



**Request for Proposal
#197230**

**PRINTING & DELIVERY OF THE
MSU REPORTER**

Department of Student Affairs – Reporter Office



Minnesota State University, Mankato

Facilities Purchasing Office

Request for Proposal

Printing & Delivery of the MSU Reporter

Return proposals to:

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Current Date: 01/22/18

RFP Due Date:	02/12/18
RFP Due Time:	2:00 PM
RFP Number:	197230

Name of Vendor Firm: _____

Firm Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Web Address: _____

Signature of Authorized Agent: _____ Date: _____

Proposals are being accepted by Minnesota State University, Mankato for Printing & Delivery of the MSU Reporter. See specifications in the RFP following.

Minnesota State University, Mankato shall bear none of the costs incurred by any proposer or potential proposer in their preparation of the proposal documents or any visits to campus. All such costs are the responsibility of the proposer.

SUBMISSION

Proposals are to be submitted in a sealed envelope, plainly marked Proposal No. **197230 - Printing & Delivery of the MSU Reporter** along with the Company's name and date and time of the scheduled opening. Minnesota State University, Mankato, its employees, officers or agents shall not be responsible for any pre-opening or post-opening of any proposal not properly addressed and identified. Proposals made in pencil or forwarded using e-mail and the internet will be rejected.

LIABILITY

Company agrees to indemnify and save and hold the University, its agents and employees harmless from any and all claims or causes of action arising from the performance of this agreement by Company or Company's agents or employees. This clause shall not be construed to bar any legal remedies Company may have for the University's failure to fulfill its obligations pursuant to this agreement.

**ACCESSIBILITY: COMPLIANCE WITH AMERICANS
WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA)**

The Company agrees that in occupying the premises as described herein, it is responsible for complying with the Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 U.S.C. section 12101, et seq., and any regulations promulgated pursuant to the Act. The University **IS NOT** responsible for issues or challenges related to compliance with the ADA beyond its own routine use of facilities, services, or other areas covered by the ADA.

This document is available in alternative format to individuals with disabilities by calling Donna Hensel at the Office of Facilities Purchasing 507-389-5016 or 800-627-3529 (TTY).

DISCLAIMER

Issuance of this Request for Proposal in no way commits the University or its faculty or staff to enter into a contract for services outlined above. The University reserves the right to reject any or all Requests for Proposal submitted in response.

MINNESOTA DATA PRACTICES ACT

The CONTRACTOR must comply with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Minnesota Statutes Chapter 13, as it applies to all data provided by the STATE in accordance with this contract, and as it applies to all data, created, collected, received, stored, used, maintained, or disseminated by the CONTRACTOR in accordance with this contract. The civil remedies of Minnesota Statutes Section 13.08, apply to the release of the data referred to in this Article by either the CONTRACTOR or the STATE. In the event the CONTRACTOR receives a request to release the data referred to in this Article, the CONTRACTOR must immediately notify the STATE. The STATE will give the CONTRACTOR instructions concerning the release of the data to the requesting party before the data is released.

MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY, MANKATO

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SPECIAL NOTE: This Request for Proposal (RFP) does not obligate the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (Minnesota State) system, its Board of Trustees or Minnesota State University, Mankato to award a contract or complete the proposed project and each reserves the right to cancel this RFP if it is considered to be in its best interest. Proposals must be clear and concise. Proposals that are difficult to follow or that do not conform to the RFP format or binding specifications may be rejected. Responding vendors must include the required information called for in this RFP. MnSCU reserves the right to reject a proposal if required information is not provided or is not organized as directed. MnSCU also reserves the right to change the evaluation criteria or any other provision in this RFP by posting notice of the change(s) on the Facilities Purchasing Web Site: <http://www.mnsu.edu/fpurchase/>. For this RFP, posting on the captioned web site above constitutes written notification to each vendor. Vendors should check the site daily and are expected to review information on the site carefully before submitting a final proposal.

February, 2018

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Section I. General Information

Background

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities is the fifth-largest system of higher education in the United States. It is comprised of 31 two-year and four-year state colleges and universities with 54 campuses located in 47 Minnesota communities. The System serves approximately 430,000 students each year. The Minnesota State Colleges and Universities is an independent state entity that is governed by a 15 member Board of Trustees. The law creating the system was passed by the Minnesota Legislature in 1991 and went into effect July 1, 1995. The law merged the state's community colleges, technical colleges and state universities into one system, other than the University of Minnesota campuses. For more information about Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, please view its website at www.mnscu.edu.

Minnesota State University, Mankato, a comprehensive university in the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) system, is located on a 303 acre campus in Mankato, Minnesota, a community of approximately 53,000 situated in the Minnesota River Valley of south central Minnesota. The University offers a full range of undergraduate and a broad selection of graduate programs, and as such, has statewide responsibilities for the articulation of and providing access to professional programs not available at other colleges and regional universities. The University also has a major obligation to provide leadership in applied research important to the economy and quality of life in the state.

Founded in 1868, Minnesota State University, Mankato, has evolved from its beginnings as a normal school, to become in 1921 Mankato State Teachers College when it was authorized to offer a four-year curriculum. Because of its increasing commitment to providing more than teacher preparation, the name was changed to Mankato State College in 1957. The institution continued to grow in size and its reputation for academic excellence led to university status in 1975. Mankato State University became Minnesota State University, Mankato, in September 1998, giving further prominence to its growth to an institution recognized nationally.

