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GENERAL TERMS, CONDITIONS, AND SPECIFICATIONS

For the Procurement of

*Survey Pamphlets*

as requisitioned from the U.S. Government Publishing Office (GPO) by the

U. S. Department of Agriculture  
(USDA)

Single Award

**TERM OF CONTRACT:** The term of this contract is for the period beginning March 1, 2025 and ending February 28, 2026, plus up to four (4) optional 12-month extension period(s) that may be added in accordance with the “OPTION TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE CONTRACT” clause in SECTION 1 of this contract.

**BID OPENING:** Bids shall be opened virtually at 11:00 a.m., Eastern Time (ET), on February 19, 2025, at the U.S. Government Publishing Office. All parties interested in attending the bid opening shall email [bids@gpo.gov](mailto:bids@gpo.gov) one (1) hour prior to the bid opening date and time to request a Microsoft Teams live stream link. This must be a separate email from the bid submission. The link will be emailed prior to the bid opening.

**BID SUBMISSION:** Bidders must email bids to [bids@gpo.gov](mailto:bids@gpo.gov) for this solicitation. No other method of bid submission will be accepted at this time. The program number and bid opening date must be specified in the subject line of the emailed bid submission. *(Bids received after the bid opening date and time specified above will not be considered for award.)*

**BIDDERS, PLEASE NOTE:** These specifications have been extensively revised; therefore, all bidders are cautioned to familiarize themselves with all provisions of these specifications before bidding.

Abstracts of contract prices are available at: <https://www.gpo.gov/how-to-work-with-us/vendors/contract-pricing>.

For information of a technical nature, contact Lucy Belden at: [lbelden@gpo.gov](mailto:lbelden@gpo.gov) or (202) 512-1479.

## SECTION 1. - GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

**GPO CONTRACT TERMS:** Any contract which results from this Invitation for Bid will be subject to the applicable provisions, clauses, and supplemental specifications of GPO Contract Terms (GPO Publication 310.2, effective December 1, 1987 (Rev. 01-18)) and GPO Contract Terms, Quality Assurance through Attributes Program for Printing and Binding (GPO Publication 310.1, effective May 1979 (Rev. 09-19)).

GPO Contract Terms (GPO Publication 310.2) – <https://www.gpo.gov/docs/default-source/forms-and-standards-files-for-vendors/contractterms2018.pdf>.

GPO QATAP (GPO Publication 310.1) – <https://www.gpo.gov/docs/default-source/forms-and-standards-files-for-vendors/qatap-rev-09-19.pdf>.

**GPO IMPRINT REQUIREMENT:** The GPO imprint requirement, GPO Contract Terms, Supplemental Specifications, No. 9, is waived.

**QUALITY ASSURANCE LEVELS AND STANDARDS:** The following levels and standards shall apply to these specifications –

Product Quality Levels:

- (a) Printing Attributes (page-related) – Level III.
- (b) Finishing Attributes (item-related) – Level III.

Inspection Levels (from ANSI/ASQC Z1.4):

- (a) Nondestructive Tests – General Inspection Level I.
- (b) Destructive Tests – Special Inspection Level S-2.

Specified Standards: The specified standards for the attributes requiring them shall be –

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Specified Standard</u>
P-7. Type Quality and Uniformity	Average Type Dimension in Publication/ Electronic Media
P-9 Solid and Screen Tint Color Match	Pantone Matching System

**OPTION TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE CONTRACT:** The Government has the option to extend the term of this contract for a period of 12 months by written notice to the contractor not later than 30 days before the contract expires. If the Government exercises this option, the extended contract shall be considered to include this clause except, the total duration of this contract may not exceed five (5) years as a result of, and including, any extensions added under this clause. Further extension may be negotiated under the "EXTENSION OF CONTRACT TERM" clause. See also "ECONOMIC PRICE ADJUSTMENT" for authorized pricing adjustments.

**EXTENSION OF CONTRACT TERM:** At the request of the Government, the term of any contract resulting from this solicitation may be extended for such period of time as may be mutually agreeable to the GPO and the contractor.

