

Midwestern State University

Purchasing & Contract Management Department
3410 Taft Blvd., Daniel Bldg., Room 200
Wichita Falls, TX 76308



Request for Proposal

Compliance Assessment Services

RFP 735-19-4297

January 18, 2019

Anticipated Schedule of Events

January 18, 2019	Issuance of RFP
January 31, 2019 (12:00 pm CT)	Deadline for Submission of Questions
February 1, 2019 (5:00 pm CT)	Release of Official Responses to Questions (or as soon thereafter as practical)
February 14, 2019 (2:00 pm CT)	Deadline for Submission of Offers

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Section 1 **Summary**

- 1.1 Type of Solicitation: Request for Proposal
- 1.2 Issuing Office: Midwestern State University
Purchasing & Contract Management Department
3410 Taft Blvd., Daniel Bldg., Room 200
Wichita Falls, TX 76308
- 1.3 Responses to RFP: Sealed Competitive Proposals
- 1.4 Anticipated Schedule of Events:**
- Issuance of RFP:** **January 18, 2019**
- Deadline for Submission of Questions:** **January 31, 2019 (12:00 pm CT)**
- Pre-Bid Meeting (Mandatory):** N/A
- Deadline for Response to Questions:** **February 1, 2019 (5:00 pm CT)**
or soon as possible thereafter as practical
- Deadline for Submission of Offers:** **February 14, 2019 (2:00 pm CT)**
- 1.5 Initial Contract Term: Date agreement is executed to August 31, 2019
- 1.6 Optional Contract Terms: The anticipated term of any resulting agreement will begin on the date an agreement is executed, and expire on August 31, 2019. MSU will have the option of two (2) additional one (1) year renewal periods (if necessary):
- Optional Renewal Period #1: September 1, 2020 – August 31, 2020
 - Optional Renewal Period #2: September 1, 2021 – August 31, 2021
- 1.7 Contact Person for this RFP: Joseph J. Mrugalski Jr.
joe.mrugalski@msutexas.edu
- 1.8 Offers Submitted:
- By mail or hand delivery: Accepted (see Appendix A for address)
- By email: Accepted (see Sec 1.7 for email address)
- By fax: Not Accepted
- 1.9 RFP Addenda: Notice of changes to items directly affecting the original RFP or offer process will be posted on the MSU Purchasing webpages located at: <https://msutexas.edu/purchasing/> Amendments to the solicitation will be posted to RFP as addendum. It is the responsibility of an interested party to check periodically the ESD and/or MSU Purchasing webpage for updates to the RFP prior to submitting an offer. Each respondent is solely responsible for verifying receipt of Addendum, if applicable, and offer by the deadlines specified.

1.10 Questions & Responses:

Questions regarding this RFP must be in writing and must be submitted to contact person for this RFP noted in Section 1.7. **Telephone inquiries will not be accepted.** MSU intends to post responses to the questions received in the form of an addendum on the MSU Purchasing web site @ <https://msutexas.edu/purchasing/>. Each bidder is solely responsible for verifying receipt of addendum, if applicable, and offer by the deadlines specified.

1.11 Bidder Presentations:

Presentations/interviews are an option of the evaluation team and may or may not be conducted; therefore, proposals should be complete when submitted by the deadline indicated in the Part 5. The presentation will be conducted at a location, date and time to be arranged. MSU will determine the number of top-scoring respondents in its sole discretion.

1.12 Contact with MSU Staff:

Upon issuance of this RFP, employees and representatives of MSU, other than the MSU contact person identified in Section 1.7, will not discuss the contents of the RFP with any bidder or its representatives. **Failure of a bidder or any of its representatives may result in disqualification of any related offer.** This restriction does not preclude discussions between affected parties for the purpose of conducting business unrelated to this procurement.

1.13 Additional Requirements/Qualifications: N/A

1.14 Evaluation of Offer under Best Value Standard (Texas Government Code §2157.003):

The proposal analysis will include:

Criteria	Weight
Respondent's Past Performance, Qualifications & Experience, References, Delivery	20%
Compliance with MSU Specifications	40%
Cost	40%
Total:	100%

The factors listed in Texas Government Code §215.074, 2156.007 & 2157 shall also be considered in making an award when specified.

Section 2

General Information

2.1 Introduction

Midwestern State University seeks proposals from qualified vendors for **Compliance Assessment Services**. Services/Commodities are specifically described in Section 6 (Specifications/Scope of Work).

2.2 General Terms & Conditions

These General Terms and Conditions apply to all offers made to Midwestern State University (herein after referred to as "University") by all prospective vendors (herein after referred to as "Bidders") on behalf of Solicitations including, but not limited to, Invitations to Bid and Request for Proposals.

Section 3

Notice to Bidders

PLEASE NOTE CAREFULLY

Review this document in its entirety. Be sure your proposal is complete, and double-check your proposal for accuracy.

THIS IS THE ONLY APPROVED INSTRUCTION FOR THIS PROPOSAL. ITEMS BELOW APPLY TO AND BECOME PART OF TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF PROPOSAL. ANY EXCEPTIONS THERETO MUST BE IN WRITING.

PROPOSALS SUBMITTED AFTER THE SUBMISSION DEADLINE SHALL BE RETURNED UNOPENED AND WILL BE CONSIDERED VOID AND UNACCEPTABLE.

