Phone: (559) 621-1126  
E-mail: Miguel.Ramirez2@fresno.gov  
FAX:

c) Notwithstanding anything in **Exhibits A** and **B** to the contrary, this Agreement shall be governed by, and construed and enforced in accordance with, the laws of the State of California, excluding however, any conflict of laws rule which would apply the law of another jurisdiction. Venue for purposes of the filing of any action regarding the enforcement or interpretation of this Agreement and any rights and duties hereunder shall be Fresno County, California.

d) All other provisions in the Original Government Contract are fully binding on the parties and will represent the agreement between the City and the Vendor.

**[Signatures follow on the next page.]**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement at Fresno, California, the day and year first above written.

CITY OF FRESNO,  
a California municipal corporation

PAPE MACHINERY, INC. , a  
Oregon Corporation

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Melissa Perales  
Purchasing Manger  
General Services Department

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
(If corporation or LLC., Board Chair,  
Pres. or Vice Pres.)

No signature of City Attorney required.  
Standard Document **#GSD-S Formal  
Cooperative Purchase Agt. (10-2023)**  
has been used without modification, as  
certified by the undersigned.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tamra Torrence  
Senior Procurement Specialist

Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
(If corporation or LLC., CFO, Treasurer,  
Secretary or Assistant Secretary)

ATTEST:  
TODD STERMER, CMC  
City Clerk

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy  
Date

Addresses:  
CITY  
City of Fresno

Attention: MiguelRamirez  
2101 G Street, Bldg A  
Fresno, Ca 93706  
Phone: (559) 621-1126  
E-mail: Miguel.Ramirez2@fresno.gov

Vendor:  
Pape Machinery, Inc.  
Attention: Robert Begley  
3000 San Antonio Dr.  
Fowler, Ca. 93626  
Phone: (559) 285-0770  
E-mail: rbegley@papemachinery.com

Attachments:  
Exhibit A - Invitation For Bids  
Exhibit B - Original Government Contract  
Exhibit C - City's Insurance and Indemnity

**EXHIBIT A**

**Original Solicitation**



**RFP #011723**  
**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**  
**for**  
**Heavy Construction Equipment with Related Attachments and Technology**

**Proposal Due Date: January 17, 2023, 4:30 p.m., Central Time**

Sourcewell, a State of Minnesota local government unit and service cooperative, is requesting proposals for Heavy Construction Equipment with Related Attachments and Technology to result in a contracting solution for use by its Participating Entities. Sourcewell Participating Entities include thousands of governmental, higher education, K-12 education, nonprofit, 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 January 17, 2023, at 4:30 p.m. Central Time, and late proposals will not be considered.

**SOLICITATION SCHEDULE**

Public Notice of RFP Published:	November 15, 2022
Pre-proposal Conference:	December 6, 2022, 10:00 a.m., Central Time
Question Submission Deadline:	January 9, 2023, 4:30 p.m., Central Time
<b>Proposal Due Date:</b>	<b>January 17, 2023, 4:30 p.m., Central Time</b> Late responses will not be considered.
Opening:	January 17, 2023, 6:30 p.m., Central Time See RFP Section V.G. "Opening"

## **I. ABOUT SOURCEWELL**

### **A. SOURCEWELL**

Sourcewell is a State of Minnesota local government unit 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+ participating entities across the United States and Canada. Sourcewell's solicitation process complies with State of Minnesota law and policies, conforms to Canadian trade agreements (including Canadian Free Trade Agreement, Ontario-Quebec Trade and Cooperation Agreement, and Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement, as applicable), and results in cooperative purchasing solutions from which Sourcewell's Participating Entities procure equipment, products, and services.

Cooperative purchasing provides participating entities and suppliers 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 suppliers' 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. USE OF RESULTING CONTRACTS**

In the United States, Sourcewell's contracts are available for use by:

- Federal and state government entities<sup>1</sup>;
- Cities, towns, and counties/parishes;
- Education service cooperatives;
- K-12 and higher education entities;
- Tribal government entities;
- Some nonprofit entities; and
- Other public entities.

In Canada, Sourcewell's contracts are available for use by:

- Provincial and territorial government departments, ministries, agencies, boards, councils, committees, commissions, and similar agencies;
- Indigenous self-governing bodies;
- Regional, local, district, and other forms of municipal government, municipal organizations, school boards, and publicly funded academic, health, and social service

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<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to HAR §3-128-2, the State of Hawaii, Department of Accounting and General Services, State Procurement Office, on behalf of the State of Hawaii and participating jurisdictions, has provided notice of its Intent to Participate in the solicitation as a participating entity.

entities referred to as MASH sector (this should be construed to include but not be limited to the Cities of Calgary, Edmonton, Toronto, Ottawa, and Winnipeg), as well as any corporation or entity owned or controlled by one or more of the preceding entities;

- Crown corporations, government enterprises, and other entities that are owned or controlled by these entities through ownership interest; and
- Members of the Canoe procurement group of Canada, and their partner associations: Canoe members are regional, local, district or other forms of municipal government, school boards, publicly-funded academic, health and social service entities in Alberta and across Canada, as well as any corporation or entity owned or controlled by one or more of the preceding entities – as well as partner associations, including Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities, Association of Manitoba Municipalities, Local Authorities Services/Association of Municipalities Ontario, Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities, Federation of Prince Edward Island Municipalities, Municipalities Newfoundland Labrador, Union of New Brunswick Municipalities, North West Territories Association of Communities, CivicInfo BC, and their members.

For a listing of current United States and Canadian Participating Entities visit Sourcewell's website (note: there is a tab for each country): <https://www.sourcewell-mn.gov/sourcewell-for-vendors/agency-locator>.

Participating Entities typically access contracted equipment, products, or services through a purchase order issued directly to the contracted supplier. A Participating Entity may request additional terms or conditions related to a purchase. Use of Sourcewell contracts is voluntary and Participating Entities retain the right to obtain similar equipment, products, or services from other sources.

To meet Participating Entities' needs, Sourcewell broadly publishes public notice of all solicitation opportunities, including this RFP. In addition, where applicable, other purchasing cooperatives and procurement officials receive notice and are encouraged to re-post the solicitation opportunity.

Proof of publication will be available at the conclusion of the solicitation process.

## **II. SOLICITATION DETAILS**

### **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 will 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 Heavy Construction Equipment with Related Attachments and Technology, including, but not limited to, the following types of heavy construction equipment:

- a. Wheeled, tracked, and backhoe loaders;
- b. Motor graders;
- c. Wheeled and tracked excavators;
- d. Bulldozers, compactors, scrapers, articulated and rigid haulers; and,
- e. Cranes.

Proposers may include related equipment, accessories, attachments, technology, and services, to the extent these solutions are ancillary or complementary to the equipment, products, or services being proposed.

2. A Proposal must include **at least one** of the following four equipment types to be considered within scope of this solicitation. For purposes of Section II. B. 2. and its subsections, the term “published” means information that is readily available within the proposer’s printed literature or website and the proposer has verified the accuracy of the information:

- a. A wheel loader with published net horsepower (HP) of at least 300 HP;
- b. A wheeled or tracked excavator with a published net horsepower of at least 150 HP;
- c. A motor grader with a published maximum operating weight of at least 30,000 lbs; or,
- d. A rough terrain, all terrain, crawler, floating, lattice, or telescopic crane with a published maximum lifting capacity of at least 300 tons and a published maximum boom length of at least 150 feet.

3. The primary focus of this solicitation is on Heavy Construction Equipment with Related Attachments and Technology. This solicitation should NOT be construed to include:

- a. Construction services; and,
- b. Equipment accessory, attachment, and supply only solutions.

4. This solicitation does not include those equipment, products, or services covered under categories included in pending or planned Sourcewell solicitations, or in contracts currently maintained by Sourcewell, identified below:

- a. Equipment Rental with Related Services (RFP #062320);
- b. Forklifts and Lift Trucks with Related Services (RFP #091520);

- c. Grounds Maintenance Equipment, Attachments, Accessories, and Related Services (RFP #031121);
- d. Roadway Maintenance Equipment (RFP #080521);
- e. Public Utility Equipment with Related Accessories and Supplies (RFP #110421);
- f. Roadway Paving Equipment (RFP #060122);
- g. Medium Construction Equipment with Related Accessories, Attachments, and Supplies (RFP #TBD); and,
- h. Portable Construction Equipment with Related Accessories and Attachments (RFP #TBD).

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

Sourcwell prefers suppliers that provide a sole source of responsibility for the equipment, products, and services provided under a resulting contract. If proposer is including the equipment, products, and services of its subsidiary entities, the proposer must also identify all included subsidiaries in its proposal. If proposer requires the use of distributors, dealers, resellers, or subcontractors to provide the equipment, products, or services, the proposal must address how the equipment, products or services will be provided to Participating Entities, and describe the network of distributors, dealers, resellers, and/or subcontractors that will be available to serve Participating Entities under a resulting contract.

Sourcwell encourages suppliers to offer the broadest possible selection of equipment, products, and services being proposed over the largest possible geographic area and to the largest possible cross-section of Sourcwell current and future Participating Entities.

### 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 Participating Entities.

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. Proposers may also include used

equipment, attachments, or accessories, to the extent that the offering of used equipment, attachments, accessories, is ancillary or complementary to an offering of new, current model equipment and products.

4. Delivered and operational. Unless clearly noted in the proposal, equipment and products must be delivered to the Participating Entity 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

Sourcewell anticipates that the term of any resulting contract(s) will be four years, with an optional one-year extension that may be offered based on the best interests of Sourcewell and its Participating Entities.

#### 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 \$950 Million; 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 Participating Entities. The proposer's Marketing Plan should demonstrate proposer's ability to deploy a sales force or dealer network to Participating Entities, 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 Participating Entities. Proposers should submit their complete line of equipment, products, or services that are applicable to the scope of this RFP.
2. A proposer may submit only one proposal. If related, affiliated, or subsidiary entities elect to submit separate proposals, rather than a single parent-entity proposal, each such proposal must be prepared independently and without cooperation, collaboration, or collusion.
3. If a proposer works with a consultant on its proposal, the consultant (an individual or company) may not assist any other entity with a proposal for this solicitation.
4. Proposers should include all relevant information in its proposal, since Sourcewell cannot consider information that is not included 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.

5. 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 Participating Entities. Awards may be based on a subcategory.
6. A proposer's documented negative past performance with Sourcewell or its Participating Entities 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:
  - a. **Line-item Pricing** is pricing based on each individual product or services. Each line must indicate the proposer'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 not to exceed price. A not to exceed price is the highest price for which equipment, products, or services may be billed to a Participating Entity. However, it is permissible for suppliers to sell at a price that is lower than the contracted price.
3. Stated in U.S. and Canadian dollars (as applicable).
4. Clearly understandable, 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 Participating Entity'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 awarded a contract 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 Participating Entities 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 (see attached template). 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 the proposal being disqualified from further review and evaluation.

To request a modification to the template Contract, a proposer must submit the Exceptions to Terms, Conditions, or Specifications table with its proposal. Only those exceptions noted at the time of the proposal submission will be considered.

Exceptions must:

1. Clearly identify the affected article and section.
2. Clearly note the requested modification; and as applicable, provide requested alternative language.

Unclear requests will be automatically denied.

Only those exceptions that have been accepted by Sourcewell will be included in the contract document provided to the awarded supplier for signature.

If a proposer receives a contract award resulting from this solicitation it will have up to 30 days to sign and return the contract. After that time, at Sourcewell's sole discretion, the contract award may be revoked.

#### **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 in the Solicitation Schedule for 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 have registered for this solicitation opportunity through their Sourcewell Procurement Portal Vendor Account. Pre-proposal conference attendance is optional.

##### **B. QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS RFP AND ORAL COMMUNICATION**

All 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 solicitation due date and time.

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 check the "MY BIDS" section of the Sourcewell Procurement Portal Vendor Account periodically after submitting its proposal (and up to the Proposal Due Date). If the proposer's proposal status has changed to INCOMPLETE, the proposer is solely responsible to:

- 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 Proposal Due Date and time shown in the Solicitation Schedule above.

#### 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. **Late proposals will not be considered.** It is the proposer's sole responsibility to ensure that the proposal is received on time.

It is recommended that proposers allow sufficient time to upload the proposal and to resolve any issues that may arise. The time and date that a proposal is received by Sourcewell is solely 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 24 hours to respond to certain issues.

Upon successful submission of a proposal, the Sourcewell Procurement 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](mailto: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.