**ECONOMIC PRICE ADJUSTMENT:** The pricing under this contract shall be adjusted in accordance with this clause, provided that in no event will any pricing adjustment be made that would exceed the maximum permissible under any law in effect at the time of the adjustment. There will be no adjustment for orders placed during the first period specified below. Pricing will thereafter be eligible for adjustment during the second and any succeeding performance period(s). For each performance period after the first, a percentage figure will be calculated as described below and that figure will be the economic price adjustment for that entire next period. Pricing adjustments under this clause are not applicable to reimbursable postage or transportation costs, or to paper, if paper prices are subject to adjustment by separate clause elsewhere in this contract.

For the purpose of this clause, performance under this contract will be divided into successive periods. The first period will extend from March 1, 2025 to February 28, 2026, and the second and any succeeding period(s) will extend for 12 months from the end of the last preceding period, except that the length of the final period may vary. The first day of the second and any succeeding period(s) will be the effective date of the economic price adjustment for that period.

Pricing adjustments in accordance with this clause will be based on changes in the seasonally adjusted “Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers – Commodities Less Food” (Index) published monthly in the CPI Detailed Report by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The economic price adjustment will be the percentage difference between index averages as specified in this paragraph. An index called the variable index will be calculated by averaging the monthly indexes from the 12-month interval ending three (3) months prior to the beginning of the period being considered for adjustment. This average is then compared to the average of the monthly indexes for the 12-month interval ending November 30, 2024, called the base index. The percentage change (plus or minus) of the variable index from the base index will be the economic price adjustment for the period being considered for adjustment.

The Government will notify the contractor by contract modification specifying the percentage increase or decrease to be applied to invoices for orders placed during the period indicated. The contractor shall apply the percentage increase or decrease against the total price of the invoice less reimbursable postage or transportation costs and separately adjusted paper prices. Payment discounts shall be applied after the invoice price is adjusted.

**PAPER PRICE ADJUSTMENT:** Paper prices charged under this contract will be adjusted in accordance with “Table 9 – Producer Price Indexes and Percent Changes for Commodity Groupings and Individual Items” in Producer Price Indexes report, published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), as follows –

1. BLS code 0913-01 for *Offset and Text* will apply to all paper required under this contract.
2. The applicable index figures for the month of February 2025 will establish the base index.
3. There shall be no price adjustment for the first three (3) months of the contract.
4. Price adjustments may be monthly thereafter, but only if the index varies by an amount (plus or minus) exceeding 5% by comparing the base index to the index for that month which is two (2) months prior to the month being considered for adjustment.
5. Beginning with order placement in the fourth month, index variances will be calculated in accordance with the following formula:

$$\frac{X - \text{base index}}{\text{base index}} \times 100 = \text{---} \%$$

where X = the index for that month which is two (2) months prior to the month being considered for adjustment.

6. The contract adjustment amount, if any, will be the percentage calculated in 5 above less 5%.
7. Adjustments under this clause will be applied to the contractor's bid price(s) for line items under "II. PAPER" in the "SCHEDULE OF PRICES" and will be effective on the first day of any month for which prices are to be adjusted.

The Contracting Officer will give written notice to the contractor of any adjustments to be applied to invoices for orders placed during months affected by this clause.

In no event, however, will any price adjustment be made which would exceed the maximum permissible under any law in effect at the time of the adjustment. The adjustment, if any, shall not be based upon the actual change in cost to the contractor, but shall be computed as provided above.

The contractor warrants that the paper prices set forth in this contract do not include any allowance for any contingency to cover anticipated increased costs of paper to the extent such increases are covered by this price adjustment clause.

**PREAWARD SURVEY:** In order to determine the responsibility of the prime contractor or any subcontractor, the Government reserves the right to conduct an on-site preaward survey at the contractor's/subcontractor's facility or to require other evidence of technical, production, managerial, financial, and similar abilities to perform, prior to the award of a contract.

As part of the financial determination, the contractor in line for award may be required to provide one or more of the following financial documents:

- 1) Most recent profit and loss statement
- 2) Most recent balance sheet
- 3) Statement of cash flows
- 4) Current official bank statement
- 5) Current lines of credit (with amounts available)
- 6) Letter of commitment from paper supplier(s)
- 7) Letter of commitment from any subcontractor

The documents will be reviewed to validate that adequate financial resources are available to perform the contract requirements. Documents submitted will be kept confidential and used only for the determination of responsibility by the Government. Failure to provide the requested information in the time specified by the Government may result in the Contracting Officer not having adequate information to reach an affirmative determination of responsibility.

