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AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

**Audit Services
Independent Public Accountant Services**



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I. INTRODUCTION

A. PURPOSE OF THIS REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The purpose of the Request for Proposal (RFP) is to solicit sealed proposals, in accordance with the Procurement Code (NMSA 1978, Sections 13-1-28 to -99); GSD Rule 1.4.1 NMAC, Procurement Code Regulations, if applicable; and DFA Rule 2.40.2 NMAC, Governing the Approval of Contracts for the Purchase of Professional Services, from qualified firms of certified public accountants (Offerors) to result in a single source contract to perform the audit of the State of New Mexico's Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHSEM) Annual Financial Report for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2025, with the option to renew the contract for three additional subsequent fiscal years.

These audits are to be performed in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards set forth by the Comptroller General of the United States, the provisions of the Federal Single Audit Rule, Amendments of 1996 GASB 34/35, applicable Federal Office of Management and Budget (OMB) circulars, including Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards. The audit must comply with New Mexico State Auditor Rule, Requirements for Contracting and Conducting Governmental Audits (2.2.2 NMAC). NMSA 1978, Section 13-1-191.1 requires prospective contractors to complete a standard campaign contribution disclosure form and submit it as part of the proposal.

B. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The agency's financial statements consist of State General Fund and Federal Funds. The agency receives the majority of its support from the disaster and non-disaster federal grants, State's General fund, and fees.

Interested Offerors who wish to review prior year audit reports and management letters should refer to the New Mexico Office of the State Auditor's website "Audit Search" at www.saonm.org.

It is anticipated that fully adjusted trial balances and other reports will be available within 30 days after the year-end close of the system.

C. QUALIFIED OFFEROR

DHSEM will only consider proposals made by Offerors who are on the New Mexico State Auditor's approved firm list of other firms approved by the New Mexico State Auditor and placed on the New Mexico State Auditor's list. The firm selected **must** be approved, at the time of proposal submission, by the New Mexico State Auditor to provide audit services to New Mexico public entities. **A proposal will be disqualified if the Offeror is not on the New Mexico State Auditor's approved list at the time of submission.**

D. SCOPE OF PROCUREMENT

DHSEM desires the Offeror to perform the Scope of Work specified in the standard “State of New Mexico Audit Contract,” a sample copy which appears as Appendix A to this request for proposals.

The following resources will be provided to contractor personnel by DHSEM for use on this contract:

1. Necessary workspace; and
2. Access to telephone, copiers and scanner machines.

For the purpose of preparing proposals, Offerors are to assume that the majority of all on-site work will be performed at the following location:

New Mexico Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management
13 Bataan Boulevard
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502

The contractor will work on an as-needed basis, with no limitation on the number of trips to the on-site location.

E. PROCUREMENT MANAGER

Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHSEM) has assigned a Procurement Manager who is responsible for the conduct of this procurement whose name, address, telephone number and e-mail address are listed below:

Name: Megan Martinez, Procurement Manager
Address: Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management
13 Bataan Blvd.
Santa Fe, NM 87502
Telephone: (505) 373-7365
Email: Megan.Martinez@dhsem.nm.gov

1. **Any inquiries or requests** regarding this procurement should be submitted, in writing, to the Procurement Manager. Offerors may contact **ONLY** the Procurement Manager regarding this procurement. Other state employees or Evaluation Committee members do not have the authority to respond on behalf of the department.
2. Until the award is made and notice given to all Offerors, DHSEM will not disclose the contents of any proposal with an Offeror or potential Offeror, so as to make the contents of any offer available to any competing or potential Offeror.

Submission of all proposals must be accomplished via DropBox. Refer to section III (B)(1) for instructions.

F. DEFINITION OF TERMINOLOGY

This section contains definitions of terms used throughout this procurement document, including appropriate abbreviations:

1. **“Agency”** means the State Purchasing Division of the General Services Department or that State Agency sponsoring this Procurement.
2. **“Authorized Purchaser”** means an individual authorized by a Participating Entity to place orders against this contract.
3. **“Award”** means the final execution of the contract document.
4. **“Business Hours”** means 8:00 AM thru 5:00 PM MST/MDT, whichever is in effect on the date given.
5. **“Close of Business”** means 5:00 PM Mountain Standard or Daylight Time, whichever is in use at that time.
6. **“Confidential”** means confidential financial information concerning Offeror’s organization and data that qualifies as a trade secret in accordance with the Uniform Trade Secrets Act NMSA 1978, §§ 57-3A-1 through 57-3A-7, see also 1.4.1.45 NMAC. The following items may **not** be labelled as confidential: Offeror’s submitted Cost response, Staff/Personnel Resumes/Bios (excluding personal information such as personal telephone numbers and/or home addresses), and other submitted data that is **not** confidential financial information or that qualifies under the Uniform Trade Secrets Act.
7. **“Contract”** means any agreement for the procurement of items of tangible personal property, services or construction.
8. **“Contractor”** means any business having a contract with a state agency or local public body.
9. **“Determination”** means the written documentation of a decision of a procurement officer including findings of fact required to support a decision. A determination becomes part of the procurement file to which it pertains.
10. **“Desirable”** – the terms “may,” “can,” “should,” “preferably,” or “prefers” identify a desirable or discretionary item or factor.
11. **“DHSEM”** means the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management

12. **“Electronic Version/Copy”** means a digital form consisting of text, images or both readable on computers or other electronic devices that includes all content that the Original and Hard Copy proposals contain. The digital form may be submitted using a compact disc (CD) or USB flash drive. The electronic version/copy can NOT be emailed.
13. **“Evaluation Committee”** means a body appointed to perform the evaluation of Offerors’ proposals.
14. **“Evaluation Committee Report”** means a report prepared by the Procurement Manager and the Evaluation Committee to support the Committee’s recommendation for contract award. It will contain scores and written evaluations of all responsive Offeror proposals.
15. **“Final Award”** means, in the context of this Request for Proposals and all its attendant documents, that point at which the final required signature on the contract(s) resulting from the procurement has been affixed to the contract(s) thus making it fully executed.
16. **“Finalist”** means an Offeror who meets all the mandatory specifications of this Request for Proposals and whose score on evaluation factors is sufficiently high to merit further consideration by the Evaluation Committee.
17. **“Hourly Rate”** means the proposed fully loaded maximum hourly rates that include travel, per diem, fringe benefits and any overhead costs for contractor personnel, as well as subcontractor personnel if appropriate.
18. **“IT”** means Information Technology.
19. **“Mandatory”** – the terms “must,” “shall,” “will,” “is required,” or “are required,” identify a mandatory item or factor. Failure to meet a mandatory item or factor may result in the rejection of the Offeror’s proposal.
20. **“Minor Irregularities”** means anything in the proposal that does not affect the price, quality and/or quantity, or any other mandatory requirement.
21. **“Multiple Source Award”** means an award of an indefinite quantity contract for one or more similar services, items of tangible personal property or construction to more than one Offeror.
22. **“Offeror”** is any person, corporation, or partnership who chooses to submit a proposal.
23. **“Price Agreement”** means a definite quantity contract or indefinite quantity contract which requires the contractor to furnish items of tangible personal property, services or construction to a state agency or a local public body which issues a purchase order, if the purchase order is within the quantity limitations of the contract, if any.