Within the Sourcewell Procurement Portal, all proposals must be digitally acknowledged 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:

- 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 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 proposers offering the best overall quality, selection of equipment, products, and services, and price that meet the commonly requested specifications of Sourcewell and its Participating Entities. The award(s) will be limited to the number of proposers that Sourcewell determines is necessary to meet the needs of its Participating Entities.

Factors to be considered in determining the number of contracts to be awarded in any category may include the following:

- Total evaluation scores (giving consideration to natural breaks in the scoring of responsive proposals);
- The number and geographic location of highest-scoring proposers that offer:
  - A comprehensive selection of the requested equipment, products, or services;
  - A sales and service network ensuring availability and coverage for Participating Entities’ use; and
  - Other attributes of the proposer or contents of its proposal that assist Participating Entities in achieving environmental and social requirements, and goals.

Information submitted as part of a proposal should be as specific as possible when responding to the RFP. Do not assume Sourcewell has any knowledge about a specific supplier or product.

### **B. AWARD(S)**

Award(s) will be made to the highest-scoring 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 (a copy is 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
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	<b>1000</b>

#### 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. All documents that comprise the complete protest package must be received, and time stamped at the Sourcewell office by 4:30 p.m., Central Time, no later than 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 allege a procedural, technical, or legal defect, with supporting documentation. A protest that merely requests a re-evaluation of a proposal's content will not be entertained

A protest must include the following items:

- The name, address, and telephone number of the protester;
- Identification of the solicitation by RFP number;
- A precise statement of the relevant facts;
- Identification of the alleged procedural, technical, or legal defect;
- Analysis of the basis for the protest;
- Any additional supporting documentation;
- The original signature of the protester or its representative; and
- Protest bond in the amount of \$20,000 (except where prohibited by law or treaty).

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;
- Independently verify any information provided in a proposal;

- Disqualify any proposer that does not meet the requirements of this RFP, is debarred or suspended by the United States or Canada, State of Minnesota, Participating Entity's state or province; has an officer, or other key personnel, who have been charged with a serious crime; or is bankrupt, insolvent, or where bankruptcy or insolvency are a reasonable prospect;
- Waive or modify any informalities, irregularities, or inconsistencies in the proposals received;
- Clarify any part of a proposal and 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 Participating Entities; and
- Award a contract to one or more proposers if it is in the best interest of Participating Entities.

#### 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 considers that negotiations are complete upon execution of a resulting contract. It is the proposer's responsibility to clearly identify any data submitted that it considers to be protected. Proposer must also include a justification for the classification citing the applicable Minnesota law. Sourcewell may reject proposals that are marked confidential or nonpublic, either substantially or in their entirety.

Sourcewell will not consider the prices submitted by the proposer to be confidential, proprietary, or trade secret materials. Financial information, including financial statements, provided by a proposer is not considered trade secret under the statutory definition.



12/15/2022

Addendum No. 1

Solicitation Number: RFP 011723

Solicitation Name: Heavy Construction Equipment with Related Attachments and Technology

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

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**Question 1:**

Is a proposer required to have a CAGE or Unique Entity Identifier (SAM) code?

**Answer 1:**

A CAGE or Unique Entity Identifier (SAM) code is not required to be considered for or awarded a Sourcewell contract. Proposals are evaluated based on the criteria as stated in the RFP.

Refer to the General Instructions above Questionnaire Table 1. Respond "N/A" if a question does not apply (preferably with an explanation).

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End of Addendum

Acknowledgement of this Addendum to RFP 011723 posted to the Sourcewell Procurement Portal on 12/15/2022, is required at the time of proposal submittal.



12/21/2022

Addendum No. 2

Solicitation Number: RFP 011723

Solicitation Name: Heavy Construction Equipment with Related Attachments and Technology

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

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**RFP Amendment:**

As the result of the publication of two RFPs included in the equipment, products, or services of this solicitation, RFP Subsections II. B. 4. g - h. are revised to remove the (RFP #####) placeholders, update the RFP title of RFP Subsection II. B. 4. g., and insert the actual RFP numbers, to read as follows:

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- g. Medium Duty and Compact Construction Equipment with Related Attachments (RFP #020223); and,
- h. Portable Construction Equipment with Related Accessories and Attachments (RFP #020923).

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The remainder of the RFP content remains unchanged.

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End of Addendum

Acknowledgement of this Addendum to RFP 011723 posted to the Sourcewell Procurement Portal on 12/21/2022, is required at the time of proposal submittal.



12/29/2022

Addendum No. 3

Solicitation Number: RFP 011723

Solicitation Name: Heavy Construction Equipment with Related Attachments and Technology

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

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**Question 1:**

What information does Sourcewell require, if any, on a quote provided by an awarded supplier to a participating entity?

**Answer 1:**

Refer to Section 6. A. – Orders and Payment, of the Sourcewell contract template. "...order flow and procedure will be developed jointly between Sourcewell and Supplier. Typically, a Participating Entity will issue an order directly to Supplier or its authorized subsidiary, distributor, dealer, or reseller."

**Question 2:**

How does Sourcewell track what is sold on the contract for administrative fee verification from an awarded supplier?

**Answer 2:**

Refer to Section 8. A. – Contract Sales Activity Report, of the Sourcewell contract template. "Each calendar quarter, Supplier must provide a contract sales activity report (Report) to the Sourcewell Supplier Development Administrator assigned to this Contract.

Refer also to Section 8. B. – Administrative Fee, of the Sourcewell contract template. "Supplier agrees to cooperate with Sourcewell in auditing transactions under this Contract to ensure that the administrative fee is paid on all items purchased under this Contract."

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End of Addendum

Acknowledgement of this Addendum to RFP 011723 posted to the Sourcewell Procurement Portal on 12/29/2022, is required at the time of proposal submittal.



01/6/2023

Addendum No. 4

Solicitation Number: RFP 011723

Solicitation Name: Heavy Construction Equipment with Related Attachments and Technology

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

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**Question 1:**

Is there a dollar amount limit for non-contract, sourced, or open market items that can be included in a proposal? Are they also subject to the administrative fee?

**Answer 1:**

Sourcewell has not set a specific dollar limit for non-contract, sourced, or open market items. However, to be considered for a contract award a proposer's primary offering of equipment, products, or services must be within scope of RFP Section II. B. – Requested Equipment, Products, or Services.

Refer to RFP Section III. B. – Administrative Fees and Section 8. B. – Administrative Fee of the Sourcewell contract template for additional information regarding administrative fees. 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.

**Question 2:**

Can you elaborate more and/or give an example on what you are looking for in the question below from Table 10, Line Item 55 from the proposal questionnaire?

Describe any standard transaction documents that you propose to use in connection with an awarded contract (order forms, terms and conditions, service level agreements, etc.). Upload a sample of each (as applicable) in the document upload section of your response.

**Answer 2:**

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

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End of Addendum

Acknowledgement of this Addendum to RFP 011723 posted to the Sourcewell Procurement Portal on 01/6/2023, is required at the time of proposal submittal.



01/10/2023

Addendum No. 5

Solicitation Number: RFP 011723

Solicitation Name: Heavy Construction Equipment with Related Attachments and Technology

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

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**Question 1:**

Regarding Line Item 17 of the proposer questionnaire, are there any specific licenses or certifications that you are looking for?

**Answer 1:**

In the competitive process, Sourcewell will not advise a proposer on the content of the proposal. It is left to the discretion of each proposer to determine the information necessary to best demonstrate their ability to serve Sourcewell participating entities. Proposals are evaluated based on the criteria stated in the RFP.

**Question 2:**

Regarding Line Items 24 & 25 of the proposer questionnaire, if we don't do any direct business with eligible Sourcewell participants, government, education or non-profit customers are the references required?

**Answer 2:**

In the competitive process, Sourcewell will not advise a proposer on the content of the proposal. It is left to the discretion of each proposer to determine the information necessary to best demonstrate their financial viability and marketplace success. Proposals are evaluated based on the criteria stated in the RFP.

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End of Addendum

Acknowledgement of this Addendum to RFP 011723 posted to the Sourcewell Procurement Portal on 01/10/2023, is required at the time of proposal submittal.

**EXHIBIT B**

**Original Government Contract**

**Solicitation Number: RFP # 011723****CONTRACT**

This Contract is between Sourcewell, 202 12th Street Northeast, P.O. Box 219, Staples, MN 56479 (Sourcewell) and John Deere Construction Retail Sales a division of John Deere Shared Services LLC, DBA John Deere Construction Retail Sales, 1300 River Drive, Moline, IL 61265 (Supplier).

Sourcewell is a State of Minnesota local government unit and service cooperative created under the laws of the State of Minnesota (Minnesota Statutes Section 123A.21) that offers cooperative procurement solutions to government entities. Participation is open to eligible federal, state/province, and municipal governmental entities, higher education, K-12 education, nonprofit, tribal government, and other public entities located in the United States and Canada. Sourcewell issued a public solicitation for Heavy Construction Equipment with Related Attachments and Technology from which Supplier was awarded a contract.

Supplier desires to contract with Sourcewell to provide equipment, products, or services to Sourcewell and the entities that access Sourcewell's cooperative purchasing contracts (Participating Entities).

**1. TERM OF CONTRACT**

- A. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Contract is effective upon the date of the final signature below.
- B. **EXPIRATION DATE AND EXTENSION.** This Contract expires April 14, 2027, unless it is cancelled sooner pursuant to Article 22. This Contract may be extended one additional year upon the request of Sourcewell and written agreement by Supplier.
- C. **SURVIVAL OF TERMS.** Notwithstanding any expiration or termination of this Contract, all payment obligations incurred prior to expiration or termination will survive, as will the following: Articles 11 through 14 survive the expiration or cancellation of this Contract. All other rights will cease upon expiration or termination of this Contract.

**2. EQUIPMENT, PRODUCTS, OR SERVICES**

- A. **EQUIPMENT, PRODUCTS, OR SERVICES.** Supplier will provide the Equipment, Products, or Services as stated in its Proposal submitted under the Solicitation Number listed above.

Supplier's Equipment, Products, or Services Proposal (Proposal) is attached and incorporated into this Contract.

All Equipment and Products provided under this Contract must be new and the current model. Supplier may offer close-out or refurbished Equipment or Products if they are clearly indicated in Supplier's product and pricing list. Unless agreed to by the Participating Entities in advance, Equipment or Products must be delivered as operational to the Participating Entity's site.

This Contract offers an indefinite quantity of sales, and while substantial volume is anticipated, sales and sales volume are not guaranteed.

B. **WARRANTY.** Supplier warrants that all Equipment, Products, and Services furnished are free from liens and encumbrances, and are free from defects in design, materials, and workmanship. In addition, Supplier warrants the Equipment, Products, and Services are suitable for and will perform in accordance with the ordinary use for which they are intended. Supplier's dealers and distributors must agree to assist the Participating Entity in reaching a resolution in any dispute over warranty terms with the manufacturer. Any manufacturer's warranty that extends beyond the expiration of the Supplier's warranty will be passed on to the Participating Entity.

C. **DEALERS, DISTRIBUTORS, AND/OR RESELLERS.** Upon Contract execution and throughout the Contract term, Supplier must provide to Sourcewell a current means to validate or authenticate Supplier's authorized dealers, distributors, or resellers relative to the Equipment, Products, and Services offered under this Contract, which will be incorporated into this Contract by reference. It is the Supplier's responsibility to ensure Sourcewell receives the most current information.

### **3. PRICING**

All Equipment, Products, or Services under this Contract will be priced at or below the price stated in Supplier's Proposal.

When providing pricing quotes to Participating Entities, all pricing quoted must reflect a Participating Entity's total cost of acquisition. This means that the quoted cost is for delivered Equipment, Products, and Services that are operational for their intended purpose, and includes all costs to the Participating Entity's requested delivery location.

Regardless of the payment method chosen by the Participating Entity, the total cost associated with any purchase option of the Equipment, Products, or Services must always be disclosed in the pricing quote to the applicable Participating Entity at the time of purchase.

A. **SHIPPING AND SHIPPING COSTS.** All delivered Equipment and Products must be properly packaged. Damaged Equipment and Products may be rejected. The John Deere Warranty Statement describes covered items and services when returning Damaged Equipment and

Products. Participating Entities reserve the right to inspect the Equipment and Products at a reasonable time after delivery where circumstances or conditions prevent effective inspection of the Equipment and Products at the time of delivery. In the event of the delivery of nonconforming Equipment and Products, the Participating Entity will notify the Supplier as soon as possible and the Supplier will replace nonconforming Equipment and Products with conforming Equipment and Products that are acceptable to the Participating Entity.

Sourcwell may declare the Supplier in breach of this Contract if the Supplier intentionally delivers substandard or inferior Equipment or Products.