This is a Quotation inquiry only and implies no obligation on the part of the University. All costs quotations must include all the various features needed to satisfy the requirements. Note: No amounts will be paid for the items in this PROPOSAL in excess of the amounts quoted.

The contractor agrees to protect the University from claims involving infringement of patents or copyrights.

3.1. Clarification of Instructions or Specifications

Questions requiring only clarification of instructions or specifications will be handled through the email process. **Telephone inquiries will not be accepted.** If any questions results in a change or addition to this Proposal, the change(s) and addition(s) will be addressed to all vendors involved as quickly as possible in the form of an addendum. It is the responsibility of the bidder to view the posting on the MSU purchasing web page located at <https://msutexas.edu/purchasing/>. Written inquiries pertaining to proposals must give Proposal Number. Oral or other written interpretations or clarifications shall be without legal effect.

3.2. Group Purchasing Procurement

Texas law authorizes institutions of higher education (defined by Texas Education Code §61.003) to use the group purchasing procurement method (Texas Education Code §51.9335, 73.115, and 74.008). Additional Texas institutions of higher education may therefore elect to enter into a contract with the successful Bidder under this RFP.

3.3 Availability of Funds

Award of this proposal will be contingent on availability of Midwestern State University funds.

3.4 Non-Bid Solicitations

Phone calls/emails from vendors using this bid in an attempt to make a sales call (which circumvents the bid process) will not receive a response.

Section 4

Proposal Submission Procedures

4.1 Proposal Submission

Each proposal shall be properly identified with the name and number of proposal and name of bidder submitting proposal. Proposals must be in the MSU Purchasing Office **BEFORE** the hour and date specified in accordance with Section 1.8. Submitted proposals will be date/time stamped upon receipt.

One (1) original individually bound completed proposal and one (1) electronic version (USB Drive) are required if submissions are to be mailed or delivered. See Section 1.8 for acceptable submission requirements.

BIDDERS SHALL SUBMIT PROPOSAL ON THE FORM PROVIDED, SIGN THE VENDOR AFFIDAVIT NOTICE, BIDDER'S CHECKLIST AND RETURN ENTIRE PROPOSAL PACKET. In the event of inclement weather and the University Offices are officially closed on a proposal opening day, proposals will be received until 2:00 p.m. of the next business day. At which time said proposals will be privately opened.

Proposals MUST give full firm name and address of the bidder. Failure to manually sign proposal will result in disqualification. Person signing proposal should show TITLE or AUTHORITY TO BIND HIS FIRM IN A CONTRACT.

References shall be included. Three (3) current customers with a comparable purchase shall be listed with complete name, address, telephone number and contact person.

Any catalog, brand name or manufacturer's reference used in a proposal invitation is descriptive-NOT restrictive-it is to indicate type and quality desired unless otherwise indicated. Proposals on brand of like nature and quality may be considered. If proposal is based on other than referenced specifications, proposal must show manufacturer, brand or trade name, lot number, etc., of article offered. If other than brand(s) specified is offered, illustrations and complete description should be made part of the proposal. If bidder takes no exception to specifications or reference data, he will be required to furnish brand names, numbers, etc., as specified.

4.2 Freight Terms

QUOTE F.O.B. DESTINATION. If otherwise, show exact cost to deliver. Proposal unit price on quantity specified – extend and show total. In case of errors in extension, UNIT prices shall govern. Proposals subject to unlimited price increase will not be considered.

4.3 Altered/Amended Proposals

Proposals CANNOT be altered or amended after opening time. Any alterations made before opening time must be initialed by bidder or his/her authorized agent. No proposal can be withdrawn after opening without the approval by the Vice-President of Administration & Finance based on a written acceptable reason.

4.4 State Sales Tax

The University is exempt from State Sales Tax and Federal Excise Tax. **DO NOT INCLUDE TAX IN PROPOSAL.**

4.5 Samples

Samples, when requested, must be furnished free of expense to the University. If not destroyed in examination, they will be returned to the bidder on request, at his/her expense. Each sample should be marked with bidder's name, address, and University proposal number. **DO NOT ENCLOSE OR ATTACH SAMPLE TO PROPOSAL.**

4.6 Condition of Items

All items proposed shall be new, in first class condition suitable for shipment and storage (the University prefers recycled packaging whenever possible), unless otherwise indicated in proposal. Verbal agreements to the University will not be recognized. All materials and services shall be subject to Purchaser's approval. Unsatisfactory materials will be returned at Seller's expense.

4.7 Right to Reject

The University reserves the right to accept or reject all or any part of any proposal, waive minor technicalities and award to the Bidder that proposals to the Best Value to the University. The University reserves the right to award by item or by total proposal. Prices should be itemized.

All proposals meeting the intent of this request for proposal will be considered for award. Bidders taking exception to the specifications, or offering substitutions, shall state these exceptions by attachment as part of the proposal. The absence of such a list shall indicate that the bidder has not taken exception and shall hold the bidder responsible to perform in strict accordance with the specifications of the invitation. The University reserves the right to accept any and all or none of the exception(s)/substitution(s) deemed to be in the best interest of the University.