24. **“Procurement Manager”** means any person or designee authorized by a state agency or local public body to enter into or administer contracts and make written determinations with respect thereto.
25. **“Procuring Agency”** means all State of New Mexico agencies, commissions, institutions, political subdivisions and local public bodies allowed by law to entertain procurements.
26. **“Project”** means a temporary process undertaken to solve a well-defined goal or objective with clearly defined start and end times, a set of clearly defined tasks, and a budget. The project terminates once the project scope is achieved and project acceptance is given by the project executive sponsor.
27. **“Redacted”** means a version/copy of the Offeror’s proposal with the information considered proprietary or confidential (as defined by NMSA 1978, §§ 57-3A-1 to 57-3A-7, and 1.4.1.45 NMAC and summarized herein and outlined in Section II.C.8 of this RFP) blacked-out BUT NOT omitted or removed.
28. **“Request for Proposals (RFP)”** means all documents, including those attached or incorporated by reference, used for soliciting proposals.
29. **“Responsible Offeror”** means an Offeror who submits a responsive proposal and who has furnished, when required, information and data to prove that his financial resources, production or service facilities, personnel, service reputation and experience are adequate to make satisfactory delivery of the services, or items of tangible personal property described in the proposal.
30. **“Responsive Offer”** or means an offer which conforms in all material respects to the requirements set forth in the request for proposals. Material respects of a request for proposals include, but are not limited to price, quality, quantity or delivery requirements.
31. **“Sealed”** means, in terms of a non-electronic submission, that the proposal is enclosed in a package which is completely fastened in such a way that nothing can be added or removed. Open packages submitted will not be accepted except for packages that may have been damaged by the delivery service itself. The State reserves the right, however, to accept or reject packages where there may have been damage done by the delivery service itself. Whether a package has been damaged by the delivery service or left unfastened and should or should not be accepted is a determination to be made by the Procurement Manager. By submitting a proposal, the Offeror agrees to and concurs with this process and accepts the determination of the Procurement Manager in such cases.
32. **“SPD”** means State Purchasing Division of the New Mexico State General Services Department.
33. **“Staff”** means any individual who is a full-time, part-time, or an independently contracted employee with the Offerors’ company.

34. **“State (the State)”** means the State of New Mexico.
35. **“State Agency”** means any department, commission, council, board, committee, institution, legislative body, agency, government corporation, educational institution or official of the executive, legislative or judicial branch of the government of this state. “State agency” includes the Purchasing Division of the General Services Department and the State Purchasing Agent but does not include local public bodies.
36. **“State Purchasing Agent”** means the Director of the Purchasing Division of the General Services Department.
37. **“Statement of Concurrence”** means an affirmative statement from the Offeror to the required specification agreeing to comply and concur with the stated requirement(s). This statement shall be included in Offerors proposal. (E.g. “We concur,” “Understands and Complies,” “Comply,” “Will Comply if Applicable,” etc.)
38. **“Unredacted”** means a version/copy of the proposal containing all complete information; including any that the Offeror would otherwise consider confidential, such copy for use only for the purposes of evaluation.
39. **“Written”** means typewritten on standard 8 ½ x 11 inch paper. Larger paper is permissible for charts, spreadsheets, etc.

II. CONDITIONS GOVERNING THE PROCUREMENT

This section of the RFP contains the schedule of events, the descriptions of each event, and the conditions governing this procurement.

A. SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

The Procurement Manager will make every effort to adhere to the following schedule:

Action	Responsible Party	Due Dates
1. Issue RFP	NMDHSEM	05/15/2025
2. Acknowledgement of Receipt Form	Potential Offerors	5/21/2025 by Close of Business (5:00pm)
3. Deadline to submit Written Questions	Potential Offerors	5/23/2025 before Close of Business (4:00pm)
4. Response to Written Questions	Procurement Manager	5/26/2025
5. <i>Submission of Proposal</i>	<i>Potential Offerors</i>	05/30/2025 by 5:00pm MST
6.* Proposal Evaluation	Evaluation Committee	06/02/2025-06/06/2025
7.* Selection of Finalists	Evaluation Committee	06/09/2025
8. Notification/Recommendation to State Auditor	Procurement Manager	06/10/2025
9. Contract Award	Procurement Manager	06/13/2025-06/19/2025
10. Protest Deadline	Offerors	15 Days after Award
11. Contract Effective Date	Agency/ Finalist Offerors	07/01/2025

* Dates indicated in Events 7 through 11 are estimates only and may be subject to change without necessitating an amendment to the RFP.

B. EXPLANATION OF EVENTS

The following paragraphs describe the activities listed in the Sequence of Events shown in Section II.A., above.

1. Issue RFP

This RFP is being issued on behalf of the State of New Mexico Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHSEM) on the date indicated in Section II.A (Sequence of Events). In the interest of making it easier for Offerors to prepare responses, Offerors can download the RFP in an electronic format by accessing the Department of Homeland Security website at:

<https://www.dhsem.nm.gov/active-procurement-opportunities/>

2. Acknowledgement of Receipt Form

Potential Offerors may e-mail the Acknowledgement of Receipt Form (APPENDIX A), to the [Procurement](mailto:megan.martinez@dhsem.nm.gov) Manager, Megan Martinez, megan.martinez@dhsem.nm.gov, to have their organization placed on the procurement Distribution List and be informed of any changes to the RFP. The form must be returned to the Procurement Manager by 5:00 PM MST/ MDT on the date indicated in Section II.A, Sequence of Events

The procurement distribution list will be used for the distribution of written responses to questions, and/or any amendments to the RFP. Failure to return the Acknowledgement of Receipt Form does not prohibit potential Offerors from submitting a response to this RFP. However, by not returning the Acknowledgement of Receipt Form, the potential Offeror's representative shall not be included on the distribution list, and will be solely responsible for obtaining from the Procurement Library (Section I.G.) responses to written questions and any amendments to the RFP.

3. Deadline to Submit Written Questions

Potential Offerors may submit written questions to the Procurement Manager as to the intent or clarity of this RFP by 5:00 pm MST/MDT as indicated in Section II.A, Sequence of Events. All written questions must be addressed to the Procurement Manager as declared in Section I.E. Questions shall be clearly labeled and shall cite the Section(s) in the RFP or other document which form the basis of the question.

4. Response to Written Questions

Written responses to the written questions will be posted on the website listed below, on or before the date indicated in Section II.A, Sequence of Events, to all potential Offerors who timely submitted an Acknowledgement of Receipt Form (Section II.B.2 and APPENDIX A).

The Questions and Answers will be posted to:

<https://www.dhsem.nm.gov/active-procurement-opportunities/>

5. Submission of Proposal

Only **electronic** proposal submission is allowed. **Do not** submit hard copies until further notice. ALL PROPOSALS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE PROCUREMENT MANAGER OR DESIGNEE NO LATER THAN **5:00 PM MST/MDT ON THE DATE INDICATED IN SECTION II.A, SEQUENCE OF EVENTS. NO LATE PROPOSAL CAN BE ACCEPTED.** The date and time of receipt will be recorded on each proposal. Proposals will be time-stamped in the system when the Offeror submits proposals via Dropbox. Such electronic submissions will be considered sealed in accordance with statute.

It is the Offeror's responsibility to ensure all documents are completely uploaded and submitted electronically via the Dropbox system by the deadline set forth in this RFP. Please ensure that you, as the Offeror, allow adequate time for large uploads and to fully complete your submittal by the deadline. A submission that is not both: (1) fully

*complete; and (2) received, via the Dropbox system by the deadline, will be deemed late. Further, a submission that is not fully complete and received via the Dropbox system by the deadline because the response was captured, blocked, filtered, quarantined or otherwise prevented from reaching the proper destination server by any anti-virus or other security software will be deemed late. In accordance with statute and rule, **NO LATE PROPOSAL CAN BE ACCEPTED.***

Proposals must be submitted electronically through Dropbox link provided . Refer to Section III.B.1 for instructions. Proposals submitted by facsimile, or other electronic means other than through the Dropbox system, will not be accepted. A log will be kept of the names of all Offeror organizations that submitted proposals. Pursuant to NMSA 1978, § 13-1-116, the contents of proposals shall not be disclosed to competing potential Offerors during the negotiation process. The negotiation process is deemed to be in effect until the contract is awarded pursuant to this Request for Proposals. Awarded in this context means the final required state agency signature on the contract(s) resulting from the procurement has been obtained.

6. Proposal Evaluation

An Evaluation Committee will perform the evaluation of proposals. This process will take place as indicated in Section II.A, Sequence of Events, depending upon the number of proposals received. During this time, the Procurement Manager may initiate discussions with Offerors who submit responsive or potentially responsive proposals for the purpose of clarifying aspects of the proposals. However, proposals may be accepted and evaluated without such discussion. Discussions SHALL NOT be initiated by the Offerors.