B. SALES TAX. Each Participating Entity is responsible for supplying the Supplier with valid tax-exemption certification(s). When ordering, a Participating Entity must indicate if it is a tax-exempt entity.

C. HOT LIST PRICING. At any time during this Contract, Supplier may offer a specific selection of Equipment, Products, or Services at discounts greater than those listed in the Contract. When Supplier determines it will offer Hot List Pricing, it must be submitted electronically to Sourcwell in a line-item format. Equipment, Products, or Services may be added or removed from the Hot List at any time through a Sourcwell Price and Product Change Form as defined in Article 4 below.

Hot List program and pricing may also be used to discount and liquidate close-out and discontinued Equipment and Products as long as those close-out and discontinued items are clearly identified as such. Current ordering process and administrative fees apply. Hot List Pricing must be published and made available to all Participating Entities.

#### **4. PRODUCT AND PRICING CHANGE REQUESTS**

Supplier may request Equipment, Product, or Service changes, additions, or deletions at any time. All requests must be made in writing by submitting a signed Sourcwell Price and Product Change Request Form to the assigned Sourcwell Supplier Development Administrator. This approved form is available from the assigned Sourcwell Supplier Development Administrator. At a minimum, the request must:

- Identify the applicable Sourcwell contract number;
- Clearly specify the requested change;
- Provide sufficient detail to justify the requested change;
- Individually list all Equipment, Products, or Services affected by the requested change, along with the requested change (e.g., addition, deletion, price change); and
- Include a complete restatement of pricing documentation in Microsoft Excel with the effective date of the modified pricing, or product addition or deletion. The new pricing restatement must include all Equipment, Products, and Services offered, even for those items where pricing remains unchanged.

A fully executed Sourcewell Price and Product Request Form will become an amendment to this Contract and will be incorporated by reference.

## **5. PARTICIPATION, CONTRACT ACCESS, AND PARTICIPATING ENTITY REQUIREMENTS**

A. PARTICIPATION. Sourcewell's cooperative contracts are available and open to public and nonprofit entities across the United States and Canada; such as federal, state/province, municipal, K-12 and higher education, tribal government, and other public entities.

The benefits of this Contract should be available to all Participating Entities that can legally access the Equipment, Products, or Services under this Contract. A Participating Entity's authority to access this Contract is determined through its cooperative purchasing, interlocal, or joint powers laws. Any entity accessing benefits of this Contract will be considered a Service Member of Sourcewell during such time of access. Supplier understands that a Participating Entity's use of this Contract is at the Participating Entity's sole convenience and Participating Entities reserve the right to obtain like Equipment, Products, or Services from any other source.

Supplier is responsible for familiarizing its sales and service forces with Sourcewell contract use eligibility requirements and documentation and will encourage potential participating entities to join Sourcewell. Sourcewell reserves the right to add and remove Participating Entities to its roster during the term of this Contract.

B. PUBLIC FACILITIES. Supplier's employees may be required to perform work at government-owned facilities, including schools. Supplier's employees and agents must conduct themselves in a professional manner while on the premises, and in accordance with Participating Entity policies and procedures, and all applicable laws.

## **6. PARTICIPATING ENTITY USE AND PURCHASING**

A. ORDERS AND PAYMENT. To access the contracted Equipment, Products, or Services under this Contract, a Participating Entity must clearly indicate to Supplier that it intends to access this Contract; however, order flow and procedure will be developed jointly between Sourcewell and Supplier. Typically, a Participating Entity will issue an order directly to Supplier or its authorized subsidiary, distributor, dealer, or reseller. If a Participating Entity issues a purchase order, it may use its own forms, but the purchase order should clearly note the applicable Sourcewell contract number. All Participating Entity orders under this Contract must be issued prior to expiration or cancellation of this Contract; however, Supplier performance, Participating Entity payment obligations, and any applicable warranty periods or other Supplier or Participating Entity obligations may extend beyond the term of this Contract.

Supplier's acceptable forms of payment are included in its attached Proposal. Participating Entities will be solely responsible for payment and Sourcewell will have no liability for any unpaid invoice of any Participating Entity.

B. **ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS/PARTICIPATING ADDENDUM.** Additional terms and conditions to a purchase order, or other required transaction documentation, may be negotiated between a Participating Entity and Supplier, such as job or industry-specific requirements, legal requirements (e.g., affirmative action or immigration status requirements), or specific local policy requirements. Some Participating Entities may require the use of a Participating Addendum, the terms of which will be negotiated directly between the Participating Entity and the Supplier or its authorized dealers, distributors, or resellers, as applicable. Any negotiated additional terms and conditions must never be less favorable to the Participating Entity than what is contained in this Contract.

C. **SPECIALIZED SERVICE REQUIREMENTS.** In the event that the Participating Entity requires service or specialized performance requirements not addressed in this Contract (such as e-commerce specifications, specialized delivery requirements, or other specifications and requirements), the Participating Entity and the Supplier may enter into a separate, standalone agreement, apart from this Contract. Sourcewell, including its agents and employees, will not be made a party to a claim for breach of such agreement.

D. **TERMINATION OF ORDERS.** Participating Entities may terminate an order, in whole or in part, immediately upon notice to Supplier in the event of any of the following events:

1. The Participating Entity fails to receive funding or appropriation from its governing body at levels sufficient to pay for the equipment, products, or services to be purchased; or
2. Federal, state, or provincial laws or regulations prohibit the purchase or change the Participating Entity's requirements.

E. **GOVERNING LAW AND VENUE.** The governing law and venue for any action related to a Participating Entity's order will be determined by the Participating Entity making the purchase.

## **7. CUSTOMER SERVICE**

A. **PRIMARY ACCOUNT REPRESENTATIVE.** Supplier will assign an Account Representative to Sourcewell for this Contract and must provide prompt notice to Sourcewell if that person is changed. The Account Representative will be responsible for:

- Maintenance and management of this Contract;
- Timely response to all Sourcewell and Participating Entity inquiries; and
- Business reviews to Sourcewell and Participating Entities, if applicable.

B. BUSINESS REVIEWS. Supplier must perform a minimum of one business review with Sourcewell per contract year. The business review will cover sales to Participating Entities, pricing and contract terms, administrative fees, sales data reports, performance issues, supply issues, customer issues, and any other necessary information.

## **8. REPORT ON CONTRACT SALES ACTIVITY AND ADMINISTRATIVE FEE PAYMENT**

A. CONTRACT SALES ACTIVITY REPORT. Each calendar quarter, Supplier must provide a contract sales activity report (Report) to the Sourcewell Supplier Development Administrator assigned to this Contract. Reports are due no later than 45 days after the end of each calendar quarter. A Report must be provided regardless of the number or amount of sales during that quarter (i.e., if there are no sales, Supplier must submit a report indicating no sales were made).

The Report must contain the following fields:

- Participating Entity Name (e.g., City of Staples Highway Department);
- Participating Entity Physical Street Address;
- Participating Entity City;
- Participating Entity State/Province;
- Participating Entity Zip/Postal Code;
- Item Purchased Description;
- Item Purchased Price;
- Sourcewell Administrative Fee Applied; and
- Date Purchase was invoiced/sale was recognized as revenue by Supplier.

B. ADMINISTRATIVE FEE. In consideration for the support and services provided by Sourcewell, the Supplier will pay an administrative fee to Sourcewell on all Equipment, Products, and Services provided to Participating Entities. The Administrative Fee must be included in, and not added to, the pricing. Supplier may not charge Participating Entities more than the contracted price to offset the Administrative Fee. Any state that requires a Sourcewell participating addendum with an additional admin fee, we reserve the right to reduce the list price discount to accommodate this additional fee.

The Supplier will submit payment to Sourcewell for the percentage of administrative fee stated in the Proposal multiplied by the total sales of all Equipment, Products, and Services purchased by Participating Entities under this Contract during each calendar quarter. Payments should note the Supplier's name and Sourcewell-assigned contract number in the memo; and must be mailed to the address above "Attn: Accounts Receivable" or remitted electronically to Sourcewell's banking institution per Sourcewell's Finance department instructions. Payments must be received no later than 45 calendar days after the end of each calendar quarter.

Supplier agrees to cooperate with Sourcewell in auditing transactions under this Contract to ensure that the administrative fee is paid on all items purchased under this Contract.

In the event the Supplier is delinquent in any undisputed administrative fees, Sourcewell reserves the right to cancel this Contract and reject any proposal submitted by the Supplier in any subsequent solicitation. In the event this Contract is cancelled by either party prior to the Contract's expiration date, the administrative fee payment will be due no more than 30 days from the cancellation date.

## **9. AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE**

Sourcewell's Authorized Representative is its Chief Procurement Officer.

Supplier's Authorized Representative is the person named in the Supplier's Proposal. If Supplier's Authorized Representative changes at any time during this Contract, Supplier must promptly notify Sourcewell in writing.

## **10. AUDIT, ASSIGNMENT, AMENDMENTS, WAIVER, AND CONTRACT COMPLETE**

A. **AUDIT.** Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 16C.05, subdivision 5, the books, records, documents, and accounting procedures and practices relevant to this Contract are subject to examination by Sourcewell or the Minnesota State Auditor for a minimum of six years from the end of this Contract. This clause extends to Participating Entities as it relates to business conducted by that Participating Entity under this Contract.

B. **ASSIGNMENT.** Neither party may assign or otherwise transfer its rights or obligations under this Contract without the prior written consent of the other party and a fully executed assignment agreement. Such consent will not be unreasonably withheld. Any prohibited assignment will be invalid.

C. **AMENDMENTS.** Any amendment to this Contract must be in writing and will not be effective until it has been duly executed by the parties.

D. **WAIVER.** Failure by either party to take action or assert any right under this Contract will not be deemed a waiver of such right in the event of the continuation or repetition of the circumstances giving rise to such right. Any such waiver must be in writing and signed by the parties.

E. **CONTRACT COMPLETE.** This Contract represents the complete agreement between the parties. No other understanding regarding this Contract, whether written or oral, may be used to bind either party. For any conflict between the attached Proposal and the terms set out in Articles 1-22 of this Contract, the terms of Articles 1-22 will govern.

F. RELATIONSHIP OF THE PARTIES. The relationship of the parties is one of independent contractors, each free to exercise judgment and discretion with regard to the conduct of their respective businesses. This Contract does not create a partnership, joint venture, or any other relationship such as master-servant, or principal-agent.

## **11. INDEMNITY AND HOLD HARMLESS**

Supplier must indemnify, defend, save, and hold Sourcewell and its Participating Entities, including their agents and employees, harmless from any claims or causes of action, including attorneys' fees incurred by Sourcewell or its Participating Entities, arising out of any act or omission in the performance of this Contract by the Supplier or its agents or employees; this indemnification includes injury or death to person(s) or property alleged to have been caused by some defect in the Equipment, Products, or Services under this Contract to the extent the Equipment, Product, or Service has been used according to its specifications. Sourcewell's responsibility will be governed by the State of Minnesota's Tort Liability Act (Minnesota Statutes Chapter 466) and other applicable law.

## **12. GOVERNMENT DATA PRACTICES**

Supplier and Sourcewell must comply with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Minnesota Statutes Chapter 13, as it applies to all data provided by or provided to Sourcewell under this Contract and as it applies to all data created, collected, received, maintained, or disseminated by the Supplier under this Contract.

## **13. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY, PUBLICITY, MARKETING, AND ENDORSEMENT**

### **A. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY**

1. *Grant of License.* During the term of this Contract:
  - a. Sourcewell grants to Supplier a royalty-free, worldwide, non-exclusive right and license to use the trademark(s) provided to Supplier by Sourcewell in advertising and promotional materials for the purpose of marketing Sourcewell's relationship with Supplier.
  - b. Supplier grants to Sourcewell a royalty-free, worldwide, non-exclusive right and license to use Supplier's trademarks in advertising and promotional materials for the purpose of marketing Supplier's relationship with Sourcewell.
2. *Limited Right of Sublicense.* The right and license granted herein includes a limited right of each party to grant sublicenses to their respective subsidiaries, distributors, dealers, resellers, marketing representatives, and agents (collectively "Permitted Sublicensees") in advertising and promotional materials for the purpose of marketing the Parties' relationship to Participating Entities. Any sublicense granted will be subject to the terms and conditions of this Article. Each party will be responsible for any breach of this Article by any of their respective sublicensees.
3. *Use; Quality Control.*

- a. Neither party may alter the other party's trademarks from the form provided and must comply with removal requests as to specific uses of its trademarks or logos.
- b. Each party agrees to use, and to cause its Permitted Sublicensees to use, the other party's trademarks only in good faith and in a dignified manner consistent with such party's use of the trademarks. Upon written notice to the breaching party, the breaching party has 30 days of the date of the written notice to cure the breach or the license will be terminated.