**ASSIGNMENT OF JACKET, PURCHASE ORDER, AND PRINT ORDER NUMBERS:** A GPO jacket number will be assigned, and a purchase order issued to the contractor to cover work performed. The purchase order will be supplemented by an individual print order for each job placed with the contractor. The print order, when issued, will indicate the quantity to be produced and any other information pertinent to the particular order.

**ORDERING:** Items to be furnished under the contract shall be ordered by the issuance of print orders by the Government. Orders may be issued under the contract from March 1, 2025 through February 28, 2026, plus for such additional periods as the contract is extended. All print orders issued hereunder are subject to the terms and conditions of the contract. The contract shall control in the event of conflict with any print order. A print order shall be "issued" upon notification by the Government for purposes of the contract when it is electronically transmitted or otherwise physically furnished to the contractor in conformance with the schedule.

**REQUIREMENTS:** This is a requirements contract for the items and for the period specified herein. Shipment/delivery of items or performance of work shall be made only as authorized by orders issued in accordance with the clause entitled "ORDERING." The quantities of items specified herein are estimates only and are not purchased hereby. Except as may be otherwise provided in this contract, if the Government's requirements for the items set forth herein do not result in orders in the amounts or quantities described as "estimated," it shall not constitute the basis for an equitable price adjustment under this contract.

Except as otherwise provided in this contract, the Government shall order from the contractor all the items set forth which are required to be purchased by the Government activity identified on page 1.

The Government shall not be required to purchase from the contractor, requirements in excess of the limit on total orders under this contract, if any.

Orders issued during the effective period of this contract and not completed within that time shall be completed by the contractor within the time specified in the order, and the rights and obligations of the contractor and the Government respecting those orders shall be governed by the terms of this contract to the same extent as if completed during the effective period of this contract.

If shipment/delivery of any quantity of an item covered by the contract is required by reason of urgency prior to the earliest date that shipment/delivery may be specified under this contract, and if the contractor will not accept an order providing for the accelerated shipment/delivery, the Government may procure this requirement from another source.

The Government may issue orders which provide for shipment/delivery to or performance at multiple destinations.

Subject to any limitations elsewhere in this contract, the contractor shall furnish to the Government all items set forth herein which are called for by print orders issued in accordance with the "ORDERING" clause of this contract.

**PAYMENT:** Submitting invoices for payment via the GPO fax gateway (if no samples are required) utilizing the GPO barcode coversheet program application is the most efficient method of receiving payment. Instruction for using this method can be found at the following web address:

<http://winapps.access.gpo.gov/fms/vouchers/barcode/instructions.html>.

Invoices may also be mailed to: U.S. Government Publishing Office, Office of Financial Management, Attn: Comptroller, Stop: FMCE, Washington, DC 20401.

For more information about the billing process, refer to the General Information of the Office of Finance web page located at: <https://www.gpo.gov/how-to-work-with-us/agency/billing-and-payment>.

**ADDITIONAL EMAILED BID SUBMISSION PROVISIONS:** The Government will not be responsible for any failure attributable to the transmission or receipt of the emailed bid including, but not limited to, the following:

1. Illegibility of bid.
2. Emails over 75 MB may not be received by GPO due to size limitations for receiving emails.
3. The bidder's email provider may have different size limitations for sending email; however, bidders are advised not to exceed GPO's stated limit.
4. When the email bid is received by GPO, it will remain unopened until the specified bid opening time. Government personnel will not validate receipt of the emailed bid prior to bid opening. GPO will use the prevailing time (specified as the local time zone) and the exact time that the email is received by GPO's email server as the official time stamp for bid receipt at the specified location.

## SECTION 2. – SPECIFICATIONS

**SCOPE:** These specifications cover the production of pamphlets requiring such operations as electronic prepress, printing, binding, packing, and distribution.

**TITLE:** Survey Pamphlets

**FREQUENCY OF ORDERS:** Approximately 150 to 250 orders per year.

Up to approximately 50 orders may be placed in a single month.

No more than 15 orders will be placed on a single workday.

There may be occasional months in which no orders are placed.

No more than two (2) orders per workday will require an accelerated schedule. (See “SCHEDULE.”)