7. Finalize Contractual Agreements

Any contractual agreement(s) resulting from this RFP will be finalized with the most advantageous Offeror(s), taking into consideration the evaluation factors set forth in this RFP, as per Section II.A., Sequence of Events, or as soon as possible thereafter. The most advantageous proposal may or may not have received the most points. In the event mutually agreeable terms cannot be reached with the apparent most advantageous Offeror in the timeframe specified, the State reserves the right to finalize a contractual agreement with the next most advantageous Offeror(s) without undertaking a new procurement process.

8. Contract Awards

After review of the Evaluation Committee Report and the signed contractual agreement, the Agency Procurement office will award as per the schedule in Section II. A., Sequence of Events or as soon as possible thereafter. This date is subject to change at the discretion of DHSEM.

The contract shall be awarded to the Offeror whose proposals are most advantageous to the State of New Mexico and DHSEM, taking into consideration the evaluation factors set forth in this RFP. The most advantageous proposal may or may not have received the most points. The award is subject to appropriate Department and State approval.

9. Protest Deadline

Any protest by an Offeror must be timely submitted and in conformance with NMSA 1978, § 13-1-172, and applicable procurement regulations. As a Protest Manager has been named in this Request for Proposals, pursuant to NMSA 1978 § 13-1-172, and 1.4.1.82 NMAC, ONLY protests delivered directly to the Protest Manager in writing and in a timely fashion will be considered to have been submitted properly and in accordance with statute, rule and this Request for Proposals. The 15-calendar day protest period shall begin on the day following the notice of award of contract(s) and will end at 5:00 pm MST/MDT on the 15th day. Protests must be written and must include the name and address of the protestor and the request for proposal number. It must also contain a statement of the grounds for protest including appropriate supporting exhibits and it must specify the ruling requested from the party listed below. The protest must be delivered to:

Regina C. Chacon, Deputy Cabinet Secretary
Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management
PO Box 27111 Santa Fe, NM 87502
Regina.chacon@dhsem.nm.gov

PROTESTS RECEIVED AFTER THE DEADLINE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

C. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

1. Acceptance of Conditions Governing the Procurement

Potential Offerors must indicate their acceptance of these Conditions Governing the Procurement, Section II.C, by completing and signing the Letter of Transmittal form, pursuant to the requirements in Section II.C.30, located in APPENDIX E of this RFP.

2. Incurring Cost

Any cost incurred by the potential Offeror in preparation, transmittal, and/or presentation of any proposal or material submitted in response to this RFP shall be borne solely by the Offeror. Any cost incurred by the Offeror for set up and demonstration of the proposed equipment and/or system shall be borne solely by the Offeror.

3. Prime Contractor Responsibility

Any contractual agreement that may result from this RFP shall specify that the prime contractor is solely responsible for fulfillment of all requirements of the contractual agreement with a State Agency which may derive from this RFP. The State Agency entering into a contractual agreement with a vendor will make payments to only the prime contractor.

4. Subcontractors/Consent

The use of subcontractors is allowed. The prime contractor shall be wholly responsible for the entire performance of the contractual agreement whether or not subcontractors are used. Additionally, the prime contractor must receive approval, in writing, from the agency awarding any resultant contract, before any subcontractor is used during the term of this agreement.

5. Amended Proposals

An Offeror may submit an amended proposal before the deadline for receipt of proposals. Such amended proposals must be complete replacements for a previously submitted proposal and must be clearly identified as such in the transmittal letter. **Agency personnel will not merge, collate, or assemble proposal materials.**

6. Offeror's Rights to Withdraw Proposal

Offerors will be allowed to withdraw their proposals at any time prior to the deadline for receipt of proposals. The Offeror must submit a written withdrawal request addressed to the Procurement Manager and signed by the Offeror's duly authorized representative.

The approval or denial of withdrawal requests received after the deadline for receipt of the proposals is governed by the applicable procurement regulation 1.4.1.36 NMAC.

7. Proposal Offer Firm

Responses to this RFP, including proposal prices for services, will be considered firm for one-hundred twenty (120) days after the due date for receipt of proposals or ninety (90) days after the due date for the receipt of a best and final offer, if the Offeror is invited or required to submit one.

8. Disclosure of Proposal Contents

The contents of all submitted proposals will be kept confidential until the final award has been completed by the Agency. At that time, all proposals and documents pertaining to the proposals will be available for public inspection, *except* for proprietary or confidential material as follows:

- a. ***Proprietary and Confidential information is restricted to:***
 1. confidential financial information concerning the Offeror's organization; and

2. information that qualifies as a trade secret in accordance with the Uniform Trade Secrets Act, NMSA Sections 57-3A-1 through 57-3A-7.
- b. An additional but separate redacted version of Offeror's proposal, as outlined and identified in Sections III.B.1.a and III.B.2.a.i, shall be submitted containing the blacked-out proprietary or confidential information, in order to facilitate eventual public inspection of the non-confidential version of Offeror's proposal.

IMPORTANT: The price of products offered or the cost of services proposed **SHALL NOT** be designated as proprietary or confidential information.

If a request is received for disclosure of proprietary or confidential materials, the Agency shall examine the request and make a written determination that specifies which portions of the proposal should be disclosed. Unless the Offeror takes legal action to prevent the disclosure, the proposal will be so disclosed. The proposal shall be open to public inspection subject to any continuing prohibition on the disclosure of proprietary or confidential information.

9. No Obligation

This RFP in no manner obligates the State of New Mexico or any of its Agencies to the use of any Offeror's services until a valid written contract is awarded and approved by appropriate authorities.

10. Termination

This RFP may be canceled at any time and any and all proposals may be rejected in whole or in part when the Agency determines such action to be in the best interest of the State of New Mexico.

11. Sufficient Appropriation

Any contract awarded as a result of this RFP process may be terminated if sufficient appropriations or authorizations do not exist. Such terminations will be affected by sending written notice to the contractor. The Agency's decision as to whether sufficient appropriations and authorizations are available will be accepted by the contractor as final.

12. Legal Review

The Agency requires that all Offerors agree to be bound by the General Requirements contained in this RFP. Any Offeror's concerns must be promptly submitted in writing to the attention of the Procurement Manager.

13. Governing Law

This RFP and any agreement with an Offeror which may result from this procurement shall be governed by the laws of the State of New Mexico.

14. Basis for Proposal

Only information supplied in writing by the Procurement Manager or contained in this RFP shall be used as the basis for the preparation of Offeror proposals.

15. Contract Terms and Conditions

The contract between an agency and a contractor will follow the format specified by the Agency and contain the terms and conditions set forth in the Draft Contract Appendix C. However, the contracting agency reserves the right to negotiate provisions in addition to those contained in this RFP (Draft Contract) with any Offeror. The contents of this RFP, as revised and/or supplemented, and the successful Offeror's proposal will be incorporated into and become part of any resultant contract.

The Agency discourages exceptions from the contract terms and conditions as set forth in the RFP Draft Contract. Such exceptions may cause a proposal to be rejected as nonresponsive when, in the sole judgment of the Agency (and its evaluation team), the proposal appears to be conditioned on the exception, or correction of what is deemed to be a deficiency, or an unacceptable exception is proposed which would require a substantial proposal rewrite to correct.

Should an Offeror object to any of the terms and conditions as set forth in the RFP Draft Contract (APPENDIX C) strongly enough to propose alternate terms and conditions in spite of the above, the Offeror must propose **specific** alternative language. The Agency may or may not accept the alternative language. General references to the Offeror's terms and conditions or attempts at complete substitutions of the Draft Contract are not acceptable to the Agency and will result in disqualification of the Offeror's proposal.

Offerors must provide a brief discussion of the purpose and impact, if any, of each proposed change followed by the specific proposed alternate wording.

If an Offeror fails to propose any alternate terms and conditions during the procurement process (the RFP process prior to selection as successful Offeror), no proposed alternate terms and conditions will be considered later during the negotiation process. Failure to propose alternate terms and conditions during the procurement process (the RFP process prior to selection as successful Offeror) is an **explicit agreement** by the Offeror that the contractual terms and conditions contained herein are **accepted** by the Offeror.