4. *Termination.* Upon the termination of this Contract for any reason, each party, including Permitted Sublicensees, will have 30 days to remove all Trademarks from signage, websites, and the like bearing the other party's name or logo (excepting Sourcewell's pre-printed catalog of suppliers which may be used until the next printing). Supplier must return all marketing and promotional materials, including signage, provided by Sourcewell, or dispose of it according to Sourcewell's written directions.

B. **PUBLICITY.** Any publicity regarding the subject matter of this Contract must not be released without prior written approval from the Authorized Representatives. Publicity includes notices, informational pamphlets, press releases, research, reports, signs, and similar public notices prepared by or for the Supplier individually or jointly with others, with respect to the program, publications, or services provided resulting from this Contract.

C. **MARKETING.** Any direct advertising, marketing, or offers with Participating Entities must be approved by Sourcewell. Send all approval requests to the Sourcewell Supplier Development Administrator assigned to this Contract.

D. **ENDORSEMENT.** The Supplier must not claim that Sourcewell endorses its Equipment, Products, or Services.

#### **14. GOVERNING LAW, JURISDICTION, AND VENUE**

The substantive and procedural laws of the State of Minnesota will govern this Contract. Venue for all legal proceedings arising out of this Contract, or its breach, must be in the appropriate state court in Todd County, Minnesota or federal court in Fergus Falls, Minnesota.

#### **15. FORCE MAJEURE**

Neither party to this Contract will be held responsible for delay or default caused by acts of God or other conditions that are beyond that party's reasonable control. A party defaulting under this provision must provide the other party prompt written notice of the default.

## 16. SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this Contract is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be illegal, unenforceable, or void then both parties will be relieved from all obligations arising from that provision. If the remainder of this Contract is capable of being performed, it will not be affected by such determination or finding and must be fully performed.

## 17. PERFORMANCE, DEFAULT, AND REMEDIES

A. PERFORMANCE. During the term of this Contract, the parties will monitor performance and address unresolved contract issues as follows:

1. *Notification.* The parties must promptly notify each other of any known dispute and work in good faith to resolve such dispute within a reasonable period of time. If necessary, Sourcewell and the Supplier will jointly develop a short briefing document that describes the issue(s), relevant impact, and positions of both parties.
2. *Escalation.* If parties are unable to resolve the issue in a timely manner, as specified above, either Sourcewell or Supplier may escalate the resolution of the issue to a higher level of management. The Supplier will have 30 calendar days to cure an outstanding issue.
3. *Performance while Dispute is Pending.* Notwithstanding the existence of a dispute, the Supplier must continue without delay to carry out all of its responsibilities under the Contract that are not affected by the dispute. If the Supplier fails to continue without delay to perform its responsibilities under the Contract, in the accomplishment of all undisputed work, the Supplier will bear any additional costs incurred by Sourcewell and/or its Participating Entities as a result of such failure to proceed.

B. DEFAULT AND REMEDIES. Either of the following constitutes cause to declare this Contract, or any Participating Entity order under this Contract, in default:

1. Nonperformance of contractual requirements, or
2. A material breach of any term or condition of this Contract.

The party claiming default must provide written notice of the default, with 30 calendar days to cure the default. Time allowed for cure will not diminish or eliminate any liability for liquidated or other damages. If the default remains after the opportunity for cure, the non-defaulting party may:

- Exercise any remedy provided by law or equity, or
- Terminate the Contract or any portion thereof, including any orders issued against the Contract.

## 18. INSURANCE

A. REQUIREMENTS. At its own expense, Supplier must maintain insurance policy(ies) in effect at all times during the performance of this Contract with insurance company(ies) licensed or authorized to do business in the State of Minnesota having an "AM BEST" rating of A- or better, with coverage and limits of insurance not less than the following:

1. *Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability.*

Workers' Compensation: As required by any applicable law or regulation.

Employer's Liability Insurance: must be provided in amounts not less than listed below:

Minimum limits:

\$500,000 each accident for bodily injury by accident

\$500,000 policy limit for bodily injury by disease

\$500,000 each employee for bodily injury by disease

2. *Commercial General Liability Insurance.* Supplier will maintain insurance covering its operations, with coverage on an occurrence basis, and must be subject to terms no less broad than the Insurance Services Office ("ISO") Commercial General Liability Form CG0001 (2001 or newer edition), or equivalent. At a minimum, coverage must include liability arising from premises, operations, bodily injury and property damage, independent contractors, products-completed operations including construction defect, contractual liability, blanket contractual liability, and personal injury and advertising injury. All required limits, terms and conditions of coverage must be maintained during the term of this Contract.

Minimum Limits:

\$1,000,000 each occurrence Bodily Injury and Property Damage

\$1,000,000 Personal and Advertising Injury

\$2,000,000 aggregate for products liability-completed operations

\$2,000,000 general aggregate

3. *Commercial Automobile Liability Insurance.* During the term of this Contract, Supplier will maintain insurance covering all owned, hired, and non-owned automobiles in limits of liability not less than indicated below. The coverage must be subject to terms no less broad than ISO Business Auto Coverage Form CA 0001 (2010 edition or newer), or equivalent.

Minimum Limits:

\$1,000,000 each accident, combined single limit

4. *Umbrella Insurance.* During the term of this Contract, Supplier will maintain umbrella coverage over Employer's Liability, Commercial General Liability, and Commercial Automobile.

Minimum Limits:

\$2,000,000

5. *Network Security and Privacy Liability Insurance.* During the term of this Contract, Supplier will maintain coverage for network security and privacy liability. The coverage may be endorsed on another form of liability coverage or written on a standalone policy. The insurance must cover claims which may arise from failure of Supplier's security resulting in, but not limited to, computer attacks, unauthorized access, disclosure of not public data – including but not limited to, confidential or private information, transmission of a computer virus, or denial of service.

Minimum limits:

\$2,000,000 per occurrence

\$2,000,000 annual aggregate

Failure of Supplier to maintain the required insurance will constitute a material breach entitling Sourcewell to immediately terminate this Contract for default.

B. CERTIFICATES OF INSURANCE. Prior to commencing under this Contract, Supplier must furnish to Sourcewell a certificate of insurance, as evidence of the insurance required under this Contract. Prior to expiration of the policy(ies), renewal certificates must be mailed to Sourcewell, 202 12th Street Northeast, P.O. Box 219, Staples, MN 56479 or sent to the Sourcewell Supplier Development Administrator assigned to this Contract. The certificates must be signed by a person authorized by the insurer(s) to bind coverage on their behalf.

Failure to request certificates of insurance by Sourcewell, or failure of Supplier to provide certificates of insurance, in no way limits or relieves Supplier of its duties and responsibilities in this Contract.

C. ADDITIONAL INSURED ENDORSEMENT AND PRIMARY AND NON-CONTRIBUTORY INSURANCE CLAUSE. Supplier agrees to list Sourcewell and its Participating Entities, including their officers, agents, and employees, as an additional insured under the Supplier's commercial general liability insurance policy with respect to liability arising out of activities, "operations," or "work" performed by or on behalf of Supplier, and products and completed operations of Supplier. The policy provision(s) or endorsement(s) must further provide that coverage is primary and not excess over or contributory with any other valid, applicable, and collectible insurance or self-insurance in force for the additional insureds.

D. WAIVER OF SUBROGATION. Supplier waives and must require (by endorsement or otherwise) all its insurers to waive subrogation rights against Sourcewell and other additional insureds for losses paid under the insurance policies required by this Contract or other insurance applicable to the Supplier. The waiver must apply to all deductibles and/or self-insured retentions applicable to the required or any other insurance maintained by the Supplier.

E. UMBRELLA/EXCESS LIABILITY/SELF-INSURED RETENTION. The limits required by this Contract can be met by either providing a primary policy or in combination with umbrella/excess liability policy(ies), or self-insured retention.

## **19. COMPLIANCE**

A. LAWS AND REGULATIONS. All Equipment, Products, or Services provided under this Contract must comply fully with applicable federal laws and regulations, and with the laws in the states and provinces in which the Equipment, Products, or Services are sold.

B. LICENSES. Supplier must maintain a valid and current status on all required federal, state/provincial, and local licenses, bonds, and permits required for the operation of the business that the Supplier conducts with Sourcewell and Participating Entities.

## **20. BANKRUPTCY, DEBARMENT, OR SUSPENSION CERTIFICATION**

Supplier certifies and warrants that it is not in bankruptcy or that it has previously disclosed in writing certain information to Sourcewell related to bankruptcy actions. If at any time during this Contract Supplier declares bankruptcy, Supplier must immediately notify Sourcewell in writing.

Supplier certifies and warrants that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from programs operated by the State of Minnesota; the United States federal government or the Canadian government, as applicable; or any Participating Entity. Supplier certifies and warrants that neither it nor its principals have been convicted of a criminal offense related to the subject matter of this Contract. Supplier further warrants that it will provide immediate written notice to Sourcewell if this certification changes at any time.

## **21. PROVISIONS FOR NON-UNITED STATES FEDERAL ENTITY PROCUREMENTS UNDER UNITED STATES FEDERAL AWARDS OR OTHER AWARDS**

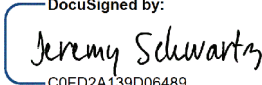
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## **22. CANCELLATION**

Sourcewell or Supplier may cancel this Contract at any time, with or without cause, upon 60 days' written notice to the other party. However, Sourcewell may cancel this Contract immediately upon discovery of a material defect in any certification made in Supplier's Proposal. Cancellation of this Contract does not relieve either party of financial, product, or service obligations incurred or accrued prior to cancellation.

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**Sourcewell**

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By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jeremy Schwartz  
Title: Chief Procurement Officer  
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**John Deere Construction Retail Sales a  
division of John Deere Shared Services LLC,  
DBA John Deere Construction Retail Sales**

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Mark Oliver  
Title: Manager Contract Sales  
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## Vendor Details

Company Name: John Deere Shared Services LLC

Does your company conduct business under any other name? If yes, please state: John Deere Construction Retail Sales a division of John Deere Shared Services LLC

Address: 1300 River Drive  
Moline, IL 61265

Contact: Brooke DeVol

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## Specifications

**Table 1: Proposer Identity & Authorized Representatives**

**General Instructions** (applies to all Tables) Sourcewell prefers a brief but thorough response to each question. Do not merely attach additional documents to your response without also providing a substantive response. Do not leave answers blank; respond "N/A" if the question does not apply to you (preferably with an explanation).

Line Item	Question	Response *
1	Proposer Legal Name (one legal entity only): (In the event of award, will execute the resulting contract as "Supplier")	John Deere Construction Retail Sales a division of John Deere Shared Services LLC
2	Identify all subsidiary entities of the Proposer whose equipment, products, or services are included in the Proposal.	Not Applicable
3	Identify all applicable assumed names or DBA names of the Proposer or Proposer's subsidiaries in Line 1 or Line 2 above.	John Deere Construction Retail Sales JDCRS John Deere Construction & Forestry
4	Provide your CAGE code or Unique Entity Identifier (SAM):	Cage Code: 3PSD7 UEI: ED9BLXH3Hg21
5	Proposer Physical Address:	1300 River Drive Moline, IL 61265
6	Proposer website address (or addresses):	www.deere.com
7	Proposer's Authorized Representative (name, title, address, email address & phone) (The representative must have authority to sign the "Proposer's Assurance of Compliance" on behalf of the Proposer and, in the event of award, will be expected to execute the resulting contract):	Mark Oliver, Manager Contract Sales 1300 River Drive Moline, IL 61265 OliverMarkR@JohnDeere.com 309-748-3418
8	Proposer's primary contact for this proposal (name, title, address, email address & phone):	Brooke DeVol, Contract Administrator 1300 River Drive Moline, IL 61265 ForsbergBrookeL@JohnDeere.com 309-207-0431
9	Proposer's other contacts for this proposal, if any (name, title, address, email address & phone):	Mark Oliver, Manager Contract Sales 1300 River Drive Moline, IL 61265 OliverMarkR@JohnDeere.com 309-748-3418