**QUANTITY:** Approximately 200 to 30,000 copies per order.

**NUMBER OF PAGES:** Four (4) pages up to approximately 20 pages per order.

**TRIM SIZE:** 8-1/2 x 11”.

**GOVERNMENT TO FURNISH:** Electronic media will be furnished as follows –

Platform: Macintosh OSX or IBM (or compatible) using MS Windows  
(current or near current versions)

Storage Media: Email

Software: Adobe Acrobat (current or near current version)

All platform system and software upgrades (for specified applications) that may occur during the term of the contract must be supported by the contractor.

Fonts: All printer and screen fonts will be embedded.  
The contractor is cautioned that furnished fonts are the property of the Government and/or its originator. All furnished fonts are to be eliminated from the contractor’s archive immediately after completion of the contract.

Additional Information: Files will be furnished in PDF format.  
Color identification system used is Pantone Matching System.  
GPO Form 952 (Digital Publishing Information) will be furnished.

Identification markings such as register marks, commercial identification marks of any kind, etc., except GPO imprint, form number, and revision date, carried in the electronic files, must not print on finished product.

**CONTRACTOR TO FURNISH:** All materials and operations, other than those listed under Government to Furnish, necessary to produce the products in accordance with these specifications.

**ELECTRONIC PREPRESS:** Prior to image processing, the contractor shall perform a basic check (preflight) of the furnished media and publishing files to assure correct output of the required reproduction image. Any errors, media damage, or data corruption that might interfere with proper file image processing must be reported to the ordering agency representative specified on the print order.

The contractor shall create or alter any necessary trapping, set proper screen angles and screen frequency, and define file output selection for the imaging device being utilized. Furnished files must be imaged as necessary to meet the assigned quality level.

When required by the Government, the contractor shall make minor revisions to the electronic file. It is anticipated that the Government will make all major revisions.

Prior to making revisions, the contractor shall copy the furnished files and make all changes to the copy.

Upon completion of each order, the contractor must furnish final production native application files (digital deliverables) with the furnished material. The digital deliverables must be an exact representation of the final printed product and shall be returned on the same type of storage media as was originally furnished, unless otherwise specified. The Government will not accept, as digital deliverables, PostScript files, Adobe Acrobat Portable Document Format (PDF) files, or any proprietary file formats other than those supplied, unless specified by the Government. (The Government will accept PDF files as digital deliverables when furnished by the Government.)

**STOCK/PAPER:** The specifications of all paper furnished must be in accordance with those listed herein or listed for the corresponding JCP Code numbers in the "Government Paper Specification Standards No. 13" dated September 2019.

Government Paper Specification Standards No. 13 – [https://www.gpo.gov/docs/default-source/forms-and-standards-files-for-vendors/vol\\_13.pdf](https://www.gpo.gov/docs/default-source/forms-and-standards-files-for-vendors/vol_13.pdf).

The paper to be used will be indicated on each print order.

All text paper used in each copy must be of a uniform shade.

Color of paper furnished shall be of a uniform shade and a close match by visual inspection of the JCP color sample(s). The Contracting Officer reserves the right to reject shipments of any order printed on paper the color of which, in his/her opinion, materially differs from that of the color sample(s).

White Uncoated Text, basis weight: 60 lbs. per 500 sheets, 25 x 38", equal to JCP Code A60.

Colored Uncoated Text (Blue, Pink, or Yellow), basis weight: 60 lbs. per 500 sheets, 25 x 38", equal to JCP Code A63.

**PRINTING:** Digital printing is not permitted.

Print face and back, head-to-head, in black ink or a single ink color other than black.

Contractor to match Pantone number as indicated on the print order.

Facing pages print to and must align across the bind.

**MARGINS:** Margins will be as indicated on the print order or furnished media.

Occasional pages may bleed on one to four sides.



**BINDING:** Various binding styles will be ordered as follows –

*4-Page Pamphlet:* Fold from 11 x 17” down to 8-1/2 x 11” and trim three sides.

*Saddle-Stitched Pamphlet:* Saddle-wire stitch in two places and trim three sides. Each product must contain complete four-page signatures after trimming. Single leaves connected with a lip (i.e., binding stub) to left or right side of stitches will not be allowed.

Additional Folding (When Required) –

*4-Page Pamphlet:* When required, fold from 8-1/2 x 11” to either 8-1/2 x 5-1/2” or 8-1/2 x 3-2/3”, title out.

*Saddle-Stitched Pamphlet:* When required, fold from 8-1/2 x 11” to 8-1/2 x 5-1/2”, title out.

NOTE: Additional folding may not be required on entire print order quantity. Number of copies to require additional folding will be specified on the print order.