16. Offeror's Terms and Conditions

Offerors must submit with the proposal a complete set of any additional terms and conditions they expect to have included in a contract negotiated with the Agency. See Section II.C.15 for requirements.

17. Contract Deviations

Any additional terms and conditions, which may be the subject of negotiation (such terms and conditions having been proposed during the procurement process, that is, the RFP process prior to selection as successful Offeror), will be discussed only between the Agency and the Offeror selected and shall not be deemed an opportunity to amend the Offeror's proposal.

18. Offeror Qualifications

The Evaluation Committee may make such investigations as necessary to determine the ability of the potential Offeror to adhere to the requirements specified within this RFP. The Evaluation Committee will reject the proposal of any potential Offeror who is not a Responsible Offeror or fails to submit a Responsive Offer as defined in NMSA 1978, Section 13-1-83 and Section 13-1-85.

19. Right to Waive Minor Irregularities

The Evaluation Committee reserves the right to waive minor irregularities, as defined in Section I.F.20. The Evaluation Committee also reserves the right to waive mandatory requirements, provided that all of the otherwise responsive proposals failed to meet the same mandatory requirements and the failure to do so does not otherwise materially affect the procurement. This right is at the sole discretion of the Evaluation Committee.

20. Change in Contractor Representatives

The Agency reserves the right to require a change in contractor representatives if the assigned representative(s) is (are) not, in the opinion of the Agency, adequately meeting the needs of the Agency.

21. Notice of Penalties

The Procurement Code, NMSA 1978, Sections 13-1-28 to -199, imposes civil, and misdemeanor and felony criminal penalties for its violation. In addition, the New Mexico criminal statutes impose felony penalties for bribes, gratuities and kickbacks.

22. Agency Rights

The Agency in agreement with the Evaluation Committee reserves the right to accept all or a portion of a potential Offeror's proposal.

23. Right to Publish

Throughout the duration of this procurement process and contract term, Offerors and contractors must secure from the agency written approval prior to the release of any

information that pertains to the potential work or activities covered by this procurement and/or agency contracts deriving from this procurement. Failure to adhere to this requirement may result in disqualification of the Offeror's proposal or removal from the contract.

24. Ownership of Proposals

All documents submitted in response to the RFP shall become property of the State of New Mexico.

25. Confidentiality

Any confidential information provided to, or developed by, the contractor in the performance of the contract resulting from this RFP shall be kept confidential and shall not be made available to any individual or organization by the contractor without the prior written approval of the Agency.

The Contractor(s) agrees to protect the confidentiality of all confidential information and not to publish or disclose such information to any third party without the procuring Agency's written permission.

26. Electronic mail address required

A large part of the communication regarding this procurement will be conducted by electronic mail (e-mail). Offeror must have a valid e-mail address to receive this correspondence. (See also Section II.B.4, Response to Written Questions).

27. Use of Electronic Versions of this RFP

This RFP is being made available by electronic means. In the event of conflict between a version of the RFP in the Offeror's possession and the version maintained by the agency, the Offeror acknowledges that the version maintained by the agency shall govern. Please refer to:

<https://www.dhsem.nm.gov/active-procurement-opportunities/>

28. New Mexico Employees Health Coverage

- A. If the Offeror has, or grows to, six (6) or more employees who work, or who are expected to work, an average of at least 20 hours per week over a six (6) month period during the term of the contract, Offeror must agree to have in place, and agree to maintain for the term of the contract, health insurance for those employees if the

expected annual value in the aggregate of any and all contracts between Contractor and the State exceed \$250,000.00 dollars.

- B. Offeror must agree to maintain a record of the number of employees who have (a) accepted health insurance; (b) decline health insurance due to other health insurance coverage already in place; or (c) decline health insurance for other reasons. These records are subject to review and audit by a representative of the state.
- C. Offeror must agree to advise all employees of the availability of State publicly financed health care coverage programs by providing each employee with, as a minimum, the following web site link to additional information <https://bewellnm.com>.
- D. For Indefinite Quantity, Indefinite Delivery contracts (price agreements without specific limitations on quantity and providing for an indeterminate number of orders to be placed against it); these requirements shall apply the first day of the second month after the Offeror reports combined sales (from state and, if applicable, from local public bodies if from a state price agreement) of \$250,000.00.

29. Campaign Contribution Disclosure Form

Offeror must complete, sign, and return the Campaign Contribution Disclosure Form, APPENDIX B, as a part of their proposal. This requirement applies regardless whether a covered contribution was made or not made for the positions of Governor and Lieutenant Governor or other identified official. **Failure to complete and return the signed, unaltered form will result in Offeror's disqualification.**

30. Letter of Transmittal

Offeror's proposal must be accompanied by an **unaltered** Letter of Transmittal Form (APPENDIX E), which must be **completed** and **signed** by the individual authorized to contractually obligate the company, identified in #2 below. **DO NOT LEAVE ANY OF THE ITEMS ON THE FORM BLANK** (N/A, None, Does not apply, etc. are acceptable responses).

The Letter of Transmittal MUST:

1. Identify the submitting business entity (its Name, Mailing Address and Phone Number);
2. Identify the Name, Title, Telephone, and E-mail address of the person authorized by the Offeror's organization to (A) contractually obligate the business entity providing the Offer, (B) negotiate a contract on behalf of the organization; and/or (C) provide clarifications or answer questions regarding the Offeror's proposal content (*A response to B and/or C is only required if the responses differs from the individual identified in A*);
3. Identify sub-contractors, if any, anticipated to be utilized in the performance of any resultant contract award;

4. Describe any relationship with any other entity (such as State Agency, reseller, etc., that is not a sub-contractor identified in #3), if any, which will be used in the performance of this awarded contract; and
5. Be signed and dated by the person identified in #2 above; attesting to the veracity of the information provided, and acknowledging (a) the organization's acceptance of the Conditions Governing the Procurement stated in Section II.C.1, (b) the organizations acceptance of the Section V Evaluation Factors, and (c) receipt of any and all amendments to the RFP.

Failure to respond to ALL items as indicated above, will result in Offeror's disqualification.

31. Disclosure Regarding Responsibility

- A. Any prospective Contractor and any of its Principals who enter into a contract greater than sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000.00) with any state agency or local public body for professional services, tangible personal property, services or construction agrees to disclose whether the Contractor, or any principal of the Contractor's company:
 1. is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, or declared ineligible for award of contract by any federal entity, state agency or local public body;
 2. has within a three-year period preceding this offer, been convicted in a criminal matter or had a civil judgment rendered against them for:
 - a. the commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (federal, state or local) contract or subcontract;
 - b. violation of Federal or state antitrust statutes related to the submission of offers; or
 - c. the commission in any federal or state jurisdiction of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, tax evasion, violation of Federal criminal tax law, or receiving stolen property;
 3. is presently indicted for, or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by any (federal state or local) government entity with the commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph A of this disclosure;
 4. has, preceding this offer, been notified of any delinquent Federal or state taxes in an amount that exceeds \$3,000.00 of which the liability remains unsatisfied. Taxes are considered delinquent if the following criteria apply.
 - a. The tax liability is finally determined. The liability is finally determined if it has been assessed. A liability is not finally determined if there is a pending administrative or judicial challenge. In the case of a judicial challenge of the liability, the liability is not finally determined until all judicial appeal rights have been exhausted.
 - b. The taxpayer is delinquent in making payment. A taxpayer is delinquent if the taxpayer has failed to pay the tax liability when full payment was due and

required. A taxpayer is not delinquent in cases where enforced collection action is precluded.