**Table 2: Company Information and Financial Strength**

Line Item	Question	Response *
10	Provide a brief history of your company, including your company's core values, business philosophy, and industry longevity related to the requested equipment, products or services.	<p>We Run Like No Other. We conduct business essential to life. Running for the people who trust us and the planet that sustains us, we create intelligent connected machines that enable lives to leap forward.</p> <p>See our higher purpose: <a href="https://www.deere.com/en/our-company/higher-purpose/">https://www.deere.com/en/our-company/higher-purpose/</a></p> <p>John Deere customers are at the center of everything we do. We rely on more than 180 years of experience and terabytes of precision data to know them and their businesses better than anyone else. Our easy-to-use technology helps deliver results they see in the field, on the job site, and on the balance sheet. We ensure seamless access to parts, services, and performance upgrades from take home to trade-in by providing world-class support throughout the lifecycle of their equipment, with productivity and sustainability always in mind.</p> <p>We never forget that we're here to help life leap forward.</p> <p>Deere &amp; Company at a glance: <a href="https://www.deere.com/assets/pdfs/common/our-company/deere-&amp;-company-at-a-glance.pdf">https://www.deere.com/assets/pdfs/common/our-company/deere-&amp;-company-at-a-glance.pdf</a></p>

11	What are your company's expectations in the event of an award?	Our expectation, if we are awarded, is to continue working with Sourcewell to provide governmental customers the best option for acquiring our Construction and Compact Construction products. The John Deere Governmental Sales Team will continue to train our dealers on how to present Sourcewell and the benefits the contract offers to continue growing our sales. Since our training plan was rolled out in late 2016, our sales on this contract have had significant growth and our expectation is to continue that trend in the market place.	*
12	Demonstrate your financial strength and stability with meaningful data. This could include such items as financial statements, SEC filings, credit and bond ratings, letters of credit, and detailed reference letters. Upload supporting documents (as applicable) in the document upload section of your response.	John Deere has a long history and attached in supplemental documents is our most recent annual report from 2021. Our 2022 fiscal year just concluded on October 31, 2022 and the annual report is not published at this time.	*
13	What is your US market share for the solutions that you are proposing?	While we do not publicly state market share position, John Deere Construction & Forestry holds a top level market share position across our entire product portfolio in the US.	*
14	What is your Canadian market share for the solutions that you are proposing?	While we do not publicly state market share position, John Deere Construction & Forestry holds a top level market share position across our entire product portfolio in Canada.	*
15	Has your business ever petitioned for bankruptcy protection? If so, explain in detail.	No bankruptcy proceedings have taken place.	*
16	How is your organization best described: is it a manufacturer, a distributor/dealer/reseller, or a service provider? Answer whichever question (either a) or b) just below) best applies to your organization. a) If your company is best described as a distributor/dealer/reseller (or similar entity), provide your written authorization to act as a distributor/dealer/reseller for the manufacturer of the products proposed in this RFP. If applicable, is your dealer network independent or company owned? b) If your company is best described as a manufacturer or service provider, describe your relationship with your sales and service force and with your dealer network in delivering the products and services proposed in this RFP. Are these individuals your employees, or the employees of a third party?	John Deere Construction Retail Sales (JDCRS) is based in Moline, IL and is responsible for growing sales in the governmental segment for the Construction & Forestry Division of John Deere. All employees of JDCRS are full time John Deere employees. This sales team is responsible for training our dealers on governmental business, contracts and sales processes. Specific to supporting the Sourcewell contract, the account managers, contract manager and sales support team are responsible for educating the dealers on the quoting, ordering and delivery process of products sold on the Sourcewell contract.  All dealers are required to go through a contract training program either in person or virtually via Microsoft Teams to become an authorized seller on our contract. This process has been the main driver of our growth since it was launched in 2016. We do retain the right to sell direct if required or the dealer has not completed our training program. Upon award of this new contract, we are revamping our training process to leverage our John Deere University online training system to make it easier and more efficient for the dealer field staff to become trained and certified on the Sourcewell contract.	*
17	If applicable, provide a detailed explanation outlining the licenses and certifications that are both required to be held, and actually held, by your organization (including third parties and subcontractors that you use) in pursuit of the business contemplated by this RFP.	John Deere maintains all licenses and certifications necessary to conduct its business around the world. This is supported by our Supply Management, Engineering, Safety, Accounting, Human Resources and Tax and Legal Departments. John Deere self-audits and has regular outside audits performed by Deloitte & Touche for compliance with all required licenses, certifications and regulations.	*
18	Provide all "Suspension or Debarment" information that has applied to your organization during the past ten years.	There are no suspensions or disbarments to note.	*

**Table 3: Industry Recognition & Marketplace Success**

Line Item	Question	Response *	
19	Describe any relevant industry awards or recognition that your company has received in the past five years	John Deere has received numerous levels of recognition and awards worldwide for quality production standards, environmental responsibility, ethics, diversity, safety and corporate citizenship. Page 12 of the 2021 Annual Report (attached in the documents section of the response) showcases some of our business highlights and the list of 2021 Awards and Recognitions.  Also, attached within the documents section is our 2021 Sustainability Report for John Deere.	*
20	What percentage of your sales are to the governmental sector in the past three years	Customer and segment specifics for John Deere sales are not shared publicly. For the industry as a whole that we participate in, approximately 10-15% of sales for Construction and Compact Construction Equipment are sold to governmental agencies across North American each year.	*
21	What percentage of your sales are to the education sector in the past three years	Our education sector sales is a low percentage of our total governmental business but education entities have utilized the Sourcewell contract previously. For construction and compact construction equipment it is generally reported as a local or state level sale.	*
22	List any state, provincial, or cooperative purchasing contracts that you hold. What is the annual sales volume for each of these contracts over the past three years?	NASPO, as well as state participating addendums through this contract H-GAC TASB BuyBoard  We also hold on average 5-10 individual state contracts outside of cooperative purchasing contracts.  Sales figures are not publicly shared on any of these contracts.	*
23	List any GSA contracts or Standing Offers and Supply Arrangements (SOSA) that you hold. What is the annual sales volume for each of these contracts over the past three years?	GSA DLA US Fish & Wildlife, IDIQ  Sales figures are not publicly shared on any of these contracts.	*

**Table 4: References/Testimonials**

**Line Item 24.** Supply reference information from three customers who are eligible to be Sourcewell participating entities.

Entity Name *	Contact Name *	Phone Number *	
Murphy Tractor & Equipment; an authorized dealer with a vast customer base with Sourcewell purchases.	Cole Iverson VP of Sales	507-320-8826	*
Brandt Tractor Ltd.; an authorized dealer with a vast customer baes with Sourcewell purchases.	Lloyd Norminton Government Sales Manager	780-486-6786	*
RDO Construction Equipment MW; an authorized dealer with a vast customer base with Sourcewell purchases.	Jesse Miller Government Sales Manager	952-882-2752	*

**Table 5: Top Five Government or Education Customers**

**Line Item 25.** Provide a list of your top five government, education, or non-profit customers (entity name is optional), including entity type, the state or province the entity is located in, scope of the project(s), size of transaction(s), and dollar volumes from the past three years.

Entity Name	Entity Type *	State / Province *	Scope of Work *	Size of Transactions *	Dollar Volume Past Three Years *	
New York State	Government	New York - NY	Sourcewell and Sourcewell participating addendum sales.	We averaged 172 sales per year over the last 3 years within the state of New York.	We averaged 19 million dollars per year over the last 3 years within the state of New York.	*
State of Ohio	Government	Ohio - OH	Sourcewell sales.  Ohio STS contract was also held and is now expired. These sales are not publicly shared from our office.  2022 Q4 is our first full quarter of our Sourcewell PA contract being rolled out in Ohio.	Previous contracts in Ohio averaged 38-50 transactions per year.	Previous contracts in Ohio averaged 3-5 million dollars per year.	*
United States Air Force	Government	Pennsylvania - PA	DLA Military Sales	Not publicly shared from our office.	Not publicly shared from our office.	*
Florida Forest Service	Government	Florida - FL	Florida Forest Service contract	Not publicly shared from our office.	Not publicly shared from our office.	*
Louisiana DOT	Government	Louisiana - LA	State DOT contract	Not publicly shared from our office.	Not publicly shared from our office.	*

**Table 6: Ability to Sell and Deliver Service**

Describe your company's capability to meet the needs of Sourcewell participating entities across the US and Canada, as applicable. Your response should address in detail at least the following areas: locations of your network of sales and service providers, the number of workers (full-time equivalents) involved in each sector, whether these workers are your direct employees (or employees of a third party), and any overlap between the sales and service functions.

Line Item	Question	Response *	
26	Sales force.	Sales is covered by our independent dealer network that has been trained and certified on the Sourcewell sales processes. We have dealer standards that require a minimum sales person to customer ratio to ensure proper sales coverage and response time.	*
27	Dealer network or other distribution methods.	There are nearly 400 dealer locations in the U.S., authorized to sell John Deere construction equipment products and another 60 covering Canada. There are roughly 1400 dealer locations in the U.S. authorized to sell compact construction equipment another 500 across Canada. These John Deere dealers sign contracts to sell and service John Deere products in their assigned areas. We have dealer standards that require a minimum sales person to customer ratio to ensure proper sales coverage and response time.	*
28	Service force.	This is covered fully by our dealers. Our dealers standard policy also has a minimum service technician to machine base ratio to ensure the best service and response time.	*
29	Describe the ordering process. If orders will be handled by distributors, dealers or others, explain the respective roles of the Proposer and others.	We have two processes for ordering products on our Sourcewell contract. The majority of our sales are ordered by authorized selling dealers that have been trained and certified by our John Deere Government Sales office. Upon delivery of an order we have a sales reporting automated process to capture the sales for reporting to Sourcewell.  For dealers that may not be certified yet, our John Deere Government Sales office reserves the right to order direct.	*

30	Describe in detail the process and procedure of your customer service program, if applicable. Include your response-time capabilities and commitments, as well as any incentives that help your providers meet your stated service goals or promises.	<p>A professional, capable, well-trained, well-capitalized dealer network is one of John Deere's competitive advantages. Our dealers, backed by John Deere, provide local customer support, repairs, maintenance and parts. John Deere has authorized dealers in all 50 U.S. states and all across Canada.</p> <p>There are nearly 400 dealer locations in the U.S., authorized to sell John Deere construction equipment products and another 60 covering Canada. There are roughly 1400 dealer locations in the U.S. authorized to sell compact construction equipment and another 500 across Canada. These John Deere dealers sign contracts to sell and service John Deere products in their assigned areas.</p> <p>We also have a certified technician training program to ensure quality service for our customers. There are also multiple regional parts depots across North America for the best parts availability in the industry.</p> <p>Dealers must submit an annual business plan that contains their commitment to effectively selling and supporting all potential customer in their area, including but not limited to commercial accounts, national accounts, and state, county, and local governmental agencies.</p> <p>Customer can count on John Deere construction dealers to support our products and customers.</p>	*
31	Describe your ability and willingness to provide your products and services to Sourcewell participating entities in the United States.	All areas of the U.S. will be served.	*
32	Describe your ability and willingness to provide your products and services to Sourcewell participating entities in Canada.	All areas of Canada that Sourcewell has a defined partner (such as Canoe) will also be served.	*
33	Identify any geographic areas of the United States or Canada that you will NOT be fully serving through the proposed contract.	All areas of the U.S. will be served. All areas of Canada that Sourcewell has a defined partner (such as Canoe) will also be served.	*
34	Identify any Sourcewell participating entity sectors (i.e., government, education, not-for-profit) that you will NOT be fully serving through the proposed contract. Explain in detail. For example, does your company have only a regional presence, or do other cooperative purchasing contracts limit your ability to promote another contract?	<p>Any agency that John Deere defines as a governmental customer and is also eligible to be a Sourcewell member will qualify for the discounts on our contract. John Deere Construction &amp; Forestry defines a governmental customer as the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Federal, state/provincial, county, municipal and local governmental agencies</li> <li>2. Hospitals and state/provincially accredited schools (both public and private)</li> <li>3. Special government and/or taxing districts that have authority to levy taxes and/or issue tax free municipal bonds (ex. airports)</li> <li>4. Governmental facilities run by independent management groups qualify only if a governmental agency issues the purchase order and retains ownership. Ownership by the management group voids discount eligibility.</li> <li>5. Non-governmental utilities or departments or divisions of them that provide has, water, electrical, or telephone service directly to commercial or home users</li> <li>6. Governmental agencies or departments or divisions of them that provide recycling or waste service directly to commercial or home users. Companies or departments or divisions of these utilities that do not provide service directly to commercial or home users do not qualify</li> <li>7. North American Indian Tribal Councils</li> <li>8. Non-profit agencies exempt from state/provincial and federal taxes</li> <li>9. All Municipal Railroads</li> </ol>	*
35	Define any specific contract requirements or restrictions that would apply to our participating entities in Hawaii and Alaska and in US Territories.	The John Deere Construction & Forestry Division has assigned dealers in both Alaska and Hawaii. As is the case for the continental U.S. (CONUS), factory to dealer freight as well as local delivery by dealer to end-user will be quoted and invoiced for any applicable areas outside of the continental U.S. (CONUS). Location specific factors related to moves by ocean, barge, inland, etc. will affect final delivery date.	*