The University is under the control and management of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) Board of Trustees, an agency of the State of Minnesota.

More than 15,000 students, including more than 600 international students from approximately 75 countries, attend Minnesota State University, Mankato. 1,500 faculty and staff, including more than 700 teaching faculty, provide for those student customers.

For additional information on the campus those interested are invited to review the University's Web site at: <http://www.mnsu.edu/>

Nature of RFP

Minnesota State University, Mankato is requesting proposals to provide printing and delivering of the Minnesota State University, Mankato's student written newspaper (Reporter) and any special issues the Reporter publishes. This RFP is undertaken by Minnesota State University, Mankato pursuant to the authority contained in provisions of Minnesota Statutes § 136F.581 and other applicable laws.

Accordingly, Minnesota State University, Mankato shall select the vendor(s) whose proposal(s), and oral presentation(s) if requested, demonstrate in Minnesota State University, Mankato's sole opinion, the clear capability to best fulfill the purposes of this RFP in a cost effective manner. Minnesota State University, Mankato reserves the right to accept or reject proposals, in whole or in part, and to negotiate separately as necessary in order to serve the best interests of Minnesota State University, Mankato. This RFP shall not obligate the Minnesota State University, Mankato to award a contract or complete the proposed project and it reserves the right to cancel this RFP if it is considered to be in its best interest.

General Selection Criteria

General criteria upon which proposals will be evaluated include, but are not limited to, the following:

Quality of finished product, cost, delivery service, quality of paper stock, file transfer to print time and last minute service for special issues.

Selection Process

The selection process includes the Reporter's Business Manager, Graphic Supervisor, Ad Manager and Editor in Chief. This group will evaluate the proposals and make the final decision.

Selection and Implementation Timeline

Day/Date	Timeline Subject
Monday, January 22, 2018	Publish RFP
Wednesday, January 31, 2018, by 4:00 p.m.	Deadline for Questions submitted on web site
Friday, February 2, 2018, by 4:00 p.m.	Answers posted on web site
Monday, February 12, 2018, by 2:00 p.m.	Deadline for RFP proposal submissions
Tues/Wed. February 13/14, 2018	Review RFP proposals
Friday, February 16, 2018	Complete selection process
Thursday, March 1, 2018	Approximate deadline for executing contract

Contract Term

Minnesota State University, Mankato desires to enter into a contract with the successful vendor(s) effective **March 19, 2018 – March 18, 2023**. The length of such contract(s) shall be **five (5) YEARS**. If Minnesota State University, Mankato and the vendor is unable to negotiate and sign a contract by March 8, 2018, then Minnesota State University, Mankato reserves the right to seek an alternative vendor(s).

Parties to the Contract

Parties to this contract shall be the "State of Minnesota, acting through its Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities on behalf of Minnesota State University, Mankato and the successful vendor(s).

Contract Termination

The State of Minnesota, acting through its Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, may cancel the contract(s) upon 30 days written notice, with or without cause. Minnesota State University, Mankato assumes that the quality of the paper and printing will be satisfactory. In the event that the quality of the paper, the printing or the delivery service becomes unsatisfactory, the University reserves the right to immediately cancel the contract and award the contract to another company.

Definitions

Wherever and whenever the following words or their pronouns occur in this proposal, they shall have the meaning given here:

MnSCU: State of Minnesota, acting through its Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities on behalf of Minnesota State University, Mankato

School: Minnesota State University, Mankato

System Office: The central system office of Minnesota State Colleges and Universities located at Wells Fargo Place, 30 7th Street East, Suite 350, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101.

Vendor: The firm selected by Minnesota State University, Mankato as the successful responder(s) responsible to execute the terms of a contract.

Applicable Law

A contract entered into as a result of this RFP shall be governed and interpreted under the laws of the State of Minnesota.

Contract Assignment

A contract or any part hereof entered into as a result of this RFP shall not be assigned, sublet, or transferred directly or indirectly without prior written consent of the Vice President for Finances and Administration.

Entire Agreement

A written contract and any modifications or addenda thereto, executed in writing by both parties constitutes the entire agreement of the parties to the contract. All previous communications between the parties, whether oral or written, with reference to the subject matter of this contract are void and superseded. The resulting contract may be amended at a future date in writing by mutual agreement of the parties.

Deviations and Exceptions

Deviations from and exceptions to terms, conditions, specifications or the manner of this RFP shall be described fully on the vendor's letterhead stationery, signed and attached to the proposal submittal page(s) where relevant. In the absence of such statement the vendor shall be deemed to have accepted all such terms, conditions, specifications and the manner of the RFP. A vendor's failure to raise an issue related to the terms, conditions, specifications or manner of this RFP prior to the proposal submission deadline in the manner described shall constitute a full and final waiver of that vendor's right to raise the issue later in any action or proceeding relating to this RFP.

Duration of Offer

All proposal responses must indicate they are valid for a minimum of one hundred eighty (180) calendar days from the date of the proposal opening unless extended by mutual written agreement between Minnesota State University, Mankato and the vendor.

Prices and terms of the proposal as stated must be valid for the length of the resulting contract.