- c. Have within a three-year period preceding this offer, had one or more contracts terminated for default by any federal or state agency or local public body.)
- B. Principal, for the purpose of this disclosure, means an officer, director, owner, partner, or a person having primary management or supervisory responsibilities within a business entity or related entities.
- C. The Contractor shall provide immediate written notice to the State Purchasing Agent or other party to this Agreement if, at any time during the term of this Agreement, the Contractor learns that the Contractor's disclosure was at any time erroneous or became erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.
- D. A disclosure that any of the items in this requirement exist will not necessarily result in termination of this Agreement. However, the disclosure will be considered in the determination of the Contractor's responsibility and ability to perform under this Agreement. Failure of the Contractor to furnish a disclosure or provide additional information as requested will render the Offeror nonresponsive.
- E. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render, in good faith, the disclosure required by this document. The knowledge and information of a Contractor is not required to exceed that which is the normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.
- F. The disclosure requirement provided is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when making an award and is a continuing material representation of the facts during the term of this Agreement. If during the performance of the contract, the Contractor is indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by any government entity (federal, state or local) with commission of any offenses named in this document the Contractor must provide immediate written notice to the State Purchasing Agent or other party to this Agreement. If it is later determined that the Contractor knowingly rendered an erroneous disclosure, in addition to other remedies available to the Government, the State Purchasing Agent or Central Purchasing Officer may terminate the involved contract for cause. Still further the State Purchasing Agent or Central Purchasing Officer may suspend or debar the Contractor from eligibility for future solicitations until such time as the matter is resolved to the satisfaction of the State Purchasing Agent or Central Purchasing Officer.

32. New Mexico Preferences

In accordance with NMSA 1978, § 13-1-21(J), the New Mexico/Native American Resident Preferences shall not apply because the expenditures for this RFP include federal funds.

The New Mexico Preferences shall not apply if the expenditures for this RFP includes federal funds.

III. RESPONSE FORMAT AND ORGANIZATION

A. NUMBER OF RESPONSES

Offerors shall submit only one proposal in response to this RFP.

B. ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION

ONLY ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION VIA DROPBOX IS PERMITTED.

[https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/mhs773kdzb5jcece8z89k/AIIT9-NRLpjf0z - 9fF66Uw?rlkey=idsiumft6ocz795dvqos3p3ac&st=aydm86sf&dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/mhs773kdzb5jcece8z89k/AIIT9-NRLpjf0z-9fF66Uw?rlkey=idsiumft6ocz795dvqos3p3ac&st=aydm86sf&dl=0)

Password: Proposal25!

Any proposal that does not adhere to the requirements of this Section II.B and Section III.C Proposal Content and Organization may be deemed non-responsive and rejected on that basis.

1. Electronic Submission Requirements

a. Follow all submission instructions - Proposals must be submitted in the manner outlined in Sections III(B)(2) and III(B)(3) and organized in accordance with Section III(C). Technical and Cost portions of Offerors proposal must be submitted as **separate uploads**, and must be prominently identified as “Technical Proposal,” or “Cost Proposal,” on the front page of each upload.

b. Complete proposal upload prior to submission deadline. *It is the Offeror's responsibility to ensure all documents are completely uploaded and submitted electronically via the Dropbox system by the deadline set forth in this RFP. Please ensure that you, as the Offeror, allow adequate time for large uploads and to fully complete your submittal by the deadline. A submission that is not both: (1) fully complete; and (2) received, via the Dropbox system by the deadline, will be deemed late. Further, a submission that is not fully complete and received via the Dropbox system by the deadline because the response was captured, blocked, filtered, quarantined or otherwise prevented from reaching the proper destination server by any anti-virus or other security software will be deemed late. In accordance with statute and rule, **NO LATE OFFER CAN BE ACCEPTED.***

c. Upload a single technical file and a single Cost file, unless a document exceeds 50MB - The Offeror need only submit one single electronic copy of each portion of its proposal (one Technical and one Cost), as outlined in Sections III(B)(2) and III(B)(3). *EXCEPTION: Single electronic files that exceed 50MB may be submitted as multiple uploads, which must be **the least number of uploads necessary to fall under the 50MB limit.***

DO NOT upload .zip files - In accordance with the State of New Mexico's Information Technology (IT) policies and procedures, we are unable to accept .zip files. See Section II(B)(1)(d), above, requirements for uploading large files.

DO NOT password-protect proposal documents – The Dropbox system is secure, and accessible only to DHSEM personnel, through a password-protected login. Confidential information must adhere to the requirements of Section II(C)(8) and must be submitted pursuant to Section II(B)(2)(a).

2. Technical Proposal – One (1) ELECTRONIC upload must be organized in accordance with **Section III.C.1. Proposal Format**. All information for the Technical Proposal must be combined into a single file/document for uploading. ***EXCEPTION:** Single electronic files that exceed 50mb may be submitted as multiple uploads, which must be the least number of uploads necessary to fall under the 50mb limit.* ***The Technical Proposal SHALL NOT contain any Cost information.***

a. Confidential Information: If Offeror's proposal contains confidential information, as defined in Section I.F.5 and detailed in Section II.C.8, Offeror **must** submit **two (2)** separate ELECTRONIC technical files :

- i. One (1) ELECTRONIC version of the requisite proposals identified in Section III.B.2, above, as an **unredacted** (def. Section I.F.38) version for evaluation purposes; and
- ii. One (1) **redacted** (def. Section I.F.26) ELECTRONIC for the public file, in order to facilitate eventual public inspection of the non-confidential version of Offeror's proposal. Redacted versions **must** be clearly marked as "REDACTED" or "CONFIDENTIAL" on the first page of the electronic file;

3. Cost Proposal – One (1) ELECTRONIC upload of the proposal containing **ONLY** the Cost Proposal. All information for the cost proposal must be combined into a single file/document for uploading. ***EXCEPTION:** Single electronic files that exceed 50mb may be submitted as multiple uploads, which must be the least number if uploads necessary to fall under 50mb limit.*

C. PROPOSAL CONTENT AND ORGANIZATION

All proposals must be submitted as follows:

Direct reference to pre-prepared or promotional material may be used if referenced and clearly marked. Promotional material must be minimal. Within each section of the proposal, Offerors must organize and address the RFP requirements in the order indicated below. All forms provided in this RFP must be thoroughly completed and included in the appropriate section of Offeror's proposal. **Any and all discussion of proposed costs, rates or expenses must occur ONLY in the Cost Proposal.**

Technical Proposal – DO NOT INCLUDE ANY COST INFORMATION IN THE TECHNICAL PROPOSAL.

1. Signed Letter of Transmittal
2. Signed Campaign Contribution Disclosure Form
3. Table of Contents
4. Response to Contract Terms and Conditions (from Section II(C)(15))
5. Offeror's Additional Terms and Conditions (from Section II(C)(16))
6. Response to Specifications (**except Cost information which shall be included ONLY in Cost Proposal**)
 - a. Organizational Experience
 - b. Organizational References (Optional: Offeror may include a list of its references)
 - c. Mandatory Specification
 - d. Desirable Specification
 - e. Financial Stability – (Financial information considered confidential, as defined in Section I.F. and detailed in Section II(C)(8), should be placed in the **Confidential Information** file, per Section III(B)(2)(a), as applicable)
 - f. Performance Surety Bond
7. Other Supporting Material (if applicable)

Cost Proposal:

1. Completed Cost Response Form (APPENDIX D)

A Proposal Summary may be included in Offeror's Technical Proposal, to provide the Evaluation Committee with an overview of the proposal; however, this material will not be used in the evaluation process unless specifically referenced from other portions of the Offeror's proposal. **DO NOT INCLUDE COST INFORMATION IN THE PROPOSAL SUMMARY.**

IV. SPECIFICATIONS

A. DETAILED SCOPE OF WORK

The Contractor shall conduct a financial and compliance audit of the Agency for Fiscal Year 2025 in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, *Government Auditing Standards, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, the Audit Act and the Audit Rule (2.2.2.1 to 2.2.2.16 NMAC).

B. TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

1. Organizational Experience

Offeror **must**:

- a) provide a brief description of relevant corporate experience with state government and private sector. The experience of all proposed subcontractors must be described. The

narrative **must** thoroughly describe how the Offeror has supplied expertise for similar contracts and must include the extent of their experience, expertise and knowledge as a provider of Auditing Services. All Auditing Services provided to private sector will also be considered;

2. Organizational References

Offeror must provide a list of a minimum of three (3) external references from similar projects/programs performed for private, state or large local government clients within the last three (3) years.

Offeror shall include the following Business Reference information as part of its proposals:

- A. Name of individual or company services were provided for;
- B. Address of individual or company;
- C. Name of contact person;
- D. Telephone number and email address of contact person; and
- E. Type of services provided and dates services were provided.

The Offeror is required to submit **Appendix F – Organizational Reference Questionnaire** in the Proposal submission. The Offeror must provide accurate and complete contact information for each reference listed, as specified above. The Offeror is **not** to complete the questionnaire themselves. Instead, the Agency will directly contact the references provided to complete the questionnaire.

Organizational References with inaccurate or invalid contact information, or those that are not received or are incomplete, may negatively impact the Offeror's evaluation score. The Agency will not attempt to contact individuals or phone numbers not listed on the submitted form

3. Mandatory Specification

1. Agreement to Perform Scope of Work

The scope of work shall consist of providing the products and services defined in the proposed sample contract at Appendix A. The Offeror must agree to perform the scope of work as defined in Appendix A.

2. License to Practice in New Mexico

An affirmative statement must be included indicating that the firm and all assigned key professional staff are properly licensed to practice public accounting in the State of New Mexico at the time the proposal is submitted. The Offeror must submit proof of licensure of all key professional staff in its proposal. Failure to include proof of licensure in New Mexico for all key professional staff will result in disqualification of Offeror's proposal.

3. External Quality Control Review

Offeror must submit a copy of the report on its and any proposed subcontractor's most recent external quality control review, with a statement whether that quality control review included a review of specific government engagements.

4. Independence

Offeror must provide an affirmative statement that it is independent of the State of New Mexico as defined by the U.S. General Accepted Accounting Practices (GAAP) and Generally Accepted Governmental Auditing Standards (GAGAS). The firm must also list and describe the firm's (including any proposed subcontractor's) professional relationships involving the State of New Mexico for the past five (5) years, together with a statement explaining why such relationships do not constitute a conflict of interest to performing the proposed audit.

Offeror must provide an affirmative statement that the firm shall give DHSEM written notice of any professional relationships entered into during the period of this agreement. The Evaluation Committee retains the right to accept or reject an Offeror's affirmative statement of independence. In the event the Evaluation Committee rejects an Offeror's affirmative statement of independence, the Offeror shall be disqualified.

Offeror shall provide information on the results of any federal or state desk reviews or field reviews of it and any proposed subcontractor's audits during the past three (3) years. In addition, Offeror shall provide information on the circumstances and status of any disciplinary action taken or pending against it or any proposed subcontractors during the past three (3) years with state regulatory bodies or professional organizations. In the event the Offeror has no federal or state desk reviews or field reviews or any disciplinary actions to report, Offeror shall provide an affirmative statement to that effect.

Offeror shall affirmatively state that it and any proposed subcontractor has complied with requirements for submitting and has submitted a firm profile to the New Mexico State Auditor, in accordance with the New Mexico State Auditor Rule 2.2.2.1 to 2.2.2.16 NMAC.

5. Federal Unique Entity ID (Sam.gov ID):

Offeror must provide Federal Unique Entity Identifier as all entities who conduct business with the Federal Government are required to submit this information to confirm eligibility to engage in business with the Federal Government.

4. Desirable Specification

If able, Offerors must include additional specifications that are "desired" but not necessarily mandatory to perform the scope of work. Offerors should support why they can or are qualified to do the job OR support how they will do something that ties back to the scope of work. DHSEM will award additional points for each desired specification that will relate to the scope of work.

1. Offeror's General Qualifications and Experience

Offeror should state the total number of firm staff members, the total number of staff in the firm's governmental audit area, the total number of audit hours the firm is able to dedicate to the scope of work of this RFP, the location of the office from which the work on this engagement is to be performed and the number and background information of the staff to be so employed on a part-time basis.

Offeror should state its New Mexico State agency audit experience in reverse chronological order and provide contract information for all state agencies whom Offeror has provided such audit services in the last five (5) years.

If the Offeror is a joint venture of consortium, the qualifications of each firm comprising the joint venture or consortium should be separately identified and the firm that is to serve as the principal auditor should be noted, if applicable.

2. Partner, Supervisory and Staff Qualifications and Experience

Offeror should identify and submit resumes for all principal supervisory and management staff, including engagement partners, manager, other supervisors and specialists, who would be assigned to the engagement. Experience narratives should be included that describe the specific relevant experience of each staff member in relation to the role that member will perform for this contract. Each narrative should include the name of the individual proposed and a thorough description of the education, knowledge, and relevant experience as well as certifications or other professional credentials. Offeror should also provide information on the State agency government auditing experience of each person, including information on relevant continuing professional organizations for the past three (3) calendar years and membership in professional organizations relevant to the performance of this audit.

Engagement partners, managers, other supervisory staff and specialists may be changed if those personnel leave the firm, are promoted or are assigned to another office. These personnel may also be changed for other reasons with the express prior written permission of DHSEM. However, in either case, DHSEM retains the right to approve or reject replacements.

Consultants and firm specialists mentioned in response to this RFP can only be changed with the express of prior written permission of DHSEM, which retains the right to approve or reject replacements. Other audit personnel may be changed at the discretion of the audit firm provided that replacements have substantially the same or better qualifications or experience.

C. BUSINESS SPECIFICATIONS

1. Financial Stability

Offerors must submit copies of the most recent years independently audited financial statements and the most current 10K, as well as financial statements for the preceding three years, if they exist. The submission must include the audit opinion, the balance sheet, and

statements of income, retained earnings, cash flows, and the notes to the financial statements. If independently audited financial statements do not exist, Offeror must state the reason and, instead, submit sufficient information (e.g. D & B report).

2. Letter of Transmittal Form

The Offeror's proposal **must** be accompanied by the Letter of Transmittal Form located in APPENDIX E. The form **must** be completed and must be signed by the person authorized to obligate the company. **Failure to respond to ALL items, as indicated in Section II.C.30 and APPENDIX E, and to return a signed, unaltered form will result in Offeror's disqualification.**

3. Campaign Contribution Disclosure Form

The Offeror must complete an unaltered Campaign Contribution Disclosure Form and submit a signed copy with the Offeror's proposal. This must be accomplished whether or not an applicable contribution has been made. (See APPENDIX B). **Failure to complete and return the signed, unaltered form will result in Offeror's disqualification.**

4. . Cost Response Form

In Binder 2, Offeror must propose on firm, fixed, fully-loaded total figure for each year on the Cost Response Form (Appendix D). The firm, fixed, fully-loaded figure must include any and all costs for travel, per diem, fringe benefits, and any overhead costs for contractor personnel, as well as proposed subcontractor personnel if appropriate. New Mexico gross receipts taxes are excluded from the proposed maximus annual amount.

V. EVALUATION

A. EVALUATION POINT SUMMARY

The following is a summary of evaluation factors with point values assigned to each. These weighted factors will be used in the evaluation of individual potential Offeror proposals by sub-category.

Evaluation Factors <i>(Correspond to section IV.B and IV C)</i>	Points Available
B. Technical Specifications	
B.1. Organizational Experience	200
B.2. Organizational References	100
B.3. Mandatory Specification	
3.1 Agreement to perform Scope of Work	Pass/Fail
3.2 License to Practice in New Mexico	Pass/Fail
3.3 External Quality Control Review	100
3.4 Independence	Pass/Fail
3.5 Federal Unique Entity ID	Pass/Fail
C. Business Specifications	
C.1. Financial Stability	Pass/Fail
C.2. Letter Of Transmittal	Pass/Fail
C.3. Campaign Contribution Disclosure Form	Pass/Fail
C.4. Cost Response Form	200
TOTAL POINTS AVAILABLE	600

Table 1: Evaluation Point Summary

B. EVALUATION FACTORS

1. A.1 Organizational Experience (See Table 1)

Points will be awarded based on the thoroughness and clarity of Offeror's response in this Section. The Evaluation Committee will also weigh the relevancy and extent of Offeror's experience, expertise and knowledge; and of personnel education, experience and certifications/licenses. In addition, points will be awarded based on Offeror's candid and well-thought-out response to successes and failures, as well as the ability of the Offeror to learn from its failures and grow from its successes.