4.8 Delivery

Proposal must show number of days required to make delivery to place material in receiving agency's designated location under normal conditions. Failure to state delivery time obligates bidder to complete delivery in 14 calendar days. A five-day difference in delivery promise may break a tie. Unrealistically short or long delivery promises may cause proposal to be disregarded. Consistent failure to meet delivery promises without valid reason may cause removal from bidder list. Delivery shall be made during normal working hours only, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., unless prior approval for late delivery has been obtained from the Director of Purchasing.

If delay is foreseen, contractor shall give written notice to Director of Purchasing. The University has the right to extend delivery date if reasons appear valid. Contractor must keep University advised at all times of status of order. Default in promised delivery (without accepted reasons) or failure to meet specifications, authorizes the University to purchase supplies elsewhere and charge full increase in cost and handling to defaulting contractor.

Consistent and continued tie bidding could cause rejection of proposals by the University and/or investigation for Anti-Trust violations.

4.9 Variation in Quantity

The University assumes no liability for commodities produced, processed or shipped in excess of the amount specified herein.

4.10 Bid Deposit

Bid Deposit - A deposit required with submitted proposals from bidders to protect the State in the event a low bidder attempts to withdraw its bid or otherwise fails to enter into a contract with the State. If awarded the project a Bid Deposit of five percent (5%) will be required if your bid is \$25,000 or above.

4.11 Accessibility & Section 508 Compliance

Bidders are required to supply detailed information on how their proposed products, services and solutions address the requirements of Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (revised).

For each Information Communication Technology recourse (ICT) product or service included in solicitation responses subject to Texas Administrative Code 1 TAC 206 & 1 TAC 213 (which includes the U.S. Section 508 technical specifications), the Vendor shall provide documentation of how each requirements or specification is met.

It is the Bidder's responsibility to maintain the integrity of any accessibility documentation provided to the University. Any documentation shall be considered a self-attestation unless expressly affirmed otherwise.

If the bidder plans to provide commercial off the shelf (COTS) software as part or all of a solicitation response, the bidder shall provide a completed Voluntary Product Accessibility Template (VPAT) for each COTS product offered. For third party COTS products, the bidder must obtain and submit VPATS or links to them from the third party as part of the solicitation response. The VPAT template can be obtained at ITI's website:

<https://www.itic.org/dotAsset/db71ce67-c44a-4925-8d46-f8a76c3a1db2.doc>

The VPAT consists of a long series of tables. The initial one, the Summary Table, is used to provide a sense of your product's overall "level of compliance" with Texas Administrative Codes ITAC 206 & ITAC 213 Accessibility Requirements. Subsequently, the Section 1194.xx Tables contain the detailed subparagraphs the Section 508 requirements are comprised. It is within these tables you shall define in detail how your product did or did not comply with a specific requirement.

Section 5

Award/Post Award

5.1 Award

A written purchase order or notice of award mailed or otherwise furnished to the successful bidder within the time of acceptance specified in this package results in a binding contract without further action by either party.

No substitutions or cancellations permitted without written approval of Director of Purchasing.

SUCCESSFUL VENDOR WILL BE NOTIFIED BY EMAIL OR MAIL. All responding vendors will receive written notification regarding the outcome of the award.

5.2 Public Information

Bidders are hereby notified that the University strictly adheres to all statutes, court decisions and the opinions of the Texas Attorney General with respect to disclosure of public information.

The University may seek to protect from disclosure all information submitted in response to this RFP until such time a final agreement is executed

Upon execution of a final agreement, the University will consider all information, documentation, and other materials requested to be submitted in response to this RFP, to be of a non-confidential and non-proprietary nature and, therefore, subject to public disclosure under the Texas Public Information Act (Texas Government Code, Chapter 552.001, et seq.). Bidders will be advised of a request for public information that implicates their materials and will have the opportunity to raise any objections to disclosure to the Texas Attorney General. Certain information may be protected from release under Texas Government Code § 552.101, 552.110, 552.113, and 552.131, Government Code.

5.3 Invoicing

Bidder shall submit two (2) copies of an itemized invoice showing proposal number and purchase order number to:

Midwestern State University
ATTN: Accounts Payable
3410 Taft Blvd.
Wichita Falls, TX. 76308

5.4 Payments

The University, after receipt of completed order will make payment to the contractor within 30 days from the receipt of goods or invoice whichever is later in accordance with Texas Government Code §2251.021. All partial shipment must be pre-approved by the Director of Purchasing. In the event of partial shipments, the University is not required to make payments until the order is complete. Acceptance of and final payment for the item will be contingent upon satisfactory performance of the product received by the University.

5.5 Discrimination

In order to comply with the provisions of fair employment practices, the contractor agrees as follows:

- 1.) The contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, sex, religion, handicap, or national origin.
- 2.) in all solicitations or advertisements for employees, the contractor will state that all qualified applicants will receive consideration without regard to race, color, age, sex (including pregnancy, gender identity and sexual orientation), religion, disability, genetic information, veteran status, or national origin, or any other legally protected category, class, or characteristic;
- 3.) The contractor will furnish such relevant information and reports as request by the University for the purpose of determining compliance with these regulations; and
- 4.) Failure of the contractor to comply with these laws will be deemed a breach of contract and it may be cancelled, terminated or suspended in whole or in part.

5.6 Assignment

Any contract entered into pursuant to this request is not assignable, nor the duties thereunder, by either party without the written consent of the other party in the contract.