**Table 7: Marketing Plan**

Line Item	Question	Response *
36	Describe your marketing strategy for promoting this contract opportunity. Upload representative samples of your marketing materials (if applicable) in the document upload section of your response.	Since our "authorized selling dealer" initiative that was rolled out in late 2016, our marketing plan has focused on getting our dealer network to understand the power of cooperative purchasing, specially the Sourcewell contract. Our dealers are closer to the end use customers and understand their business and product needs better than our small team here in Moline, IL. Once we got the dealers fully bought in on the power, ease of use and importance of the contract, the sales numbers took off year over year. Our plan for the new contract is to continue this with our dealer network.
37	Describe your use of technology and digital data (e.g., social media, metadata usage) to enhance marketing effectiveness.	<p>John Deere has a great public website with information about our entire product line. We also have a link to a variety of governmental contracts that are available. In addition to those site, we also allow the customer to build their own machine online so they can see the options that are available before they contact their local dealer.</p> <p><a href="https://www.deere.com/en/">https://www.deere.com/en/</a>  <a href="https://www.deere.com/en/construction/">https://www.deere.com/en/construction/</a>  <a href="https://www.deere.com/en/government-and-military-sales/">https://www.deere.com/en/government-and-military-sales/</a>  <a href="https://www.deere.com/en/government-and-military-sales/state-and-local-purchasing/">https://www.deere.com/en/government-and-military-sales/state-and-local-purchasing/</a>  <a href="https://configure.deere.com/cbyo/#/en_us/products">https://configure.deere.com/cbyo/#/en_us/products</a></p> <p>Our marketing communications group runs a variety of social media promotions including a YouTube channel (<a href="https://www.youtube.com/user/JohnDeere">https://www.youtube.com/user/JohnDeere</a>) and Facebook page (<a href="https://www.facebook.com/JohnDeereUSCA/">https://www.facebook.com/JohnDeereUSCA/</a>).</p> <p>The message on these sites changes periodically but it is primarily focused on the benefits of the John Deere relationship and how we are close to our customer.</p>
38	In your view, what is Sourcewell's role in promoting contracts arising out of this RFP? How will you integrate a Sourcewell-awarded contract into your sales process?	<p>From the John Deere perspective, there are three key components to promoting the Sourcewell contract: Sourcewell, John Deere Construction Retail Sales (JDCRS), and our dealer network across the US and Canada. Each has a key role to the success of the continued and incremental sales increases each year. Sourcewell's job is to continue to promote the brand to eligible members so they understand the basics of cooperative purchasing and the benefits of membership. JDCRS has the responsibility to train the dealers on sales processes (ceiling price, discount structure, ordering and delivering of products), how to determine if a customer is already a member and how to assist a customer that is not a member how to become a member. Our dealer's responsibility is to help identify the right product for the job and how to find the easiest, most cost effective way to source that product/solution. We believe that Sourcewell provides one of the best tools available to eligible customer and we will continue to promote that in our annual training.</p> <p>We work with our dealers and support them at any regional conference or training opportunity that helps promote the brand of all three entities. Open communication between all three parties is the key for future success and incremental sales gains on the next contract.</p>
39	Are your products or services available through an e-procurement ordering process? If so, describe your e-procurement system and how governmental and educational customers have used it.	We are investigating e-procurement options for certain product families in the future but those are not available at this time. Due to the customizable nature of products and services, there are many possible configurations for each model. Many build-code dependencies must be taken into consideration for a properly functioning machine to be built. For that reason, we feel it is best to contact the local dealer for machine configuration guidance prior to requesting a contract quote.

**Table 8: Value-Added Attributes**

Line Item	Question	Response *
40	Describe any product, equipment, maintenance, or operator training programs that you offer to Sourcewell participating entities. Include details, such as whether training is standard or optional, who provides training, and any costs that apply.	Training on equipment operation and safety is provided through the local dealer. At time of delivery, the dealer provides an introductory walk-around of the unit, explaining general operation and maintenance procedures, free of charge as part of the purchase. Additional product or specific system training is optional and quoted by the local dealer.

41	Describe any technological advances that your proposed products or services offer.	<p>John Deere C&amp;F products offer a variety of technology solutions that work to eliminate rework, improve jobsite safety, counteract labor shortages and increase efficiency. Information on those initiatives is public and can be found at the following link: <a href="https://www.deere.com/en/technology-products/precision-construction-technology/">https://www.deere.com/en/technology-products/precision-construction-technology/</a></p> <p>There was also a magazine published in the Fall of 2021 that focused on technology and its place in our industry. A link to that publication is below.</p> <p>THE DIRT publication, Fall 2021. <a href="https://www.deere.com/assets/pdfs/common/industries/construction/publications/the-dirt-fall-2021-dkmag265c-cv.pdf">https://www.deere.com/assets/pdfs/common/industries/construction/publications/the-dirt-fall-2021-dkmag265c-cv.pdf</a></p> <p>John Deere has also published what is known as our "Leap Ambitions" and that is also public. Our strategy for the Construction &amp; Forestry Division is by 2026, we will deliver:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 20+ electric and hybrid-electric product models.</li> <li>• Earthmoving: Increase SmartGrade™ grade control adoption to 50%.</li> <li>• Forestry: Boost Intelligent Boom Control adoption to 100%.</li> <li>• Roadbuilding: Increase Precision Roadbuilding Solution adoption to 85%.</li> </ul> <p>More information on our Leap Ambitions can be found at: <a href="https://www.deere.com/en/our-company/sustainability/sustainability-report/leap-ambitions/">https://www.deere.com/en/our-company/sustainability/sustainability-report/leap-ambitions/</a></p> <p>Technology advances in our products is vitally important and was on display at CES 2023 where our CEO was the keynote speaker on day 1. Information can be found at <a href="https://ces2023.deere.com">CES2023.deere.com</a></p>	*
42	Describe any "green" initiatives that relate to your company or to your products or services, and include a list of the certifying agency for each.	<p>John Deere has been very public with these initiatives and more can be found on our website in our most recently published Sustainability Report. <a href="https://www.deere.com/en/our-company/sustainability/sustainability-report/">https://www.deere.com/en/our-company/sustainability/sustainability-report/</a></p> <p>"Our next leap is ELECTRIC" is another informative piece discussing the future of electrification at John Deere. <a href="https://www.deere.com/en/our-company/electrification/">https://www.deere.com/en/our-company/electrification/</a></p>	*
43	Identify any third-party issued eco-labels, ratings or certifications that your company has received for the equipment or products included in your Proposal related to energy efficiency or conservation, life-cycle design (cradle-to-cradle), or other green/sustainability factors.	<p>In October 2022, John Deere received an award for the SBTi Validation of Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction. <a href="https://www.deere.com/en/news/all-news/john-deere-receives-sbti-validation-of-greenhouse-gas-emission-reduction-targets/">https://www.deere.com/en/news/all-news/john-deere-receives-sbti-validation-of-greenhouse-gas-emission-reduction-targets/</a></p> <p>In 2021 John Deere acquired majority ownership of Kreisel Electric. <a href="https://www.kreiselelectric.com/johndeere/">https://www.kreiselelectric.com/johndeere/</a></p>	*
44	Describe any Women or Minority Business Entity (WMBE), Small Business Entity (SBE), or veteran owned business certifications that your company or hub partners have obtained. Upload documentation of certification (as applicable) in the document upload section of your response.	<p>John Deere is committed to Supplier Diversity. Each year we submit to GSA a commercial plan that outlines our commitment to use WMBE's, SBE's, and other MBE's suppliers in support of our business.</p> <p>We also have signed on with two small business partners to learn about small business and partner with them to meet demand for products with a small business designation in the Federal market as well as help grow their businesses. Our partners are The Akana Group (Native American owned small business, small business, HUBZone certified) and Bravo (Service Disabled Veteran-Owned Business). If opportunities arise in the cooperative world for small business designation, we are prepared to grow that segment as well.</p>	*
45	What unique attributes does your company, your products, or your services offer to Sourcewell participating entities? What makes your proposed solutions unique in your industry as it applies to Sourcewell participating entities?	<p>John Deere has a very strong presence as a construction equipment and compact construction equipment provider. John Deere is also the world's leading manufacturer of agricultural equipment. Additionally, John Deere Financial is one of the largest equipment finance companies.</p> <p>Valuable Extras:</p> <p>1) Genuine John Deere Parts - highest quality parts for the highest quality equipment. -Regional parts depots strategically placed around North America for the best parts delivery response.</p> <p>2) John Deere Connected Support – Allows customers to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Monitor alerts for the machine remotely.</li> <li>- Monitor engine hours and utilization.</li> <li>- View machine location and get driving directions to the jobsite.</li> <li>- Monitor fuel level and idle time.</li> </ul> <p>3) John Deere Connected Support – Allows dealers to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Monitor alerts coming from the customers machine.</li> <li>- Remotely connect to a customers machine for real-time diagnostics.</li> <li>- Leverage Expert Alerts from John Deere to address potential future downtime.</li> <li>- Perform software updates from the dealership.</li> </ul>	*

**Table 9: Warranty**

**Describe in detail your manufacturer warranty program, including conditions and requirements to qualify, claims procedure, and overall structure. You may upload representative samples of your warranty materials (if applicable) in the document upload section of your response in addition to responding to the questions below.**

Line Item	Question	Response *	
46	Do your warranties cover all products, parts, and labor?	Construction equipment has basic warranty of 12 months/unlimited hours. The standard warranty general provisions including parts and labor is attached to this RFP submission. Compact construction equipment has a basic warranty of 24 months or 2,000hrs whichever occurs first.	*
47	Do your warranties impose usage restrictions or other limitations that adversely affect coverage?	Extended warranty is available as a separate purchase, not on this RFP, through our local dealers. Extended warranty has a year and hour limitation with each purchase. An example is 3 year 5,000hr power train/hydraulics extended warranty option.	*
48	Do your warranties cover the expense of technicians' travel time and mileage to perform warranty repairs?	No, TTM is not covered within our warranty.	*
49	Are there any geographic regions of the United States or Canada (as applicable) for which you cannot provide a certified technician to perform warranty repairs? How will Sourcewell participating entities in these regions be provided service for warranty repair?	No, we can cover the entire U.S. and Canada with our dealer network.	*
50	Will you cover warranty service for items made by other manufacturers that are part of your proposal, or are these warranties issues typically passed on to the original equipment manufacturer?	Third party warranties are handled by the original OEM of that attachment.	*
51	What are your proposed exchange and return programs and policies?	As noted in the standard warranty document, "John Deere will repair or replace, at its option, any parts... of a new John Deere product that, as delivered to the original retail purchaser(s), are defective in material or workmanship." See attached standard warranty document for full text explanation.	*
52	Describe any service contract options for the items included in your proposal.	John Deere does not offer any service contracts within this RFP. Service contracts and extended warranty options are available for customers from their local dealer and can be quoted to them at time of purchase.	*

**Table 10: Payment Terms and Financing Options**

Line Item	Question	Response *	
53	Describe your payment terms and accepted payment methods.	JDCRS' only option for payment terms is Net 30 Days for direct sales. Since the majority of our deals are purchased through one of our authorized dealers, there are financing options available (JD Financial) that can be negotiated before finalizing the deal.	*
54	Describe any leasing or financing options available for use by educational or governmental entities.	<p>JDCRS (contract vendor) does not play a role in leasing, financing or payment terms other than Net 30 Days.</p> <p>John Deere Financial offers leasing/financing options. The John Deere Municipal Lease Purchase Plan is a special low-rate financing plan that is designed to provide flexibility of leasing while building equity toward ownership of the John Deere equipment. Any state or local government body, or their political subdivisions, having the power to tax may be eligible for the John Deere Municipal Lease Purchase Plan, subject to approval.</p> <p>John Deere Financial also offers other leasing and financing options for governmental, educational and non-profit entities, subject to approval.</p> <p>All leasing and financing options are handled through the local dealer and John Deere Financial.</p> <p>The lease/finance provider funds the contract sales invoice within 30 days.</p>	*
55	Describe any standard transaction documents that you propose to use in connection with an awarded contract (order forms, terms and conditions, service level agreements, etc.). Upload a sample of each (as applicable) in the document upload section of your response.	Our John Deere dealers use approved applications in their business system to provide quotes to customers stating the approved contract discount rate. The quote contains terms and conditions for the quote and terms for payment when a PO is issued. For direct sales through our office similar documentation is used and is available in the document upload section.	*
56	Do you accept the P-card procurement and payment process? If so, is there any additional cost to Sourcwell participating entities for using this process?	P-card payments are accepted with a 3% processing fee added to the contract quote. P-card usage is to be made known at time of quote request. Customer PO must cover the added fee.	*

**Table 11: Pricing and Delivery**

Provide detailed pricing information in the questions that follow below. Keep in mind that reasonable price and product adjustments can be made during the term of an awarded Contract as described in the RFP, the template Contract, and the Sourcewell Price and Product Change Request Form.