Authorized Signature

The proposal must be completed and signed in the firm's name or corporate name of the vendor, and must be fully and properly executed and signed in blue or black ink by an authorized representative of the vendor. Proof of authority of the person signing must accompany the response.

Proposal Rejection and Waiver of Informalities

This RFP does not obligate the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) system, its Board of Trustees or Minnesota State University, Mankato to award a contract or complete the proposed project and each reserves the right to cancel this RFP if it is considered to be in its best interest. Minnesota State University, Mankato also reserves the right to waive minor informalities and, notwithstanding anything to the contrary, reserves the right to:

1. reject any and all proposals received in response to this RFP;
2. select a proposal for contract negotiation other than the one with the lowest cost;
3. negotiate any aspect of the proposal with any vendor;
4. terminate negotiations and select the next most responsive vendor for contract negotiations;
5. terminate negotiations and prepare and release a new RFP;
6. terminate negotiations and take such action as deemed appropriate.

Section II. Parties to the RFP

Minnesota State University, Mankato

Section III. Vendor Requirements

The contract shall be in effect from **March 19, 2018**, through **March 18, 2023**. Vendor to Submit **Attachment A – Vendor Cost Submittal Form** along with all other required RFP forms.

The University understands that there may be increasing costs of paper and it will grant cost of material increases for paper when a reasonable notification of increase is given in writing to the Office of Purchasing. Notification must be given at least 30 days prior to the increase and must be supported in writing as to the reason for such an increase. Upon approval by both parties, the contract will be amended to honor any changes.

- The RFP should include one plate of process color for the front, center and back plate for every edition published.
- The Reporter is to be published twice a week on Tuesday and Thursday during the regular academic year and every other Wednesday during the summer sessions. The Reporter reserves the right to publish every week or not at all during the summer.
- The Reporter reserves the right to drop publications to one issue a week during the academic year with a 30-day notice.
- The Reporter also reserves the right to publish special sections to be printed and delivered. Current such issues are: Sport Zone 3 times a year, MSYou, Futures, Housing Guide and The Best of MSU. Additional issues maybe added. Special sizes may apply as stated earlier
- Based on the University's calendar for the year (2018-2019), the schedule for printing and delivery of the MSU Reporter will be as follows: These dates will change each fiscal year to correspond to the publishing on Tuesday and Thursday during the regular academic year and once a week on Wednesday during the summer session.

August 28 & 30
September 6, 11, 13, 18, 20, 25 & 27

October 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25 & 30
November 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 27 & 29
December 4 & 6
January 15, 17, 24, 29 & 31
February 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26 & 28
March 12, 14, 19, 21, 26 & 28
April 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, & 30
May 2
Summer: May 22
June 5 & 19

- Publication Dates for remainder of 2017/18 school year.

March 20, 22, 27 & 29
April 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24 & 26
Summer: May 23
June 6 & 20

- Fall/Winter Semester Special Sections: Sports Zone, MSYou and Housing Guide
- Spring special sections: Sports Zone, Best of MSU and Futures Magazine
- The Reporter reserves the right to publish special issues if needed during the academic year and over the summer. Futures Magazine is a glossy covered orientation magazine to be printed, stapled and delivered in May (date to be determined by the Reporter Office). Housing Guide is 8:25" x 10.75" stapled supplement.
- Printer will be responsible for printing and delivery in a satisfactory manner of such special issues.
- MSU Reporter reserves the right to go weekly with a 30-day notice.
- The Reporter reserves the right to go either bi-weekly or not to publish summer issues. Summer issues run dates will be determined in May of publication dates.
- **MSU REPORTER will ONLY consider tabloid size; Image Area: 9.833 X 15; Page Size: 11 3/8 X 16**
- **NEWSPRINT WEIGHT: 30 LB**
- The Reporter Office shall transfer files to the printer by 4:00 AM. The paper must be delivered NO LATER than 9:00 AM with the first drop site being the MSU Reporter Office in the Student Union. There can be up to approximately 45 drop sites. The Reporter reserves the right to change the drop sites or add to not exceeding 50 drop sites.
- The distance in miles from the Minnesota State University Student Union to your printing company _____ miles.
- The printing company will be RESPONSIBLE to take any Reporter issues left in the stands on Tuesday and Thursday to have them properly recycled.

DELIVERY OF REPORTERS ISSUES:

A vendor parking permit must be displayed when doing business on the University Campus. The permit purchase will be the vendor's responsibility. The cost of the parking permit may change yearly. The upcoming year vendor permit is estimated at \$330 +/-.

DROP SITES:

1. REPORTER OFFICE
2. WIGLEY ADMISTRATION BLDG (FIRST & SECOND FLOOR)
3. MORRIS HALL (FIRST & 3 ON SECOND FLOOR)
4. STUDENT UNION (2 DROPS ON SECOND FLOOR, SEVERAL ON FIRST & BASEMENT)
5. PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
6. MSU LIBRARY
7. NELSON HALL (FIRST & SECOND FLOOR)
8. ARMSTONG HALL (FIRST & SECOND FLOOR)
9. TRAFTON NORTH
10. TRAFTON SOUTH
11. TRAFTON SCIENCE LOUNGE
12. HIGHLAND ARENA
13. SEARS CENTER
14. CRAWFORD CENTER
15. MCELOROY CENTER
16. MCELOROY DINING CENTER
17. PRESKA CENTER
18. WIECKING CENTER
19. WISSINK BLDG
20. ALUMNI FOUNDATION.
21. PENNINGTON HALL
22. TAYLOR CENTER (3 DROP SITES)
23. FORD HALL / NURSING BLDG (2 DROPS)
24. MSU OUTDOOR RACKS (4 SITES)
25. SOUTH CENTRAL COLLEGE
26. OLD MAIN VILLAGE
27. SUBWAY ON HWY 169
28. HY-VEE ON RIVERFRONT
29. HY-VEE ON ADAMS STREET
30. KWIK TRIP ON MONKS AVENUE
31. WIGGY'S COFFEE SHOP
32. UNIVERSITY SQUARE BY BRADLEY'S
33. LAURELS EDGE
34. COFFEE HAG

Drop sites may change during the year. The Reporter Office reserves the right to add or discontinue any drop sites. All listed sites MUST receive the paper. Drop sites change with summer issues.

Information Contact

Questions regarding this RFP need to be submitted in writing, and submitted through the Purchasing web site (<http://www.mnsu.edu/fpurchas/>) under submit questions. The questions are linked to the contact person below.

Name: Jane Tastad
Title: Business Manager
Address: 293 CSU
Telephone: 507-389-1926
Fax: 507-389-1595
E-mail address: jane.tastad@mnsu.edu

Other persons are not authorized to discuss RFP requirements before the proposal submission deadline and Minnesota State University, Mankato shall not be bound by and responders may not rely on information regarding RFP requirements obtained from non-authorized persons. Questions must include the name of the questioner and his/her telephone number, fax number and/or e-mail address. Anonymous inquiries will not be answered.

Section IV. Response Evaluation

The following criteria and their identified weight will be used by Minnesota State University, Mankato to evaluate the responses:

Categories	Percentage
1. Cost	25%
2. Delivery Services	25%
3. File Transfer to Print Time	5%
4. Last Minute Service for Special Issues	5%
5. Quality of Paper Stock	10%
6. Quality of Finished Produce	30%
<i>Total</i>	<i>100%</i>

In some instances, an interview will also be part of the evaluation process.

Minnesota State University, Mankato reserves the right to name a date at which all responding vendors will be invited to present demonstrations or participate in an interview. Minnesota State University, Mankato does not agree to reach a decision by any certain date although it is hoped the evaluation and selection will be completed by the date identified in the **Selection and Implementation Timeline** above.

A proposal may be rejected if it is determined that a vendor's ability to work with the existing infrastructure will be too limited or difficult to manage.

Section V. Additional RFP Response and General Contract Requirements

Notice to Vendors and Contractors

As a condition of this contract, CONTRACTOR is required by Minn. Stat. §270C.65 to provide a social security number, a federal tax identification number or Minnesota tax identification number. This information may be used in the enforcement of federal and state tax laws. These numbers will be available to federal and state tax authorities and state personnel involved in approving the contract and the

payment of state obligations. Supplying these numbers could result in action to require CONTRACTOR to file state tax returns and pay delinquent state tax liabilities. This contract will not be approved unless these numbers are provided.

If you are an independent contractor, Minn. Stat. §256.998 requires the state to report your name, address and social security number to the New Hire Reporting Center of the Minnesota Department of Human Services unless your contract is for less than two months in duration with gross earnings of less than \$250.00 per month. This information may be used by state or local child support enforcement authorities in the enforcement of state and federal child support laws.

Problem Resolution Process

A formal problem resolution process will be established in the contract to address issues raised by either Minnesota State University, Mankato or the vendor.

Affidavit of Non-Collusion

All responding vendors are required to complete the Affidavit of Non-Collusion form and submit it with the response.

Human Rights Requirements

For all contracts estimated to be in excess of \$100,000 all responding vendors are required to complete the Human Rights Certification Information and Affirmative Action Data Page and submit it with the response. As required by Minnesota Rule 5000.3600, "It is hereby agreed between the parties that Minnesota Statutes §363A.36 and Minnesota Rule 5000.3600 are incorporated into any contract between these parties based upon this specification or any modification of it. Copies of Minnesota Statutes §363A.36 and Minnesota Rules 5000.3400 - 5000.3600 are available from the Minnesota Bookstore, 660 Olive Street, St. Paul, MN 55155. All responding vendors shall comply with the applicable provisions of the Minnesota Affirmative Action law, Minnesota Statutes §363.A36. Failure to comply shall be grounds for rejection.

Preference to Targeted Group and Economically Disadvantaged Business and Individuals

In accordance with Minnesota Rules, part 1230.1810, subpart B and Minnesota Rules, part 1230.1830, certified Targeted Group Businesses and individuals submitting proposals as prime contractors shall receive the equivalent of a six percent preference in the evaluation of their proposal, and certified Economically Disadvantaged Businesses and individuals submitting proposals as prime contractors shall receive the equivalent of a six percent preference in the evaluation of their proposal. For information regarding certification, contact the Materials Management Helpline at 651.296.2600, or you may reach the Helpline by e-mail at mmd.help.line@state.mn.us. For TTY/TDD communications, contact the Helpline through the Minnesota Relay Services at 1.800.627.3529.

Veteran-Owned Preference

In accordance with Minn. Stat. § 16C.16, subd. 6a, (a) Except when mandated by the federal government as a condition of receiving federal funds, the commissioner shall award up to a six percent preference, but no less than the percentage awarded to any other group under this section on state procurement to **certified small businesses that are majority-owned and operated by veterans.**

In accordance with Minn. Stat. § 16C.19 (d), a veteran-owned small business, the principal place of business of which is in Minnesota, is certified if it has been verified by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs as being either a veteran-owned small business or a service disabled veteran-owned small business, in accordance with Public Law 109-461 and Code of Federal Regulations, title 38, part 74.

To receive a preference the veteran-owned small business must meet the statutory requirements above by the solicitation due date and time.

If you are claiming the veteran-owned preference, attach documentation, sign and return the Veteran-Owned Preference Form with your response to the solicitation. Only eligible veteran-owned small businesses that meet the statutory requirements and provide adequate documentation will be given the preference.

Insurance Requirements

A. The selected vendor will be required to submit an ACORD Certificate of Insurance to the Minnesota State University, Mankato 's authorized representative prior to execution of the contract. The selected vendor shall not commence work under the contract until they have obtained all the insurance described below and MnSCU has approved evidence of such insurance. Vendor shall maintain such insurance in force and effect throughout the term of the contract.

B. The selected vendor will be required to maintain and furnish satisfactory evidence of the following:

1. **Workers' Compensation Insurance.** The vendor must provide workers' compensation insurance for all its employees and, in case any work is subcontracted, the vendor will require the subcontractor to provide workers' compensation insurance in accordance with the statutory requirements of the State of Minnesota, including Coverage B, Employer's Liability, at limits not less than \$100,000.00 bodily injury by disease per employee; \$500,000.00 bodily injury by disease aggregate; and \$100,000.00 bodily injury by accident.
2. **Commercial General Liability.** The vendor will be required to maintain a comprehensive commercial general liability insurance (CGL) policy protecting it from bodily injury claims and property damage claims which may arise from operations under the contract whether the operations are by the vendor or by a subcontractor or by anyone directly or indirectly employed under the contract. The minimum insurance amounts will be:
 - \$2,000,000.00 per occurrence
 - \$2,000,000.00 annual aggregate
 - \$2,000,000.00 annual aggregate – Products/Completed Operations

In addition, the following coverages must be included:

Premises and Operations Bodily Injury and Property Damage
Personal and Advertising Injury
Products and Completed Operations Liability
Blanket Contractual Liability
Name the following as Additional Insureds:
Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities
Minnesota State University, Mankato

3. **Commercial Automobile Liability.** The vendor will be required to maintain insurance protecting it from bodily injury claims and property damage claims which may arise from operations of vehicles under the contract whether such operations were by the vendor, a subcontractor or by anyone directly or indirectly employed under the contract. The minimum insurance amounts will be:

\$2,000,000.00 per occurrence Combined Single Limit (CSL)

In addition, the following coverages should be included:

4. Errors and Omissions (E & O) Insurance. The vendor will be required to maintain insurance protecting it from claims the vendor may become legally obligated to pay resulting from any actual or alleged negligent act, error or omission related to the vendor's professional services required under this contract. The minimum insurance amounts will be:

\$2,000,000.00 per occurrence
\$2,000,000.00 annual aggregate

Any deductible will be the sole responsibility of the vendor and may not exceed \$50,000 without the written approval of MnSCU. If the vendor desires authority from MnSCU to have a deductible in a higher amount, the vendor shall so request in writing, specifying the amount of the desired deductible and providing financial documentation by submitting the most current audited financial statements so that MnSCU can ascertain the ability of the vendor to cover the deductible from its own resources.

The retroactive or prior acts date of such coverage shall not be after the effective date of this contract and vendor shall maintain such insurance for a period of at least three (3) years, following completion of the work. If such insurance is discontinued, extended reporting period coverage must be obtained by vendor to fulfill this requirement.

Additional Insurance Conditions:

- Vendor's policy(ies) shall be primary insurance to any other valid and collectible insurance available to MnSCU with respect to any claim arising out of vendor's performance under this contract;
- If vendor receives a cancellation notice from an insurance carrier affording coverage herein, vendor agrees to notify MnSCU within five (5) business days with a copy of the cancellation notice, unless vendor's policy(ies) contain a provision that coverage afforded under the policy(ies) will not be cancelled without at least thirty (30) days advance written notice to MnSCU;
- Vendor is responsible for payment of contract related insurance premiums and deductibles;
- If vendor is self-insured, a Certificate of Self-Insurance must be attached;
- Vendor's policy(ies) shall include legal defense fees in addition to its liability policy limits, with the exception of B.4 above;
- Vendor shall obtain insurance policy(ies) from insurance company(ies) having an "AM BEST" rating of A- (minus); Financial Size Category (FSC) VII or better, and authorized to do business in the State of Minnesota; and
- An Umbrella or Excess Liability insurance policy may be used to supplement the vendor's policy limits to satisfy the full policy limits required by the contract.