5.7 Other Remedies

In addition to the remedies stated herein, the University has the right to pursue other remedies permitted by law or in equity.

5.8 E-Verify

Bidders certifies that for contract for services, bidders shall utilize the U.S. Department of Homeland Security E-Verify system during the term of the contract to determine the eligibility of:

- All persons employed by bidders to perform duties within Texas; and
- All persons, including subcontractors, assigned by bidders to perform work pursuant the contract within the United States.

5.9 Bonds

Payment Bond - A deposit, pledge, or contract of guaranty supplied by a contractor to protect the State against loss due to the contractor's failure to pay subcontractors and material suppliers. If awarded the project a Payment Bond will be required if your bid is \$25,000 or above.

Performance Bond - A deposit, pledge, or contract of guaranty supplied by a contractor to protect the State against loss due to the contractor's inability to complete the contract as agreed. If awarded the project a Performance Bond is required for bids of \$100,000 or above.

5.10 HUB Subcontracting Plan

A HUB Subcontracting Plan ("HSP") is required as part of bidder's proposal if your proposal is \$100,000 or above. Each bidder must complete and return the HSP in accordance with the terms and conditions of this RFP. HSP can be found at the below listed link:

<http://www.window.state.tx.us/procurement/prog/hub/hub-subcontracting-plan/>

Bidders that fail to do so will be considered non-responsive to this RFP in accordance with Texas Government Code §2161.252. The University has reviewed this RFP in accordance with Title 34, Texas Administrative Code, §20.13 (a), and has determined that subcontracting opportunities are probable under this RFP.

5.11 Ethics Commission Reporting

The University is required under Texas Legislature House Bill 1295 (Texas Government Code §2252.908) to request Ethics Commission Reporting from contractors with agreements that has a value of at least \$1 million (value of an

agreement is based on the amount of consideration received or to be received by the contractor from the University).

The Business Entity must file Form 1295 electronically with the Texas Ethics Commission using the online filing application: https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/elf_info_form1295.htm

5.12 Best and Final Offer

When deemed appropriate, after the submission of proposals but before the final selection of the successful proposal, the University may permit a bidder to revise its proposal in order for the University to obtain a best and final offer (BAFO). The University will provide each bidder within the competitive range with an equal opportunity for discussion and revision of their proposal, and a bidder may elect not to amend their original proposal. The University is not bound to accept the best-priced proposal if that proposal is not the most advantageous to the University as determined by the evaluation team.

This contract shall remain in effect until completion and acceptance by the University. Midwestern State University reserves the right to enforce the performance of this contract in any manner prescribed by law or deemed to be in the best interest of the University in the event of breach or default if this contract. The University reserves the right to terminate the contract immediately in the event the successful bidder fails to make delivery in accordance with the specifications.

5.13 Contract Management

Contract management is the process of directing contract planning, formation, execution, and assessment through closeout to maximize financial and operational performance and minimize risk. The University shall comply with Texas Government Code § 2261.256 & Midwestern State University Policy 2.24 the University regarding contract management

Section 6 Specifications/Scope of Work

It is the intent of these specifications to describe the minimum requirements for the above titled project at Midwestern State University in sufficient detail to secure comparable proposals.

Each bidder must confirm he/she fully understands these specifications and the University's needs and satisfies himself/herself that he/she is cognizant of all factors relating to requirements contained in these specifications.

The proposal analysis will include compliance to proposal specifications, past performance with vendor, references, delivery time and overall cost. Weighted averages are calculated as noted in Section 1.14. The University reserves the right to consider deviations from these specifications.

Please note the following:

- Specifications and drawing at the below Link under current proposal opportunities listed under the RFP number: <https://msutexas.edu/purchasing>
- Supply schedule and lead time for project with proposal.
- Supply an insurance certificate with your Proposal.
- Supply a W-9 with your Proposal if new to Midwestern State University.
- ~~2010 Uniform General Conditions apply to this Proposal and can be found at the below listed link:~~
<https://msutexas.edu/purchasing/contract-management>

6.1 Specifications & Scope of Work

COMPLIANCE ASSESSMENT SERVICES Statement of Work

General

Midwestern State University (MSUTexas) solicits responses to the Request of Proposal (RFP) for experienced firms interested in providing electronic information compliance assessment and accessibility services as required by Federal and Texas laws, statutes and regulations which includes: (1) Americans with Disabilities Act of (specifically Title II), (2) Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act, (3) Refresh of the Section 508 Standards and the Telecommunications Act, (4) TGC 2054.451, (5) Title I TAC 206, and (6) Title I Tac 213.

Background

MSUTexas, located in Wichita Falls, Texas, is recognized as a public liberal arts university with strong programs in the arts, humanities, sciences, and social sciences as well as accredited professional programs in mechanical engineering, social work, nursing, radiologic science, respiratory care, athletic training, and business, among others. MSUTexas is the only Texas University to become a member of the Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges (COPLAC). Students at Midwestern State choose from more than 60 majors. Sixty-five percent of its nearly 6,000 students are traditional age (18-24). Classes average fewer than 30 students, and most are taught by full-time faculty, not graduate assistants. Students are active in more than 100 organizations and bring a spirit of competition to 13 NCAA Division II athletic programs

Objectives

1. Qualified firms must demonstrate technical expertise, including an in-depth understanding of applications, content

management systems, online course delivery, purchasing and associated hardware for compliance with Accessibility Standards as listed above and standards including WCAG 2.2, HTML5 and CSS3.