**PACKING:** Each print order must be packed separately.

Shrink-film wrap in units of 25 copies per package.

Pack suitable in shipping containers not to exceed 45 pounds when fully packed.

NOTE: All shipments which fill less than a shipping container must be packaged with materials of sufficient strength and durability and in such a manner which will guarantee that the product will not be damaged, and the package will not open nor split during distribution.

**LABELING AND MARKING:** Contractor to download GPO Form 905 (Rev. 7-15), Labeling and Marking Specifications, which can be located at [gpo.gov](http://gpo.gov), fill in appropriate blanks, and attach to shipping containers.

**DEPARTMENTAL RANDOM COPIES (BLUE LABEL):** All orders must be divided into equal sublots in accordance with the chart below. A random copy must be selected from each subplot. Do not choose copies from the same general area in each subplot. The contractor will be required to certify that the copies were selected as directed using GPO Form 917, Certificate of Selection of Random Copies, which can be located at [gpo.gov](http://gpo.gov). The random copies constitute a part of the total quantity ordered, and no additional charge will be allowed.

Quantity <u>Ordered</u>	Number of <u>Sublots</u>
500 - 3,200	50
3,201 - 10,000	80
10,001 - 35,000	125
35,001 and over	200

These randomly selected copies must be packed separately and identified by a special label, GPO Form 2678 – Departmental Random Copies (Blue Label), which must be printed on blue paper and affixed to each affected container. This form can be located at [gpo.gov](http://gpo.gov). The container and its contents shall be recorded separately on all shipping documents and sent to: NASS, USDA NASS NOD PMC, Attn: Andy Jackson, 9700 Page Avenue, Suite 400, St. Louis, MO 63132.

A copy of the print order/specification and a signed Certificate of Selection of Random Copies must be included.

A copy of the signed Certificate of Selection of Random Copies must accompany the invoice sent to U.S. Government Publishing Office, Financial Management Services, for payment. Failure to furnish the certificate may result in delay in processing the invoice.

**QUALITY ASSURANCE RANDOM COPIES:** In addition to the Departmental Random Copies (Blue Label), the contractor may be required to submit quality assurance random copies to test for compliance against the specifications. The print order will indicate the number required, if any. When ordered, the contractor must divide the entire order into equal sublots and select a copy from a different general area of each subplot. The contractor will be required to certify that the copies were selected as directed using GPO Form 917, Certificate of Selection of Random Copies, which can be located at [gpo.gov](http://gpo.gov). Copies will be paid for at the running rate offered in the contractor's bid, and their cost will not be a consideration for award. A copy of the print order must be included with the samples.

Business Reply Mail labels will be furnished for mailing the quality assurance random copies. The copies are to be mailed at the same time as the first scheduled shipment. A U.S. Postal Service approved Certificate of Mailing, identified by GPO program, jacket, and print order numbers must be furnished with billing as evidence of mailing.

**DISTRIBUTION:** The majority of orders will deliver f.o.b. destination to: NASS, USDA NASS NOD PMC, Attn: Andy Jackson, 9700 Page Avenue, Suite 400, St. Louis, MO 63132.

All deliveries must be made on workdays between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. – local time.

An occasional order may require shipping f.o.b. contractor's city, via reimbursable small package carrier, to one (1) or two (2) additional destination(s) per order – as specified on the print order.

An occasional order may require the contractor to utilize "expedited service" of the small package carrier – as specified on the print order. When required, the expedited service will be reimbursable.

Contractor will be reimbursed for all shipping and expedited shipping costs by submitting complete shipping receipts with billing invoice for payment.

Upon completion of each order, contractor must notify the ordering agency (on the same day the order delivers/ships) via email to Keith Bennett at [keith.bennett@usda.gov](mailto:keith.bennett@usda.gov). The subject line of the email shall be "Distribution Notice for Program 500-S, Print Order XXXXX, Jacket Number XXX-XXX." The notice must provide all applicable tracking numbers, delivery//shipping method, and title of publication. Contractor must be able to provide copies of all delivery and/or shipping receipts upon agency request.

Within five (5) workdays after completion of each order, two (2) printed samples must be delivered to: NASS, USDA NASS NOD PMC, Attn: Andy Jackson, 9700 Page Avenue, Suite 400, St. Louis, MO 63132.

Within 10 workdays after completion of each order, contractor may delete furnished electronic files.

All expenses incidental to picking up and returning material (as applicable) and furnishing sample copies must be borne by the contractor.

**SCHEDULE:** Adherence to this schedule must be maintained. Contractor must not start production of any job prior to receipt of the individual print order (GPO Form 2511).

Print order and furnished material will be furnished via email.

No definite schedule for placement of orders can be predetermined.

The following schedules begin the workday after notification of the availability of print order and furnished materials; the workday after notification will be the first workday of the schedule.

*Regular Schedule –*

Complete production and distribution must be made within eight (8) workdays of notification of availability of print order and furnished material.

*Accelerated Schedule –* Approximately 10% of orders placed will require an accelerated schedule.

Complete production and distribution must be made within four (4) workdays of notification of availability of print order and furnished material.

The ship/deliver date indicated on the print order is the date products ordered for delivery f.o.b. destination must be delivered to the destination(s) specified and the date all products ordered f.o.b. contractor's city must be delivered to the small package carrier.

Unscheduled material such as shipping documents, receipts or instructions, delivery lists, labels, etc., will be furnished with each order or shortly thereafter. In the event such information is not received in due time, the contractor will not be relieved of any responsibility in meeting the shipping schedule because of failure to request such information.

For compliance reporting purposes, the contractor must notify the U.S. Government Publishing Office of the date of shipment or delivery, as applicable. Upon completion of each order, contractor must contact the Shared Support Services Compliance Section via email at: [compliance@gpo.gov](mailto:compliance@gpo.gov) or via telephone at: (202) 512-0520. Personnel receiving email or call will be unable to respond to questions of a technical nature or to transfer any inquiries.

### SECTION 3. – DETERMINATION OF AWARD

The Government will determine the lowest bid by applying the prices offered in the “SCHEDULE OF PRICES” to the following units of production which are the estimated requirements to produce one (1) year’s production under this contract. These units do not constitute, nor are they to be construed as, a guarantee of the volume of work which may be ordered under this contract for a like period of time.

**PREMIUM PAYMENTS:** Orders requiring an accelerated schedule will be paid for at the premium rate in accordance with the contractor’s offered percentage in the “SCHEDULE OF PRICES.”

When a premium payment is authorized, it will be indicated on the print order. All other orders will be placed with the regular schedule and paid for at the basic prices offered.

Percentages offered for premium priced work are additional to the basic prices offered for units of work.

Premium payments, when authorized, will apply to all items in the “SCHEDULE OF PRICES” excluding those under II. PAPER.

Failure of the contractor to deliver work at the time specified will result in disallowance of premium payments that were anticipated, and the contractor will not list such items on the billing invoice.

It is estimated that 10% of the orders placed on this contract will require an accelerated schedule. Premium payments for an accelerated schedule will be evaluated for award. Evaluation will be affected by applying the percentage increase offered for the accelerated schedule under “IV. PREMIUM PAYMENTS” to 10% of the prices offered for all items in the “SCHEDULE OF PRICES” excluding those under II. PAPER.

The following item designations correspond to those listed in the “SCHEDULE OF PRICES.”

	(1)	(2)
I. (a)	40	23
(b)	2,112	6,457
II. (a)	914	
(b)	2,326	
III.	371	

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#### SECTION 4. – SCHEDULE OF PRICES

Bids offered are f.o.b. destination to St. Louis, MO and f.o.b. contractor's city for all other shipments.

Prices must include the cost of all required materials and operations for each item listed in accordance with these specifications.

Bidder must make an entry in each of the spaces provided. Bids submitted with any obliteration, revision, or alteration of the order and manner of submitting bids may be declared non-responsive.

An entry of NC (No Charge) shall be entered if bidder intends to furnish individual items at no charge to the Government.

Bids submitted with NB (No Bid), NA (Not Applicable), or blank spaces for an item may be declared non-responsive.

The Contracting Officer reserves the right to reject any offer that contains prices for individual items of production (whether or not such items are included in the DETERMINATION OF AWARD) that are inconsistent or unrealistic in regard to other prices in the same offer or to GPO prices for the same operation if such action would be in the best interest of the Government.

All invoices submitted to the GPO shall be based on the most economical method of production.

Fractional parts of 1,000 will be prorated at the per-1000 rate.

A charge will be allowed for each page, whether printed or blank.