Line Item	Question	Response *	
57	Describe your pricing model (e.g., line-item discounts or product-category discounts). Provide detailed pricing data (including standard or list pricing and the Sourcewell discounted price) on all of the items that you want Sourcewell to consider as part of your RFP response. If applicable, provide a SKU for each item in your proposal. Upload your pricing materials (if applicable) in the document upload section of your response.	Each model will have a discount associated to it which applies to all options of that model fully configured, base coded attachments will have a separate discount schedule. Third party attachments (AT and BYT kits) are not part of this RFP proposal and are available for separate purchase by our dealer.  The model and discount schedule is attached. Full current price pages will be submitted upon successful award. Any price changes or model updates will be submitted through the PnP process.	*
58	Quantify the pricing discount represented by the pricing proposal in this response. For example, if the pricing in your response represents a percentage discount from MSRP or list, state the percentage or percentage range.	Quotes are provided to the customer with a discount off of current list price. Quotes are price protected for a period of 30 days as long as a PO is received within that 30 day period. See attached pricing & discount schedule as well as the example quote for our proposal on this RFP.	*
59	Describe any quantity or volume discounts or rebate programs that you offer.	We offer two different volume discounts between our construction equipment (CE) portfolio and our compact construction equipment (CCE) portfolio due to the difference in acquisition costs of the larger construction equipment verses the smaller compact construction equipment.  CE: 5-7 machines = 1%, 8-14 machines = 2%, 15+ machines = 3% CCE: 8-14 machines = 1%, 15+ machines = 3%	*
60	Propose a method of facilitating "sourced" products or related services, which may be referred to as "open market" items or "nonstandard options". For example, you may supply such items "at cost" or "at cost plus a percentage," or you may supply a quote for each such request.	Sourced or open market items are not part of our RFP response but we do allow dealers to quote these as dealer provided items as a separate line item on the quote. Discounts will not be applied to these open market items. Quotes for these products are negotiated directly through the customer and our dealer network.	*
61	Identify any element of the total cost of acquisition that is NOT included in the pricing submitted with your response. This includes all additional charges associated with a purchase that are not directly identified as freight or shipping charges. For example, list costs for items like pre-delivery inspection, installation, set up, mandatory training, or initial inspection. Identify any parties that impose such costs and their relationship to the Proposer.	The following will not be included: 1. Dealer provided goods and services: Non-factory goods and services (third party items) will be quoted by dealer at the customers request.  2. Set-up and installation fees: These charges will be quoted by the dealer and are not part of this RFP.  3. Pre-Delivery Inspection (PDI): A PDI is performed on all new machine purchases to ensure proper fluid levels, check system pressures, verify accurate system operation, and cleaning of the unit prior to delivery. The cost of the PDI is quoted by the dealer and will vary by machine model and complexity.  Taxes: Local taxes, if applicable, will be assessed.	*
62	If freight, delivery, or shipping is an additional cost to the Sourcewell participating entity, describe in detail the complete freight, shipping, and delivery program.	Freight, delivery and shipping are charged to the customer and added to the quote as separate line items.	*
63	Specifically describe freight, shipping, and delivery terms or programs available for Alaska, Hawaii, Canada, or any offshore delivery.	Freight, delivery and shipping are charged to the customer and added to the quote as separate line items just as they are for all participating entities. Travel that occurs by ocean, barge or inland may affect the delivery time of the machine.	*
64	Describe any unique distribution and/or delivery methods or options offered in your proposal.	If a customer has a unique request, we can review at that time, otherwise there are no unique methods offered in this RFP.	*

**Table 12: Pricing Offered**

Line Item	The Pricing Offered in this Proposal is: *	Comments
65	c. better than the Proposer typically offers to GPOs, cooperative procurement organizations, or state purchasing departments.	Sourcwell has become our most valued contract to our dealer network for governmental business. We will continue to use our best available discount schedule to support this contract.

**Table 13: Audit and Administrative Fee**

Line Item	Question	Response *
66	Specifically describe any self-audit process or program that you plan to employ to verify compliance with your proposed Contract with Sourcwell. This process includes ensuring that Sourcwell participating entities obtain the proper pricing, that the Vendor reports all sales under the Contract each quarter, and that the Vendor remits the proper administrative fee to Sourcwell. Provide sufficient detail to support your ability to report quarterly sales to Sourcwell as described in the Contract template.	Our dealers are required to participate in a contract sales training class to ensure they are promoting the contract per the Terms and Conditions of our RFP response. Dealers are made aware of how to obtain the effective price date of the contract, so the customer is being quoted accurately. Whenever there is a price change approved by Sourcwell, we communicate that information via our dealer bulletin process and post on our dealer microsite. We also use an automated settlement process where a dealer utilizes a program ID code so that we can accurately capture the sales each quarter for our internal review and submit to Sourcwell for the payment of our admin fee. We will also be launching a new quoting process to simplify the quoting process for many of our dealers to ensure accurate pricing per the terms and conditions of our contract.
67	If you are awarded a contract, provide a few examples of internal metrics that will be tracked to measure whether you are having success with the contract.	Upon award of this contract, we track the sales performance of each dealer group across the US and Canada to achieve our market share goals for construction equipment and compact construction equipment in the governmental segments. This has worked well for this contract to date, and we will continue to use this market share metric to keep our dealers accountable for performance.
68	Identify a proposed administrative fee that you will pay to Sourcwell for facilitating, managing, and promoting the Sourcwell Contract in the event that you are awarded a Contract. This fee is typically calculated as a percentage of Vendor's sales under the Contract or as a per-unit fee; it is not a line-item addition to the Member's cost of goods. (See the RFP and template Contract for additional details.)	We have had great success growing and expanding the utilization of this contract for all our dealers in the US and Canada and will continue this growth by providing a 0.5% admin fee to Sourcwell on all contract items. Third party attachments or non-contract items (dealer provided items) are not subject to the admin fee. The total calculated admin fee is payable each calendar quarter to Sourcwell.

**Table 14A: Depth and Breadth of Offered Equipment Products and Services**

Line Item	Question	Response *
69	Provide a detailed description of the equipment, products, and services that you are offering in your proposal.	We will be offering our complete line of construction equipment and compact construction equipment, as well as base coded attachments. Product families include Articulated Dump Trucks, Backhoes, Compact Track Loaders, Crawler Dozers, Crawler Loaders, Excavators, Compact Excavators, Tractor Loaders, Motor Graders, Skid Steer Loaders, Wheel Loaders and Compact Wheel Loaders.  All services including product support, part support, and warranty work will be provided by our authorized dealers and not part of this contract.
70	Within this RFP category there may be subcategories of solutions. List subcategory titles that best describe your products and services.	N/A

**Table 148: Depth and Breadth of Offered Equipment Products and Services**

Indicate below if the listed types or classes of equipment, products, and services are offered within your proposal. Provide additional comments in the text box provided, as necessary.

Line Item	Category or Type	Offered	Comments
71	Wheeled, tracked, and backhoe loaders	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	
72	Motor Graders	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	
73	Wheeled and tracked excavators	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	
74	Bulldozers, compactors, scrapers, articulated and rigid haulers	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	We do not offer rigid haulers. Compactors are offered on the separate Wirtgen contract.
75	Cranes	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	
76	Accessories or attachments for the offering in #71-75 above	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	We will be offering base coded attachments at time of whole goods purchase or separately if needed. AT kits and BYT kits (third party attachments) are not part of this contract.
77	Technology or services for the offering in #71-75 above	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	Link Telematics, Grade Control, and Slope Control are examples of these technology services that are available as options on certain products.

**Table 14C: Required Offering of Equipment**

Indicate below if the proposer's proposal includes at least one (1) of the following listed types or classes of equipment. Provide additional comments in the text box provided, as necessary.

Line Item	Category or Type	Offered	Comments
78	Wheel loader with published net horsepower (HP) of at least 300 HP	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	We offer 4 wheel loaders that meet this spec requirement.
79	Wheeled or tracked excavator with a published net horsepower (HP) of at least 150 HP	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	We offer 10 excavators that meet this spec requirement.
80	Motor Grader with a published maximum operating weight of at least 30,000 lbs.	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	We offer 8 motor graders that meet this spec requirement.
81	Rough terrain, all terrain, crawler, floating, lattice, or telescopic crane with a published maximum lifting capacity of at least 300 tons and a published maximum boom length of at least 150 feet	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	

### Exceptions to Terms, Conditions, or Specifications Form

Only those Proposer Exceptions to Terms, Conditions, or Specifications that have been accepted by Sourcewell have been incorporated into the contract text.

## Documents

### Ensure your submission document(s) conforms to the following:

1. Documents in PDF format are preferred. Documents in Word, Excel, or compatible formats may also be provided.
  2. Documents should NOT have a security password, as Sourcewell may not be able to open the file. It is your sole responsibility to ensure that the uploaded document(s) are not either defective, corrupted or blank and that the documents can be opened and viewed by Sourcewell.
  3. Sourcewell may reject any response where any document(s) cannot be opened and viewed by Sourcewell.
  4. If you need to upload more than one (1) document for a single item, you should combine the documents into one zipped file. If the zipped file contains more than one (1) document, ensure each document is named, in relation to the submission format item responding to. For example, if responding to the Marketing Plan category save the document as "Marketing Plan."
- [Pricing](#) - RFP 011723 Model & Discount Schedule.pdf - Monday January 09, 2023 11:48:21
  - [Financial Strength and Stability](#) - Deere-Co\_Annual-Report-2021.pdf - Tuesday November 29, 2022 12:34:40
  - Marketing Plan/Samples (optional)
  - WMBE/MBE/SBE or Related Certificates (optional)
  - [Warranty Information](#) - US CAN deere wty stmt.pdf - Tuesday December 06, 2022 10:27:02
  - [Standard Transaction Document Samples](#) - Sample Sourcewell Quote.pdf - Monday January 09, 2023 11:22:37
  - [Upload Additional Document](#) - Sustainability Report 2021.pdf - Tuesday November 29, 2022 13:01:16

## Addenda, Terms and Conditions

### PROPOSER AFFIDAVIT AND ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE

I certify that I am the authorized representative of the Proposer submitting the foregoing Proposal with the legal authority to bind the Proposer to this Affidavit and Assurance of Compliance:

1. The Proposer is submitting this Proposal under its full and complete legal name, and the Proposer legally exists in good standing in the jurisdiction of its residence.
2. The Proposer warrants that the information provided in this Proposal is true, correct, and reliable for purposes of evaluation for contract award.
3. The Proposer, including any person assisting with the creation of this Proposal, has arrived at this Proposal independently and the Proposal has been created without colluding with any other person, company, or parties that have or will submit a proposal under this solicitation; and the Proposal has in all respects been created fairly without any fraud or dishonesty. The Proposer has not directly or indirectly entered into any agreement or arrangement with any person or business in an effort to influence any part of this solicitation or operations of a resulting contract; and the Proposer has not taken any action in restraint of free trade or competitiveness in connection with this solicitation. Additionally, if Proposer has worked with a consultant on the Proposal, the consultant (an individual or a company) has not assisted any other entity that has submitted or will submit a proposal for this solicitation.
4. To the best of its knowledge and belief, and except as otherwise disclosed in the Proposal, there are no relevant facts or circumstances which could give rise to an organizational conflict of interest. An organizational conflict of interest exists when a vendor has an unfair competitive advantage or the vendor's objectivity in performing the contract is, or might be, impaired.
5. The contents of the Proposal have not been communicated by the Proposer or its employees or agents to any person not an employee or legally authorized agent of the Proposer and will not be communicated to any such persons prior to Due Date of this solicitation.
6. If awarded a contract, the Proposer will provide to Sourcewell Participating Entities the equipment, products, and services in accordance with the terms, conditions, and scope of a resulting contract.
7. The Proposer possesses, or will possess before delivering any equipment, products, or services, all applicable licenses or certifications necessary to deliver such equipment, products, or services under any resulting contract.
8. The Proposer agrees to deliver equipment, products, and services through valid contracts, purchase orders, or means that are acceptable to Sourcewell Members. Unless otherwise agreed to, the Proposer must provide only new and first-quality products and related services to Sourcewell Members under an awarded Contract.
9. The Proposer will comply with all applicable provisions of federal, state, and local laws, regulations, rules, and orders.
10. The Proposer understands that Sourcewell will reject RFP proposals that are marked "confidential" (or "nonpublic," etc.), either substantially or in their entirety. Under Minnesota Statutes Section 13.591, subdivision 4, all proposals are considered nonpublic data until the evaluation is complete and a Contract is awarded. At that point, proposals become public data. Minnesota Statutes Section 13.37 permits only certain narrowly defined data to be considered a "trade secret," and thus nonpublic data under Minnesota's Data Practices Act.
11. Proposer its employees, agents, and subcontractors are not:
  1. Included on the "Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons" list maintained by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the United States Department of the Treasury found at: <https://www.treasury.gov/ofac/downloads/sdnlist.pdf>;
  2. Included on the government-wide exclusions lists in the United States System for Award Management found at: <https://sam.gov/SAM/>; or
  3. Presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from programs operated

by the State of Minnesota; the United States federal government or the Canadian government, as applicable; or any Participating Entity. Vendor certifies and warrants that neither it nor its principals have been convicted of a criminal offense related to the subject matter of this solicitation.