2. Conduct comprehensive review and analysis of all MSUTexas policies and procedures, grievance procedures, purchasing, specific roles and responsibilities of the 508 coordinator, content management system, online/hybrid courses, videos, live streams, electronic library services, and social media in compliance with accessibility standards WCAG 2.2.
3. Review of hardware, software, adaptive equipment and computer labs for accessibility.
4. Provide a detailed report to include:
 - a) Key findings on accessibility gaps, which include 1) where gaps exist in accessibility including recommendations for remediation and reference the appropriate requirement of standard, (2) priority of defects and remediation step for resolutions and (3) flag potential issues which might require re-testing at a later date, even after fixes.
 - b) Clearly identify and differentiate between fixes where (1) Professional intervention is needed to reach compliance and (2) Fixes where internal expertise exists to correct the errors and identify department or individual who can provide that service.
5. Provide an approach, plan and cost estimate for addressing the accessibility issues identified by vendor's review.
6. Provide onsite-debriefing addressing any accessibility deficiencies or compliance gaps identified during the comprehensive review, how to build upon existing strengths, with recommendations and best practice guidelines including the prioritization and a timeline for implementation.
7. The selected vendor must be independent with respect to specific vendors or technical approaches to have the freedom to identify any deviations of hardware/software services currently in use or recommended.

Scope

Consulting firm shall:

1. Provide list of required documentation necessary to perform their review.
2. Work directly with 508 Coordinator to ensure effective communication and coordination of all relevant parties.
3. Present written reports to MSUTexas 508 Coordinator upon completion.
4. Provide an onsite-debriefing to administration and governance groups.

6.2 Proposal Sheet/Pricing Schedule

Provide pricing based on the information in Section 6.1 preferably in the following format:

Proposal Price:	
Schedule Lead Time or Schedule ARO:	
Additional Notes:	

Vendor Name:	
Contact Name:	
Title:	
Street Address:	
City, State, Zip Code	
Phone Number:	
Contact E-Mail:	
*Signature of Authorized Representative:	

*Proposals must be signed by the responding company's official authorized to commit such proposals. Failure to sign the Proposal Sheet/Pricing Schedule will be basis for proposal disqualification.

Appendix A
BIDDER'S CHECKLIST
SUBMITTAL

Vendor Name:	
Contact Name:	
Title:	
Street Address:	
City, State, Zip Code	
Phone Number:	
Contact E-Mail:	
*Initials of Authorized Representative:	

Due Date:

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Check-off

1. ___ Response to Solicitation
2. ___ *Completed Proposal Sheet/Pricing Schedule (ref Section 6.2)
3. ___ Signed and Completed HUB Subcontracting Plan (if necessary)
4. ___ Voluntary Product Accessibility Template (VPAT) (if necessary)
6. ___ Signed and Completed Bidder's Checklist (ref Appendix A)
7. ___ Completed References (ref Appendix B)
8. ___ Signed and Completed Affidavit (ref Appendix C)
9. ___ Completed and initialed Addenda Checklist (ref Appendix D)
10. ___ Certificate of Liability Insurance
11. ___ Completed & Signed W9

*Proposals must be signed by the responding company's official authorized to commit such proposals. Failure to sign the Execution of Offer will be basis for proposal disqualification.

Deliver Proposal to:

Midwestern State University
Purchasing & Contract Management Department
3410 Taft Blvd., Daniel Bldg., Room 200
Wichita Falls, TX 76308

Each proposal shall be properly identified with the name and number of proposal and name of bidder submitting proposal.

Appendix B
VENDOR REFERENCES

Please list three (3) references of current customers who can verify the quality of service your company provides. The University prefers customers of similar size and scope of work to this proposal. ***THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED WITH YOUR PROPOSAL.***

REFERENCE ONE

Government/Company Name _____

Address: _____

Contact Person and Title: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Contract Period: _____ Scope of Work: _____

REFERENCE TWO

Government/Company Name _____

Address: _____

Contact Person and Title: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Contract Period: _____ Scope of Work: _____

REFERENCE THREE

Government/Company Name _____

Address: _____

Contact Person and Title: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Contract Period: _____ Scope of Work: _____

Appendix C
AFFIDAVIT

The undersigned certifies that the bid prices contained in this proposal have been carefully checked and are submitted as correct and final and if bid is accepted (within 90 days unless otherwise noted by vendor), agrees to furnish any and/or all items upon which prices are offered, at the price(s) and upon the conditions contained in the Specifications.

STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, a Notary Public in and for the State of _____,

on this day personally appeared _____

who, after having first been duly sworn, upon oath did depose and say;

That the foregoing proposal submitted by _____ hereinafter called "Bidder" is the duly authorized agent of said company and that the person signing said proposal has been duly authorized to execute the same. Bidder affirms that they are duly authorized to execute this contract, that this company, corporation, firm, partnership or individual has not prepared this bid in collusion with any other Bidder, and that the contents of this bid as to prices, terms or conditions of said bid have not been communicated by the undersigned nor by any employee or agent to any other person engaged in this type of business prior to the official opening of this bid.

Name and Address of Bidder:

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME THIS _____ day of _____,

20 _____.

Notary Public in and for the State of _____.

Appendix D
ADDENDA CHECKLIST

Proposal of: _____
(Bidder's Company Name)

To: Midwestern State University

The undersigned bidder hereby acknowledges receipt of the following Addenda to the captioned RFP (initial if applicable).

No. 1 _____ No. 2 _____ No. 3 _____ No. 4 _____ No. 5 _____

Contact Name:	
Title:	
*Initials of Authorized Representative:	

**PURCHASING AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
MIDWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY
AND**

Choose an item.

This Standard Purchasing Agreement ("Agreement") is entered into between the **Midwestern State University ("University") and, ("Contractor")**. University and Contractor may be referred to singularly as a "Party" and collectively as the "Parties." The Parties mutually agree and covenant as follows:

1. **TERM:** The term of this Agreement ("Term") will begin on _____, and end on _____, unless terminated earlier pursuant to the terms of this Agreement or extended by mutual written agreement of the Parties.

2. **GOODS/SERVICES :**

☐ Check here if an exhibit, offer, proposal or other similar document (collectively, "Attachment") is being added as part of this Agreement. Any such Attachment: (i) should be described above in this Section 2 and attached to this Agreement; and (ii) is hereby incorporated by reference. In the event of any inconsistency between the Attachment and this Agreement, or any other similar document of Contractor and this Agreement, this Agreement will prevail.

3. **COMPENSATION:** Check one box only:

☒ **This is a fixed price contract.** University will pay Contractor the amount of **\$0.00**.

☐ **This is not a fixed price contract.** University will pay Contractor an amount not to exceed \$ _____ based on an hourly fee and /or other method of calculation as follows:

☐ **This is not a fixed price contract and will be performed on a service-order basis.** University will pay Contractor an amount not to exceed \$ _____ (based on service order form(s) to be completed and signed by the Parties, a version of which will be provided to Contractor by University). University will engage Contractor on an "as-needed if needed" basis and does not guarantee the purchase of any quantity or dollar amount of services.

4. **PAYMENT TERMS:** Contractor shall submit detailed invoices to University describing the services rendered the times when such services were performed, compensable expenses and the amount due. University will pay undisputed amounts within thirty (30) days of receiving goods or invoices, whichever occurs later. Payment terms are subject to Chapter 2251 of the *Texas Government Code*. Contractor understands and agrees that payments under the Agreement may be subject to the withholding requirements of §3402(t) of the *Internal Revenue Code*. University, an agency of the State of Texas, is exempt from Texas sales and use tax on goods and services in accordance with §151.309, *Texas Tax Code*, and Title 34 *Texas Administrative Code* (TAC) Section 3.322.

Notwithstanding any contrary provision of this Agreement, each payment obligation of the University created by this Agreement is conditioned upon the availability of funds that are appropriated or allocated for the payment of the goods or services. If such funds are not allocated and available, this Agreement may be terminated by the University. The University shall notify Contractor at the earliest possible time before such termination. No penalty shall accrue to the

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University in the event this provision is exercised, and the University shall not be obligated or liable for any future payments due or any damages as a result of termination under this section. This provision shall not be construed so as to permit the University to terminate this Agreement in order to purchase, lease, or rent similar goods or services from another party.

5. **ELIGIBILITY TO RECEIVE PAYMENT:** In accordance with Section 231.006 of the *Texas Family Code* and Sections 2155.004 and 2155.006 of the *Texas Government Code*, Contractor certifies that it is not ineligible to receive the award of or payments under this Agreement and acknowledges that the Agreement may be terminated and payment withheld if this certification is or becomes inaccurate. Contractor acknowledges that, in accordance with Section 403.055 of the *Texas Government Code*, as applicable, if the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts is currently prohibited from issuing a warrant to Contractor, Contractor agrees that payment under this Agreement will be applied to the debt or delinquent taxes are paid in full. And pursuant to Sections 2107.008 and 2252.903, *Texas Government Code*, Contractor agrees that any payments owing to Contractor under the Agreement may be applied directly toward any debt or delinquency that Contractor owes the State of Texas or any agency of the State of Texas regardless of when it arises, until such debt or delinquency is paid in full.
6. **CONTRACTOR'S STATUS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:** In performing the services, Contractor will be deemed an independent contractor and not the University's agent or employee. This Agreement will not be construed to create any partnership, joint venture or other similar relationship between the Parties. As an independent contractor, Contractor will be solely responsible for determining the means and methods for performing the services. Contractor shall perform the services in strict accordance with this Agreement and in accordance with the highest standards of care, skill, diligence and professional competence applicable to contractors engaged in providing similar services.
- ☐ Check here if Contractor is an individual and has been a temporary or permanent employee of the State of Texas (including any employment with Midwestern State University) within the past two (2) years; if so, Contractor must attach a separate statement setting for the name of the agency or department by which Contractor was employed, the dates of employment, the annual rate(s) of compensation during such employment and the nature of the Contractor's duties.
7. **INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY:** Contractor represents that it has all intellectual property rights necessary to enter into and perform its obligations in this Agreement.
8. **OWNERSHIP OF WORK PRODUCT:** All work products, including any software, research, reports, studies, data photographs, negatives or other documents, drawings or materials prepared by Contractor in the performance of its obligation under this Agreement will be deemed work for University upon completion, termination or cancellation of this Agreement. Any program data or other materials furnished by University for use by Contractor in connection with the services performed under this Agreement will remain University's property.
9. **INDEMNITY:** To the fullest extent permitted by law, Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless University, and each of their directors, officers, agents and employees from and against all liability, loss, expense (including reasonable litigation costs and attorney fees), or claims for injury or damages arising out of the performance of this Agreement (collectively, "Claim") to the extent the Claim arises from the negligence, willful act, breach of contract or violation of law by Contractor, its employees,

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agents, contractors or subcontractors.

10. **INSURANCE:** Unless an appropriate University representative agrees to waive the requirements by initialing the designated space near the signature block below, Contractor shall comply with general liability insurance coverage of \$1,000,000 per occurrence. If, during the term, Contractor will enter University property, Contractor shall also maintain the following insurance: (i) worker's compensation coverage as required by law with statutory limits for the State of Texas, including employers liability coverage of \$500,000 per accident; (ii) commercial automobile liability coverage of \$1,000,000 combined single limit; (iii) for engineers and architects only: professional liability coverage of \$5,000,000 per occurrence; and (iv) for builders only: builders risk coverage in the amount of the construction cost, including protection against named windstorm and flood. All policies must contain a waiver of subrogation against University. Comprehensive general liability and commercial automobile liability policies must name University as additional insured. Contractor shall provide certificates of Insurance evidencing the insurance requirements prior to the start of work.
11. **INSPECTION AND ACCEPTANCE OF SERVICES:** University reserves the right to inspect the services provided under this Agreement at all reasonable times and places during the term. If any of the services do not conform to the requirements set forth in this Agreement, University may (i) require Contractor to perform the services again in conformity with such requirements, with no additional charge to the University; or (ii) equitably reduce payment due Contractor to reflect the reduced value of the Services performed. These remedies do not limit other remedies available to University in this Agreement or otherwise available at law.
12. **RISK OF LOSS:** All work performed by Contractor pursuant to this Agreement will be at Contractor's exclusive risk until final and complete acceptance of the work by University. In the case of any loss or damage to the work prior to the University's acceptance, such loss or damage will be Contractor's responsibility. Delivery of any goods to University pursuant to this Agreement must be FOB destination.
13. **COMPLIANCE:** Contractor shall observe and abide by all applicable state and federal law requirements and University policies and procedures. Contractor shall certify that he/she or it is in compliance with all applicable state and federal laws as it relates to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.
14. **CONFIDENTIALITY; DATA PROTECTION:** Subject to the Texas Public Information Act and any similar legal requirements, neither Party shall disclose any confidential information obtained from the other Party without such Party's prior written approval. As applicable, Contractor shall maintain and process all information it receives in compliance with all applicable data protect/privacy laws and regulations and University policies.
15. **PUBLICITY:** Contractor shall not use University's name, logo or other likeness in any press release, marketing material or other announcement without University's prior written approval.
16. **SUBCONTRACTORS:** If Contractor is permitted to subcontract any of the services, Contractor shall ensure that each subcontractor complies with all provisions of this Agreement. Contractor will remain liable for the acts and omissions of such subcontractor(s) and the proper performance and delivery of

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17. **PRODUCTS AND MATERIALS PRODUCED IN TEXAS:** In performing its obligations under this Agreement, Contractor shall purchase products and materials produced in Texas when such products and materials are available at a price and delivery time comparable to products and materials produced outside of Texas. [Section 2155.4441 of the Texas Government Code]
18. **TRAVEL EXPENSES:** In the event the Agreement requires the University to reimburse Contractor for travel expenses, then reasonable travel, meals, and lodging expenses shall be charged in accordance with and shall not exceed State of Texas travel, meal, and lodging reimbursement guidelines applicable to employees of the State of Texas.
19. **BONDS:** If applicable to the Services and this Agreement, Contractor shall secure payment and/or performance bonds in accordance with Section 2253.021 of the Texas Government Code upon executing this Agreement.
20. **AUDIT:** Execution of this Agreement constitutes Contractor's acceptance of the authority of University, the Texas State Auditors and/or their designated representative (collectively, "Auditor") to conduct audits or investigations in connection with this Agreement. Contractor agrees to cooperate with the Auditor conducting such audits or investigations and to provide all information and documents reasonably requested.
21. **TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE:** Time is of the essence in the performance of this Agreement.
22. **DEFAULT:** A party will be in default of this Agreement if such Party fails to comply with any obligation in this Agreement and such failure continues for ten (10) days after receiving written notice from the non-defaulting Party. In the event of default, upon written notice to the defaulting Party, the non-defaulting Party may terminate this Agreement as of the date specified in the notice, and may seek other relief as provided by law.
23. **TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE:** University may terminate this Agreement in writing at any time upon providing at least thirty (30) days written notice to Contractor. University will only be liable for payment for Services received prior to the effective date of such termination.
24. **NOTICE:** Any notice required or permitted by this Agreement must be in writing and addressed to the Party at the address set forth below, or such other address as is subsequently specified in writing. Notice will be effective at the date: (i) delivered by national courier service or Registered/Certified Mail, postage prepaid, return receipt required, or (iii) received by facsimile.
25. **BREACH OF CONTRACT CLAIMS:** To the extent Chapter 2260 of the *Texas Government Code* is applicable to this Agreement and is not preempted by other law, the dispute resolution process provided by Chapter 2260 and the related rules adopted by the Texas Attorney General pursuant to Chapter 2260 will be used by the Parties to attempt to resolve any claim for breach of contract made by Contractor against University that cannot be resolved in the ordinary course of business. An event or claim for breach of contract is not grounds for Contractor to suspend performance under this Agreement. The Parties specifically agree that (1) neither the execution of the Agreement by

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University nor any other conduct, action or inaction of any representative of University relating to the Agreement constitutes or is intended to constitute a waiver of University's or the State's sovereign immunity to suit; and (2) University has not waived its right to seek redress in the courts.

26. **FUNDING CONTINGENCY:** University's performance under this Agreement may be dependent upon appropriation of funds by the Texas State legislature ("Legislature") and/or allocation of funds by University's Board of Regents ("Board"). If the Legislature fails to appropriate the necessary funds or the Board fails to allocate the necessary funds, University may terminate this Agreement without liability by providing written notice to Contractor.
27. **CONTRACTOR REPRESENTATIONS:** If Contractor is a business entity, it represents that: (i) it is duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the state of its organization; (ii) it is authorized and in good standing to conduct business in the State of Texas; (iii) it has all necessary power and has received all necessary approvals to execute and perform its obligations in this Agreement; and (iv) the individual executing this Agreement on behalf of Contractor is authorized to do so. If Contractor is a taxable entity as defined by Chapter 171, *Texas Tax Code*, then Contractor certifies that it is not currently delinquent in the payment of any taxes due under Chapter 171, or that Contractor is exempt from the payment of those taxes, or that Contractor is an out-of-state taxable entity that is not subject to those taxes, whichever is applicable.
28. **WAIVER:** Waiver by either Party of a breach or violation of any provision of this Agreement will not operate as waiver of any subsequent breach.
29. **SURVIVAL:** Termination or expiration of this Agreement will not affect the Parties' rights obligations that, by their nature and context, are intended to survive termination or expiration.
30. **ELECTRONIC DELIVERY:** Execution and delivery of this Agreement by exchange of email or fax copy containing the signature of a Party will constitute a valid and binding execution and delivery of this Agreement by such Party.
31. **LIMITATIONS:** The University is subject to constitutional and statutory limitations on its ability to enter into certain terms and conditions of the Agreement, which may include those terms and conditions relating to: liens on the University property; disclaimers and limitations of warranties; disclaimers and limitations of liability for damages; waivers, disclaimers, and limitations on legal rights, remedies, requirements, and processes; limitations of time in which to bring legal action; granting control of litigation or settlement to another party; liability for acts or omissions of third parties; payment of attorney's fees; dispute resolution; indemnities; and confidential information. Terms and conditions of this Agreement relating to these limitations will only be binding on the University to the extent permitted by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Texas.
32. **JURISDICTION AND VENUE; GOVERNING LAW:** It is expressly understood and agreed that the location and place of performance for this Agreement is stipulated to be in Wichita Falls, Wichita County, Texas, and the proper place of venue for suit of all disputes arising under this Agreement shall solely be in Wichita County, Texas. This Agreement and all of the rights and obligations of the Parties thereto and all of the terms and conditions hereof will be construed, interpreted and applied in

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accordance with and governed under the laws of the State of Texas.

33. **AUTHORITY:** The person signing below on behalf of the University and Contractor warrants that he/she has the authority to execute this Agreement according to its terms.
34. **OFFICIAL NOT TO BENEFIT:** No trustee, officer, director, regent, employee, administrator and representative of University shall be admitted to any share or part of this Agreement or to any benefit that may arise there from.
35. **NONDISCRIMINATION:** Contractor shall comply with State of Texas and federal civil rights laws and University policies prohibiting discrimination and harassment. Contractor shall not discriminate against an employee or applicant for employment with respect to the hire, tenure, terms, conditions, or privileges of employment, or any matter directly or indirectly related to employment, because of race, color, religion, gender, national origin, age, sexual orientation, veteran status, or disability that is unrelated to the individual's ability to perform the duties of a particular position. A breach of this covenant may be regarded as a material breach of this Agreement.
36. **NON-ASSIGNABLE CONTRACT:** This Agreement cannot be assigned, in whole or in part, by either party.
37. **MISCELLANEOUS:** This Agreement, together with any Attachment(s), constitute the entire agreement between the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof, and supersedes all prior contracts, agreements, representation and understanding made by the Parties relating to such subject matter. This Agreement may not be waived, altered, amended or otherwise modified except by the written agreement of both Parties. Contractor may not assign this Agreement with University's prior written consent. The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision(s) of this Agreement will not impair the validity and enforceability of the remaining provisions.
38. **EFFECTIVE DATE:** This Agreement shall be deemed to be effective on _____ and is signed by the respective Parties on the dates of their respective signatures as appear below.

<p>INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS WAIVER - IF the Insurance Requirements are not applicable to the services or if University otherwise chooses to waive such requirements for purposes of this <u>Agreement</u>, the appropriate University representative may waive the requirements by initialing here -----> _____.</p> <p>Otherwise, Contractor must satisfy the insurance requirements specified in this Agreement.</p>
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF:

Midwestern State University:

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

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Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

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