C. Minnesota State University, Mankato reserves the right to immediately terminate the contract if the vendor is not in compliance with the insurance requirements and retains all rights to pursue any legal remedies against the vendor. All insurance policies must be available for inspection Minnesota State

University, Mankato and copies of policies must be submitted to Minnesota State University, Mankato 's authorized representative upon written request.

State Audit

The books, records, documents and accounting practices and procedures of the vendor relevant to the contract(s) must be available for audit purposes to MnSCU and the Legislative Auditor's Office for six (6) years after the termination/expiration of the contract.

Minnesota Government Data Practices Act

The requirements of Minnesota Statutes § 13.05, subd. 11 apply to the contract. The vendor must comply with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Minnesota Statutes Chapter 13, as it applies to all data provided by MnSCU, its schools and the System Office in accordance with the contract and as it applies to all data created, gathered, generated or acquired in accordance with the contract. All materials submitted in response to this RFP will become property of the State of Minnesota and will become public record after the evaluation process is completed. Pursuant to the statute, completion of the evaluation process occurs when MnSCU has completed negotiating the contract with the selected vendor. If the vendor submits information in response to this RFP that it believes to be trade secret materials as defined by the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, the vendor must:

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

MnSCU will not consider the prices submitted by the Responder to be proprietary or trade secret materials.

Conflict of Interest

The vendor must provide a list of all entities with which it has relationships that create, or appear to create, a conflict of interest with the work that it is contemplated in this Request for Proposal. The list should indicate the names of the entity, the relationship, and a discussion of the conflict.

Organizational Conflicts of Interest

The responder warrants that, to the best of its knowledge and belief, and except as otherwise disclosed, there are no relevant facts or circumstances that could give rise to organizational conflicts of interest. An organizational conflict of interest exists when, because of existing or planned activities or because of relationships with other persons, a vendor is unable or potentially unable to render impartial assistance or advice, or the vendor's objectivity in performing the contract work is or might be otherwise impaired, or the vendor has an unfair competitive advantage. The responder agrees that, if after award, an organizational conflict of interest is discovered, an immediate and full disclosure in writing must be made to the respective school's chief financial officer or the System Office's Business Manager that must include a description of the action which the vendor has taken or proposes to take to avoid or mitigate such conflicts. If an organizational conflict of interest is determined to exist, the school or System Office may, at its discretion, cancel the contract. In the event the responder was aware of an organizational conflict of interest prior to the award of the contract and did not disclose the conflict to the contracting

officer, the school or System Office may terminate the contract for default. The provisions of this clause must be included in all subcontracts for work to be performed similar to the service provided by the prime contractor, and the terms “contract,” “contractor,” and “contracting officer” modified appropriately to preserve MnSCU’s rights.

Physical and Data Security

The vendor is required to recognize that on the performance of the contract the vendor will become a holder of and have access to private data on individuals and nonpublic data as defined in the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Minnesota Statutes Chapter 13; and other applicable laws.

In performance of the contract, the vendor agrees it will comply with all applicable state, federal and local laws and regulations, including but not limited to the laws under Minnesota Statute Chapters 13 relating to confidentiality of information received as a result of the contract. The vendor agrees that it, its officers, employees and agents will be bound by the above confidentiality laws and that it will establish procedures for safeguarding the information.

The vendor agrees to notify its officers, employees and agents of the requirements of confidentiality and of the possible penalties imposed by violation of these laws. The vendor agrees that neither it, nor its officers, employees or agents will disclose or make public any information received by the vendor on behalf of MnSCU and Minnesota State University, Mankato.

The vendor shall recognize MnSCU’s sole and exclusive right to control the use of this information. The vendor further agrees it shall make no use of any of the described information, for either internal or external purposes, other than that which is directly related to the performance of the contract.

The vendor agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the State of Minnesota, MnSCU and Minnesota State University, Mankato from any and all liabilities and claims resulting from the unauthorized disclosure by the vendor, its officers, employees or agents of any information required to be held confidential under the provisions of the contract. The vendor must return all source data to the “Authorized Representative” to be identified in the contract.

Section VI. RFP Responses

Submission

Sealed proposals must be received at the following address not later than **2:00 p.m. CT on Monday, February 12, 2018.**

Institution:	Minnesota State University, Mankato
Name:	Donna Hensel
Title:	Facilities Purchasing Coordinator
Mailing Address:	358 Wiecking Center 415 Malin Street Mankato, MN 56001

The responder shall submit three (3) copies of its RFP response and a compact disc/jump drive with the RFP response in Microsoft Word format. Proposals are to be sealed in mailing envelopes or packages with the responder’s name and address clearly written on the outside. One copy of the proposal must be unbound and signed in blue or black ink by an authorized representative of the vendor. Proof of authority of the person signing must accompany the response.

Proposals received after this date and time will be returned to the responder unopened. Fax and e-mail responses will not be considered.

Proposals made in pencil will be rejected. Alterations in cost figures used to determine the lowest priced proposal will be rejected unless initialed in ink by the person responsible for or authorized to make decisions as to price quoted. The use of “white out” is considered an alteration.

**STATE OF MINNESOTA
AFFIDAVIT OF NON-COLLUSION**

I swear (or affirm) under the penalty of perjury:

1. That I am the Responder (if the Responder is an individual), a partner in the company (if the Responder is a partnership), or an officer or employee of the responding corporation having authority to sign on its behalf (if the Responder is a corporation);
2. That the attached proposal submitted in response to the _____ Request for Proposal has been arrived at by the Responder independently and has been submitted without collusion with and without any agreement, understanding or planned common course of action with, any other Responder of materials, supplies, equipment or services described in the Request for Proposal, designed to limit fair and open competition;
3. That the contents of the proposal have not been communicated by the Responder or its employees or agents to any person not an employee or agent of the Responder and will not be communicated to any such persons prior to the official opening of the proposals; and
4. That I am fully informed regarding the accuracy of the statements made in this affidavit.

Responder's Firm Name: _____

Authorized Signature: _____

Date: _____

Subscribed and sworn to me this _____ day of _____

Notary Public: _____

My commission expires: _____

**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS
AFFIRMATIVE ACTION
CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE**

It is hereby agreed between the parties that MnSCU will require that affirmative action requirements be met by contractors in relation to Minnesota Statutes §363A.36 and Minnesota Rules, 5000.3400 to 5000.3600. Failure by a contractor to implement an affirmative action plan or make a good faith effort shall result in revocation of its certificate or revocation of the contract (Minnesota Statutes §363A.36, subdivisions 3 and 4).

Under the Minnesota Human Rights Act, §363A.36, businesses or firms entering into a contract over \$100,000 which have more than forty (40) full-time employees within the state of Minnesota on a single working day during the previous twelve (12) months, or businesses or firms employing more than forty (40) full-time employees on a single working day during the previous twelve (12) months in a state in which its primary place of business is domiciled and that primary place of business is outside of the State of Minnesota but within the United States, must have submitted an affirmative action plan that was received by the Commissioner of Human Rights for approval prior to the date and time the responses are due. A contract over \$100,000 will not be executed unless the firm or business having more than forty (40) full-time employees, either within or outside the State of Minnesota, has received a certificate of compliance signifying it has an affirmative action plan approved by the Commissioner of Human Rights. The Certificate is valid for four (4) years. For additional information, contact the Department of Human Rights, Freeman Building, 625 Robert Street North, Saint Paul, MN 55155.

Effective July 1, 2003. The Minnesota Department of Human Rights is authorized to charge a \$150.00 fee for each Certificate of Compliance issued. A business or firm must submit its affirmative action plan along with a cashier's check or money order in the amount of \$150.00 to the Minnesota Department of Human Rights or you may contact the Department for additional information at the Compliance Services Unit, Freeman Building, 625 Robert Street North, Saint Paul MN 55155.

State Of Minnesota – Affirmative Action Certification

If your response to this solicitation is or could be in excess of \$100,000, complete the information requested below to determine whether you are subject to the Minnesota Human Rights Act (Minnesota Statutes 363A.36) certification requirement, and to provide documentation of compliance if necessary. It is your sole responsibility to provide this information and—if required—to apply for Human Rights certification prior to the due date of the bid or proposal and to obtain Human Rights certification prior to the execution of the contract. The State of Minnesota is under no obligation to delay proceeding with a contract until a company receives Human Rights certification.

BOX A – For companies which have employed more than 40 full-time employees within Minnesota on any single working day during the previous 12 months. All other companies proceed to BOX B.

Your response will be rejected unless your business:

- has a current Certificate of Compliance issued by the Minnesota Department of Human Rights (MDHR)
—or—
- has submitted an affirmative action plan to the MDHR, which the Department received prior to the date the responses are due.

Check one of the following statements if you have employed more than 40 full-time employees in Minnesota on any single working day during the previous 12 months:

- We have a current Certificate of Compliance issued by the MDHR. **Proceed to BOX C. Include a copy of your certificate with your response.**
- We do not have a current Certificate of Compliance. However, we submitted an Affirmative Action Plan to the MDHR for approval, which the Department received on _____ (date). **Proceed to BOX C.**
- We do not have a Certificate of Compliance, nor has the MDHR received an Affirmative Action Plan from our company. **We acknowledge that our response will be rejected. Proceed to BOX C. Contact the Minnesota Department of Human Rights for assistance.** (See below for contact information.)

Please note: Certificates of Compliance must be issued by the Minnesota Department of Human Rights. Affirmative Action Plans approved by the Federal government, a county, or a municipality must still be received, reviewed, and approved by the Minnesota Department of Human Rights before a certificate can be issued.

BOX B – For those companies not described in BOX A

Check below.

- We have not employed more than 40 full-time employees on any single working day in Minnesota within the previous 12 months. **Proceed to BOX C.**

BOX C – For all companies

By signing this statement, you certify that the information provided is accurate and that you are authorized to sign on behalf of the responder. You also certify that you are in compliance with federal affirmative action requirements that may apply to your company. (These requirements are generally triggered only by participating as a prime or subcontractor on federal projects or contracts. Contractors are alerted to these requirements by the federal government.)