☒ By checking this box I acknowledge that I am bound by the terms of the Proposer's Affidavit, have the legal authority to submit this Proposal on behalf of the Proposer, and that this electronic acknowledgment has the same legal effect, validity, and enforceability as if I had hand signed the Proposal. This signature will not be denied such legal effect, validity, or enforceability solely because an electronic signature or electronic record was used in its formation. - Mark Oliver, Manager, Contract Sales, John Deere Construction Retail Sales

The Proposer declares that there is an actual or potential Conflict of Interest relating to the preparation of its submission, and/or the Proposer foresees an actual or potential Conflict of Interest in performing the contractual obligations contemplated in the bid.

☒ Yes ☐ No

The Bidder acknowledges and agrees that the addendum/addenda below form part of the Bid Document.

Check the box in the column "I have reviewed this addendum" below to acknowledge each of the addenda.

File Name	I have reviewed the below addendum and attachments (if applicable)	Pages
Addendum_5_Heavy_Construction_Equipment_RFP_011723 Tue January 10 2023 08:47 AM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1
Addendum_4_Heavy_Construction_Equipment_RFP_011723 Fri January 6 2023 09:51 AM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2
Addendum_3_Heavy_Construction_Equipment_RFP_011723 Thu December 29 2022 12:33 PM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2
Addendum_2_Heavy_Construction_Equipment_RFP_011723 Wed December 21 2022 01:49 PM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1
Addendum_1_Heavy_Construction_Equipment_RFP 011723 Thu December 15 2022 09:27 AM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1

**EXHIBIT C**

**City's Insurance and Indemnity**

## **Exhibit C**

### **Insurance and Indemnity**

#### **INDEMNIFICATION**

To the furthest extent allowed by law, VENDOR shall indemnify, hold harmless and defend CITY and each of its officers, officials, employees, agents and volunteers (each an "Indemnitee") from any and all loss, liability, fines, penalties, forfeitures, costs and damages (whether in contract, tort or strict liability, including but not limited to personal injury, death at any time and property damage) incurred by CITY, VENDOR or any other person, and from any and all claims, demands and actions in law or equity (including reasonable attorney's fees, litigation expenses and cost to enforce this agreement), in each case as and to the extent directly caused by VENDOR or a subcontractor for which VENDOR is vicariously liable but VENDOR's liability to indemnify any Indemnitee will be reduced proportionately to the extent that the loss, liability, fine, penalty, forfeiture, cost or damage is caused or contributed to by any Indemnitee.

IN NO EVENT SHALL ANY INDEMNITEE BE ENTITLED TO (NOR VENDOR LIABLE FOR) ANY CONSEQUENTIAL, INCIDENTAL OR CONTINGENT DAMAGES OF ANY KIND, WHETHER ARISING OUT OF (A) THIRD PARTY CLAIMS AGAINST AN INDEMNITEE, OR (B) BREACH OF CONTRACT, TORT, WARRANTY (INCLUDING NEGLIGENCE AND STRICT LIABILITY) OR OTHER THEORIES OF LAW WITH RESPECT TO PRODUCTS SOLD OR SERVICES RENDERED BY VENDOR, OR ANY UNDERTAKINGS, ACTS, OR OMISSIONS RELATING THERETO.

If VENDOR should subcontract all or any portion of the work to be performed under this Contract, VENDOR shall require each subcontractor to indemnify, hold harmless and defend CITY and each of its officers, officials, employees, agents and volunteers in accordance with the terms of the preceding paragraph.

This section shall survive termination or expiration of this Contract.

#### **INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**

(a) Throughout the life of this Agreement, VENDOR shall pay for and maintain in full force and effect all insurance as required herein with an insurance company(ies) either (i) admitted by the California Insurance Commissioner to do business in the State of California and rated no less than "A-VII" in the Best's Insurance Rating Guide, or (ii) as may be authorized in writing by CITY'S Risk Manager or his/her designee at any time and in his/her sole discretion. The required policies of insurance as stated herein shall maintain limits of liability of not less than those amounts stated therein. However, the insurance limits available to CITY, its officers, officials, employees, agents and volunteers as additional insureds, shall be the greater of the minimum limits specified therein or the full limit of any insurance proceeds to the named insured.

(b) If at any time during the life of the Agreement or any extension, VENDOR or any of its subcontractors fail to maintain any required insurance in full force and effect, all services and work under this Agreement shall be discontinued immediately, and all payments due or that become due to VENDOR shall be withheld until notice is received

by CITY that the required insurance has been restored to full force and effect and that the premiums therefore have been paid for a period satisfactory to CITY. Any failure to maintain the required insurance shall be sufficient cause for CITY to terminate this Agreement. No action taken by CITY pursuant to this section shall in any way relieve VENDOR of its responsibilities under this Agreement. The phrase "fail to maintain any required insurance" shall include, without limitation, notification received by CITY that an insurer has commenced proceedings, or has had proceedings commenced against it, indicating that the insurer is insolvent.

(c) The fact that insurance is obtained by VENDOR shall not be deemed to release or diminish the liability of VENDOR, including, without limitation, liability under the indemnity provisions of this Agreement. The duty to indemnify CITY shall apply to all claims and liability regardless of whether any insurance policies are applicable. The policy limits do not act as a limitation upon the amount of indemnification to be provided by VENDOR. Approval or purchase of any insurance contracts or policies shall in no way relieve from liability nor limit the liability of VENDOR or vendor's suppliers, invitees, contractors, sub-contractors, subcontractors, or anyone employed directly or indirectly by any of them.

**If the scope of work includes delivery and/or installation, the requirements below apply in addition to the above requirements.**

Coverage shall be at least as broad as:

1. The most current version of Insurance Services Office (ISO) Commercial General Liability Coverage Form CG 00 01, providing liability coverage arising out of your business operations. The Commercial General Liability policy shall be written on an occurrence form and shall provide coverage for "bodily injury," "property damage" and "personal and advertising injury" with coverage for premises and operations (including the use of owned and non-owned equipment), products and completed operations, and contractual liability (including, without limitation, indemnity obligations under the Agreement) with limits of liability not less than those set forth under "Minimum Limits of Insurance."
2. The most current version of ISO \*Commercial Auto Coverage Form CA 00 01, providing liability coverage arising out of the ownership, maintenance or use of automobiles in the course of your business operations. The Automobile Policy shall be written on an occurrence form and shall provide coverage for all owned, hired, and non-owned automobiles or other licensed vehicles (Code 1- Any Auto).
3. Workers' Compensation insurance as required by the State of California and Employer's Liability Insurance.

#### **MINIMUM LIMITS OF INSURANCE**

VENDOR shall procure and maintain for the duration of the contract, and for 5 years thereafter, insurance with limits of liability not less than those set forth below. However, insurance limits available to CITY, its officers, officials, employees, agents and volunteers as additional insureds, shall be the greater of the minimum limits specified herein or the full limit of any insurance proceeds available to the named insured:

1. COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY

- (i) \$1,000,000 per occurrence for bodily injury and property damage;
- (ii) \$1,000,000 per occurrence for personal and advertising injury;
- (iii) \$2,000,000 aggregate for products and completed operations; and,
- (iv) \$2,000,000 general aggregate applying separately to the work performed under the Agreement.

2. COMMERCIAL AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY

\$1,000,000 per accident for bodily injury and property damage.

3. Workers' Compensation Insurance as required by the State of California with statutory limits and EMPLOYER'S LIABILITY with limits of liability not less than:

- (i) \$1,000,000 each accident for bodily injury;
- (ii) \$1,000,000 disease each employee; and,
- (iii) \$1,000,000 disease policy limit.

UMBRELLA OR EXCESS INSURANCE

In the event VENDOR purchases an Umbrella or Excess insurance policy(ies) to meet the "Minimum Limits of Insurance," this insurance policy(ies) shall "follow form" and afford no less coverage than the primary insurance policy(ies). In addition, such Umbrella or Excess insurance policy(ies) shall also apply on a primary and non-contributory basis for the benefit of the CITY, its officers, officials, employees, agents and volunteers.

DEDUCTIBLES AND SELF-INSURED RETENTIONS

VENDOR shall be responsible for payment of any deductibles contained in any insurance policy(ies) required herein and VENDOR shall also be responsible for payment of any self-insured retentions.

OTHER INSURANCE PROVISIONS/ENDORSEMENTS

- (i) All policies of insurance required herein shall be endorsed to provide that the coverage shall not be cancelled, non-renewed, reduced in coverage or in limits except after thirty (30) calendar days written notice has been given to CITY, except ten (10) days for nonpayment of premium. VENDOR is also responsible for providing written notice to the CITY under the same terms and conditions. Upon issuance by the insurer, broker, or agent of a notice of cancellation, non-renewal, or reduction in coverage or in limits, VENDOR shall furnish CITY with a new certificate and applicable endorsements for such policy(ies). In the event any policy is due to expire during the work to be performed for CITY, VENDOR shall provide a new certificate, and applicable endorsements, evidencing renewal of such policy not less than fifteen (15) calendar days prior to the expiration date of the expiring policy.

- (ii) The Commercial General and Automobile Liability insurance policies shall be written on an occurrence form.
- (iii) The Commercial General and Automobile Liability insurance policies shall be endorsed to name City, its officers, officials, agents, employees and volunteers as an additional insured all ongoing and completed operations. Additional Insured endorsements under the General Liability policy must be as broad as that contained in ISO Forms: GC 20 10 11 85 or both CG 20 10 & CG 20 37.
- (iv) The Commercial General and Automobile Liability insurance shall contain, or be endorsed to contain, that VENDOR'S insurance shall be primary to and require no contribution from the City. Primary and Non Contributory language under the General Liability policy must be as broad as that contained in ISO Form CG 20 01 04 13. These coverages shall contain no special limitations on the scope of protection afforded to City, its officers, officials, employees, agents and volunteers.
- (v) Should any of these policies provide that the defense costs are paid within the Limits of Liability, thereby reducing the available limits by defense costs, then the requirement for the Limits of Liability of these policies will be twice the above stated limits.
- (vi) All insurance policies required herein shall contain, or be endorsed to contain, a waiver of subrogation as to CITY, its officers, officials, agents, employees and volunteers.

#### PROVIDING OF DOCUMENTS

VENDOR shall furnish CITY with all certificate(s) and applicable endorsements effecting coverage required herein. All certificates and applicable endorsements are to be received and approved by the CITY'S Risk Manager or his/her designee prior to CITY'S execution of the Agreement and before work commences. All non-ISO endorsements amending policy coverage shall be executed by a licensed and authorized agent or broker. All subcontractors working under the direction of VENDOR shall also be required to provide all documents noted herein.

#### SUBCONTRACTORS

If VENDOR subcontracts any or all of the services to be performed under this Agreement, VENDOR shall require, at the discretion of the CITY Risk Manager or designee, subcontractor(s) to enter into a separate Side Agreement with the City to provide required indemnification and insurance protection. Any required Side Agreement(s) and associated insurance documents for the subcontractor must be reviewed and preapproved by CITY Risk Manager or designee. If no Side Agreement is required, VENDOR will be solely responsible for ensuring that its subcontractors maintain insurance coverage at levels no less than those required by applicable law and is customary in the relevant industry.