2. A.2 Organizational References (See Table 1)

Points will be awarded based upon an evaluation of the responses to a series of questions on the Organizational Reference Questionnaire (Appendix F). Offeror will be evaluated on references that show positive service history, successful execution of services and evidence of satisfaction by each reference. References indicating significantly similar services/scopes

of work and comments provided by a submitted reference will add weight and value to a recommendation during the evaluation process. Points will be awarded for each individual response up to 1/3 of the total points for this category. Lack of a response will receive zero (0) points.

The Evaluation Committee may contact any or all business references for validation of information submitted. If this step is taken, the Procurement Manager and the Evaluation Committee must all be together on a conference call with the submitted reference so that the Procurement Manager and all members of the Evaluation Committee receive the same information. Additionally, the Agency reserves the right to consider any and all information available to it (outside of the Organizational Reference information required herein), in its evaluation of Offeror responsibility per Section II.C.18.

3. B. Mandatory Specifications

1. Agreement to Detailed Scope of Work – Pass/Fail – may disqualify an applicant
2. License to Practice in New Mexico – Pass/Fail – may disqualify an applicant
3. External Quality Control Review - Points will be awarded based on evaluation of Offeror's and any proposed subcontractor's most recent external quality control review of specific government engagements. Consideration will be given to any letters of deficiencies included.
4. Independence – Pass/Fail – may disqualify an applicant
5. Federal Unique Entity ID- Pass/Fail – may disqualify an applicant

4. C. Business Specifications

5. C.1 Financial Stability (See Table 1)

Pass/Fail only. No points assigned.

6. C.2 Letter of Transmittal (See Table 1)

Pass/Fail only. No points assigned.

7. C.3 Campaign Contribution Disclosure Form (See Table 1)

Pass/Fail only. No points assigned.

8. C.4 Cost Response Form –

The evaluation of each Offeror's cost proposal will be conducted using the following formula:

Lowest Responsive Offeror's Cost

9. Each Offeror's Cost

X Available Award Points

C. PROCESS

1. All Offeror proposals will be reviewed for compliance with the requirements and specifications stated within the RFP. Proposals deemed non-responsive will be eliminated from further consideration.
2. The Procurement Manager may contact the Offeror for clarification of the response as specified in Section II. B.7.
3. Responsive proposals will be evaluated on the factors in Section IV, which have been assigned a point value in Section V. The responsible Offerors with the highest scores will be selected as finalist Offerors, based upon the proposals submitted. In accordance with NMSA 1978, Section 13-1-117, the responsible Offerors whose proposals are most advantageous to the State taking into consideration the Evaluation Factors in Section V will be recommended for award (as specified in Section II.B.12). Please note, however, that a serious deficiency in the response to any one factor may be grounds for rejection regardless of overall score.

APPENDIX A

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Audit Services/Independent Public Accountant

RFP# 25-795-0000-0012

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT FORM

This Acknowledgement of Receipt Form should be signed and submitted no later than 4/16/2025 by Close of Business (5:00pm). Only potential Offerors who elect to return this form will receive copies of all submitted questions and the written responses to those questions, as well as any RFP amendments, if any are issued.

In acknowledgement of receipt of this Request for Proposal, the undersigned agrees that he or she has received a complete copy of the RFP, beginning with the title page, and ending with APPENDIX F.

The name and address below will be used for all correspondence related to the Request for Proposal.

ORGANIZATION: _____

CONTACT NAME: _____

TITLE: _____ PHONE NO.: _____

E-MAIL: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

Submit Acknowledgement of Receipt Form to:

Megan Martinez, CPO
Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management
Subject Line: Independent Public Accountant RFP# 25-795-0000-0246
13 Bataan Blvd.
Santa Fe, NM 87502
Megan.Martinez@dhsem.nm.gov

APPENDIX B

CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION DISCLOSURE FORM

Pursuant to the Procurement Code, Sections 13-1-28, et seq., NMSA 1978 and NMSA 1978, § 13-1-191.1 (2006), as amended by Laws of 2007, Chapter 234, a prospective contractor subject to this section shall disclose all campaign contributions given by the prospective contractor or a family member or representative of the prospective contractor to an applicable public official of the state or a local public body during the two years prior to the date on which a proposal is submitted or, in the case of a sole source or small purchase contract, the two years prior to the date on which the contractor signs the contract, if the aggregate total of contributions given by the prospective contractor or a family member or representative of the prospective contractor to the public official exceeds two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) over the two-year period. A prospective contractor submitting a disclosure statement pursuant to this section who has not contributed to an applicable public official, whose family members have not contributed to an applicable public official or whose representatives have not contributed to an applicable public official shall make a statement that no contribution was made.

A prospective contractor or a family member or representative of the prospective contractor shall not give a campaign contribution or other thing of value to an applicable public official or the applicable public official's employees during the pendency of the procurement process or during the pendency of negotiations for a sole source or small purchase contract.

Furthermore, a solicitation or proposed award for a proposed contract may be canceled pursuant to Section [13-1-181](#) NMSA 1978 or a contract that is executed may be ratified or terminated pursuant to Section [13-1-182](#) NMSA 1978 if a prospective contractor fails to submit a fully completed disclosure statement pursuant to this section; or a prospective contractor or family member or representative of the prospective contractor gives a campaign contribution or other thing of value to an applicable public official or the applicable public official's employees during the pendency of the procurement process.

The state agency or local public body that procures the services or items of tangible personal property shall indicate on the form the name or names of every applicable public official, if any, for which disclosure is required by a prospective contractor.

THIS FORM MUST BE INCLUDED IN THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS AND MUST BE FILED BY ANY PROSPECTIVE CONTRACTOR WHETHER OR NOT THEY, THEIR FAMILY MEMBER, OR THEIR REPRESENTATIVE HAS MADE ANY CONTRIBUTIONS SUBJECT TO DISCLOSURE.

The following definitions apply:

“Applicable public official” means a person elected to an office or a person appointed to complete a term of an elected office, who has the authority to award or influence the award of the contract for which the prospective contractor is submitting a competitive sealed proposal or who has the

authority to negotiate a sole source or small purchase contract that may be awarded without submission of a sealed competitive proposal.

“Campaign Contribution” means a gift, subscription, loan, advance or deposit of money or other thing of value, including the estimated value of an in-kind contribution, that is made to or received by an applicable public official or any person authorized to raise, collect or expend contributions on that official’s behalf for the purpose of electing the official to statewide or local office. “Campaign Contribution” includes the payment of a debt incurred in an election campaign, but does not include the value of services provided without compensation or unreimbursed travel or other personal expenses of individuals who volunteer a portion or all of their time on behalf of a candidate or political committee, nor does it include the administrative or solicitation expenses of a political committee that are paid by an organization that sponsors the committee.

“Family member” means a spouse, father, mother, child, father-in-law, mother-in-law, daughter-in-law or son-in-law of (a) a prospective contractor, if the prospective contractor is a natural person; or (b) an owner of a prospective contractor;

“Pendency of the procurement process” means the time period commencing with the public notice of the request for proposals and ending with the award of the contract or the cancellation of the request for proposals.

“Prospective contractor” means a person or business that is subject to the competitive sealed proposal process set forth in the Procurement Code [Sections [13-1-28](#) through [13-1-199](#) NMSA 1978] or is not required to submit a competitive sealed proposal because that person or business qualifies for a sole source or small purchase contract.

“Representative of a prospective contractor” means an officer or director of a corporation, a member or manager of a limited liability corporation, a partner of a partnership or a trustee of a trust of the prospective contractor.