Name of Company: _____ Date _____

Authorized Signature: _____ Telephone number: _____

Printed Name: _____ Title: _____

For assistance with this form, contact:

Minnesota Department of Human Rights, Compliance & Community Relations

Freeman Building, 625 Robert Street North, Saint Paul, MN 55155

Phone: 651-296-5663

Toll Free: 800-657-3704

Fax: 651-296-9042

TTY: 651-296-1283

Web: mn.gov/mdhr Email: compliance.mndh@state.mn.us

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Affirmative Action Certification

**MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES
NOTICE TO VENDORS**

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE

The amended Minnesota Human Rights Act (Minnesota Statutes §363A.36) divides the contract compliance program into two categories. Both categories apply to any contracts for goods or services in excess of \$100,000.

The first category applies to businesses that have had more than 40 full-time employees within Minnesota on a single working day during the previous 12 months. The businesses in this category must have submitted an affirmative action plan to the Commissioner of the Department of Human Rights prior to the due date and time of the response and must have received a Certificate of Compliance prior to execution of the contract or agreement.

The secondary category applies to businesses that have had more than 40 full-time employees on a single working day in the previous 12 months in the state in which its primary place of business is domiciled. The businesses in this category must certify to MnSCU that it is in compliance with federal affirmative action requirements before execution of the contract. For further information, contact the Department of Human Rights, Compliance Services Unit, 625 Robert Street North, Saint Paul MN 55155; Voice: 651-296-5663; Toll Free: 800-657-3704; TTY: 651-296-1283.

MnSCU is under no obligation to delay the award or the execution of a contract until a vendor has completed the Human Rights certification process. It is the sole responsibility of the vendor to apply for and obtain a Human Rights certificate prior to contract execution.

It is hereby agreed between the parties that MnSCU will require affirmative action requirements be met by vendors in relation to Minnesota Statutes §363A.36 and Minnesota Rules, 5000.3400 to 5000.3600.

Under the Minnesota Human Rights Act, §363A.36, subdivision 1, no department or agency of the state shall execute an order in excess of \$100,000 with any business within the State of Minnesota having more than 40 full-time employees in a single working day during the previous 12 months unless the firm or business has an affirmative action plan for the employment of minority persons, women, and the disabled that has been approved the Commissioner of Human Rights. Receipt of a Certificate of Compliance issued by the Commissioner shall signify that a firm or business has an affirmative action plan approved by the Commissioner.

Failure by the vendor to implement an affirmative action plan or make a good faith effort shall result in revocation of its certificate or revocation of the order (Minnesota Statutes §363A.36, subdivisions 3 and 4). A certificate is valid for a period of four (4) years.

DISABLED INDIVIDUAL CLAUSE

- A. A vendor shall not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of physical or mental disability in regard to any position for which the employee or applicant for employment is qualified. The vendor agrees to take disabled individuals without discrimination based on their physical or mental disability in all employment practices such as the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer, recruitment, advertising, layoff or termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation, and selection of training, including apprenticeship.

- B. The vendor agrees to comply with the rules and relevant order of the Minnesota Department of Human Rights issued pursuant to the Minnesota Human Rights Act.
- C. In the event of a vendor's noncompliance with the requirements of this clause, actions for noncompliance may be taken by the Minnesota Department of Human Rights pursuant to the Minnesota Human Rights Act.
- D. The vendor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices in a form to be prescribed by the Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Human Rights. Such notices shall state the vendor obligation under the law to take affirmative action to employ and advance in employment qualified disabled employees and applicants for employment and the rights of applicants and employees.
- E. The vendor shall notify each labor union or representative of workers with which it has a collective bargaining agreement or other order understanding, that the vendor is bound by the terms of Minnesota Statutes §363A.36 of the Minnesota Human Rights Act and is committed to take affirmative action to employ and advance in employment physically and mentally disabled individuals.

It is hereby agreed between the parties that Minnesota Statutes §363A.36 and Minnesota Rules 5000.3400 to 5000.3600 are incorporated into any order of Minnesota Statutes §363A.36 and Minnesota Rules, 5000.3400 to 5000.3600 are available from Minnesota Bookstore, 660 Olive Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55155.

By signing this statement the vendor certifies that the information provided is accurate.

NAME OF COMPANY: _____

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE: _____

TITLE: _____

DATE: _____

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**STATE OF MINNESOTA
VETERAN-OWNED PREFERENCE FORM**

In accordance with Minn. Stat. §16C.16, subd. 6a, the MnSCU may award up to a 6% preference in the amount bid on state procurement to certified small businesses that are majority owned and operated by veterans.

Veteran-Owned Preference Requirements - See Minn. Stat. §16C.19(d):

1. Principal place of business is in Minnesota.

and

2. The United States Department of Veterans Affairs verifies the business as being a veteran-owned small business under Public Law 109-461 and Code of Federal Regulations, title 38, part 74.

Statutory requirements and appropriate documentation must be met **by the solicitation response due date and time** to be awarded the veteran-owned preference. The preference applies only to the first \$500,000 of a solicitation response.

Claim the Preference

By signing below I confirm that:

My company is claiming the veteran-owned preference afforded by Minn. Stat. § 16C.16, subd. 6a. by making this claim, I verify that:

- My company's principal place of business is in Minnesota; and
- The United States Department of Veteran's Affairs verifies my company as being a veteran-owned small business. (Supported By Attached Documentation)

Name of Company: _____ Date: _____

Authorized Signature: _____ Telephone: _____

Printed Name: _____ Title: _____

Attach documentation, sign, and return this form with your solicitation response to claim the veteran-owned preference.