Unless otherwise specified, no more than three (3) blank pages shall be permitted at the end of the text for saddle-stitched products.

Cost of all required paper must be charged under "II. PAPER."

Prices submitted must include delivery costs for all f.o.b. destination deliveries. For all f.o.b. contractor's city shipments, contractor will be reimbursed for shipping costs as specified under "DISTRIBUTION."

***Contractor's billing invoices must be itemized in accordance with the line items in the "SCHEDULE OF PRICES." Failure to submit invoices as required may result in delay of payment or rejection of invoice.***

**I. PRINTING, BINDING, PACKING, AND DISTRIBUTION:** Prices offered must be all-inclusive and shall include the cost of all required materials and operations necessary (including shrink-film wrapping – excluding stock/paper and additional folding) for the printing, binding, packing, and distribution of the products listed in accordance with these specifications.

	<u>Makeready and/or Setup</u> (1)	<u>Running Per 1,000 Copies</u> (2)
(a) <i>Four-Page Pamphlet</i> – Printing in a single ink color, including binding..... per page.....	\$ _____	\$ _____
(b) <i>Saddle-Stitched Pamphlet</i> – Printing in a single ink color, including binding..... per page.....	\$ _____	\$ _____

**II. PAPER:** Payment for all paper supplied by the contractor under the terms of these specifications, as ordered on the individual print orders, will be based on the net number of leaves furnished for the products ordered. The cost of any paper required for makeready or running spoilage must be included in the prices offered.

Computation of the net number of leaves will be based on the following: Each page-size leaf.

	<u>Per 1,000 leaves</u>
(a) White Uncoated Text (60-lb.).....	\$ _____
(b) Colored Uncoated Text (60-lb.) .....	\$ _____

**III. ADDITIONAL OPERATIONS:** Prices offered must be all-inclusive, as applicable, and must include the cost of additional folding of pamphlets – when required. (See “Additional Folding” under “BINDING.”)

Additional folding..... per 1,000 copies.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**IV. PREMIUM PAYMENTS:** Premium payments, when authorized, will apply to all items except those under “II. PAPER.” Percentage increase will apply to all orders that require an accelerated schedule.

Percentage increase..... %

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Initials)

**SHIPMENTS:** Shipments will be made from: City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_.

The city(ies) indicated above will be used for evaluation of transportation charges when shipment f.o.b. contractor's city is specified. If no shipping point is indicated above, it will be deemed that the bidder has selected the city and state shown below in the address block, and the bid will be evaluated, and the contract awarded on that basis. If shipment is not made from evaluation point, the contractor will be responsible for any additional shipping costs incurred.

**DISCOUNTS:** Discounts are offered for payment as follows: \_\_\_\_\_ Percent \_\_\_\_\_ Calendar Days. See Article 12 "Discounts" of Solicitations Provisions in GPO Contract Terms (Publication 310.2).

**AMENDMENT(S):** Bidder hereby acknowledges amendment(s) number(ed) \_\_\_\_\_.

**BID ACCEPTANCE PERIOD:** In compliance with the above, the undersigned agree, if this bid is accepted within \_\_\_\_\_ calendar days (60 calendar days unless a different period is inserted by the bidder) from the date for receipt of bids, to furnish the specified items at the price set opposite each item, delivered at the designated point(s), in exact accordance with specifications. *Failure to provide a 60-day bid acceptance period may result in expiration of the bid prior to award.*

**BIDDER'S NAME AND SIGNATURE:** Unless specific written exception is taken, the bidder, by signing and submitting a bid, agrees with and accepts responsibility for all certifications and representations as required by the solicitation and GPO Contract Terms – Publication 310.2. When responding by email, fill out and return one copy of all pages in "SECTION 4. – SCHEDULE OF PRICES," including initialing/signing where indicated. Valid electronic signatures will be accepted in accordance with the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act, §2. Electronic signatures must be verifiable of the person authorized by the company to sign bids. *Failure to sign the signature block below may result in the bid being declared non-responsive.*

Bidder \_\_\_\_\_  
(Contractor Name) (GPO Contractor Code)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Street Address)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City – State – Zip Code)

By \_\_\_\_\_  
(Printed Name, Signature, and Title of Person Authorized to Sign this Bid) (Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Person to be Contacted) (Telephone Number)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Email Address) (Fax Number)

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Certified by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Contracting Officer: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Initials) (Initials)

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