Name(s) of Applicable Public Official(s) if any: _____

(Completed by State Agency or Local Public Body)

DISCLOSURE OF CONTRIBUTIONS BY PROSPECTIVE CONTRACTOR:

Contribution Made By: _____

Relation to Prospective Contractor: _____

Date Contribution(s) Made: _____

Amount(s) of Contribution(s) _____

Nature of Contribution(s) _____

Purpose of Contribution(s) _____

(Attach extra pages if necessary)

Signature

Date

Title (position)

--OR--

NO CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE AGGREGATE TOTAL OVER TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250) WERE MADE to an applicable public official by me, a family member or representative.

Signature

Date

Title (Position)

APPENDIX D

COST RESPONSE FORM

THE ANNUAL COSTS PROVIDED ON THIS FORM WILL BE USED IN THE COST FORMULA FOR DETERMINING POINTS AWARDED TO EACH OFFEROR

Firm, fixed, fully-loaded cost YEAR ONE (xx/xx/xxxx thru xx/xx/xxxx): \$ _____

(includes all labor, materials, equipment, transportation, configuration, installation, training, taxes, profit, etc. to provide the Services described in Section IV, (as amended by any current RFP amendments for the period specified above)

Firm, fixed, fully-loaded cost for Option Year 2: (xx/xx/xxxx thru xx/xx/xxxx): \$ _____

(includes all labor, materials, equipment, transportation, configuration, installation, training, taxes, profit, etc. to provide the Services described in Section IV, (as amended by any current RFP amendments for the period specified above)

Firm, fixed, fully-loaded cost for Option Year 3: (xx/xx/xxxx thru xx/xx/xxxx): \$ _____

(includes all labor, materials, equipment, transportation, configuration, installation, training, taxes, profit, etc. to provide the Services described in Section IV, (as amended by any current RFP amendments for the period specified above)

(includes all labor, materials, equipment, transportation, fees and taxes to provide the Services described in Section IV, (as amended by any current RFP amendments for the period specified above)

Firm, fixed, fully-loaded cost for Option Year 4: (xx/xx/xxxx thru xx/xx/xxxx): \$ _____

(includes all labor, materials, equipment, transportation, configuration, installation, training, taxes, profit, etc. to provide the Services described in Section IV, (as amended by any current RFP amendments for the period specified above)

(includes all labor, materials, equipment, transportation, fees and taxes to provide the Services described in Section IV, (as amended by any current RFP amendments for the period specified above)

APPENDIX E

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL FORM

**ITEMS #1 to #4 EACH MUST BE COMPLETED IN FULL (pursuant to Section II.C.30).
FAILURE TO RESPOND TO ALL FOUR (4) ITEMS WILL RESULT IN THE
DISQUALIFICATION OF OFFEROR'S PROPOSAL! DO NOT LEAVE ANY ITEM BLANK!**
(N/A, None, Does not apply, etc. are acceptable responses.)

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1. Identify the following information for the submitting organization:

Offeror Name	
Mailing Address	
Telephone	
FED ID#	
NM CRS#	

2. Identify the individual(s) authorized by the organization to (A) contractually obligate, (B) negotiate, and/or (C) clarify/respond to queries on behalf of this Offeror:

	A Contractually Obligate	B Negotiate*	C Clarify/Respond to Queries*
Name			
Title			
E-mail			
Telephone			

* If the individual identified in Column A also performs the functions identified in Columns B & C, then no response is required for those Columns.

If separate individuals perform the functions in Columns B and/or C, they must be identified.

3. Use of subcontractors (Select one):

____ No subcontractors will be used in the performance of any resultant contract, OR

____ The following subcontractors will be used in the performance of any resultant contract:

(Attach extra sheets, as needed)

4. Describe any relationship with any entity (such as a State Agency, reseller, etc. that is not a subcontractors listed in #3 above), if any, which will be used in the performance of any resultant contract. (N/A, None, Does not apply, etc. are acceptable responses to this item.)

(Attach extra sheets, as needed)

By signing the form below, the Authorized Signatory attests to the accuracy and veracity of the information provided on this form, and explicitly acknowledges the following:

- On behalf of the submitting-organization identified in item #1, above, I accept the Conditions Governing the Procurement, as required in Section II.C.1. of this RFP;
- I concur that submission of our proposal constitutes acceptance of the Evaluation Factors contained in Section V of this RFP; and
- I acknowledge receipt of any and all amendments to this RFP, if any.

_____, 20____
Authorized Signature and Date (*Must be signed by the individual identified in item #2.A, above.*)

APPENDIX F
ORGANIZATIONAL REFERENCE QUESTIONNAIRE
RFP # 25-795-0000-00012
ORGANIZATIONAL REFERENCE QUESTIONNAIRE
FOR:

(Name of Offeror)

The State of New Mexico, as a part of the RFP process, requires Offerors to list a minimum of three (3) organizational references in their proposals. The purpose of these references is to document Offeror's experience relevant to the Section IV.A, Detailed Scope of Work in an effort to evaluate Offeror's ability to provide goods and/or services, performance under similar contracts, and ability to provide knowledgeable and experienced staffing.

The Offeror is required to submit **Appendix F – Organizational Reference Questionnaire** in the Proposal submission. The Offeror must provide accurate and complete contact information for each reference listed, as specified above. The Offeror is **not** to complete the questionnaire themselves. Instead, the Agency will directly contact the references provided to complete the questionnaire.

Organizational References with inaccurate or invalid contact information, or those that are not received or are incomplete, may negatively impact the Offeror's evaluation score. The Agency will not attempt to contact individuals or phone numbers not listed on the submitted form

Name: Megan Martinez, CPO
Address: 13 Bataan Blvd. Santa Fe, NM 87502
Telephone: 505-373-7365
Email: Megan.Martinez@dhsem.nm.gov

For questions or concerns regarding this form, please contact the State of New Mexico **Procurement Manager** listed above. When contacting the Procurement Manager, include the Request for Proposal number provided at the top of this page.

Organization providing reference	
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Contact name and title/position	
Contact telephone number(s)	
Contact e-mail address	
Project description	
Project dates (start and end dates)	
Technical environment for the project your providing a reference (i.e., Software applications, Internet capabilities, Data communications, Network, Hardware);	

QUESTIONS:

1. In what capacity have you worked with this vendor in the past?

COMMENTS:

2. How would you rate this firm's knowledge and expertise?
_____ (3 = Excellent; 2 = Satisfactory; 1 = Unsatisfactory; 0 = Unacceptable)

COMMENTS:

3. How would you rate the vendor's flexibility relative to changes in the project scope and timelines?

_____ (3 = Excellent; 2 = Satisfactory; 1 = Unsatisfactory; 0 = Unacceptable)

COMMENTS:

4. What is your level of satisfaction with hard-copy materials produced by the vendor?

_____ (3 = Excellent; 2 = Satisfactory; 1 = Unsatisfactory; 0 = Unacceptable, N/A = Not applicable)

COMMENTS:

5. How would you rate the dynamics/interaction between vendor personnel and your staff?

_____ (3 = Excellent; 2 = Satisfactory; 1 = Unsatisfactory; 0 = Unacceptable)

COMMENTS:

6. Who are/were the vendor's principal representatives involved in your project and how would you rate them individually? Would you, please, comment on the skills, knowledge, behaviors or other factors on which you based the rating?

_____ (3 = Excellent; 2 = Satisfactory; 1 = Unsatisfactory; 0 = Unacceptable)

Name: _____ Rating:

Name: _____ Rating:

Name: _____ Rating:

Name: _____ Rating:

COMMENTS:

7. How satisfied are/were you with the products developed by the vendor?

_____ (3 = Excellent; 2 = Satisfactory; 1 = Unsatisfactory; 0 = Unacceptable, N/A = Not applicable)

COMMENTS:

8. With which aspect(s) of this vendor's services are/were you most satisfied?

COMMENTS:

9. With which aspect(s) of this vendor's services are/were you least satisfied?

COMMENTS:

10. Would you recommend this vendor's services to your organization again?

COMMENTS: