

**JACKET:** 518-780

**TITLE:** The Soldier's Blue Book (TR PAM 600-4)

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**QUANTITY:** 40,032

**BID OPENING:** July 26, 2018

<b>Contractor Name</b>	<b>Bid</b>	<b>Terms</b>	
Monarch Litho	\$79,797.00	2 %	20 Days
Westland Printers	\$96,518.00	0.5 %	21 Days
Las Vegas Color	\$97,777.00	4.77 %	20 Days
Gray Graphics	\$104,150.00	2 %	20 Days
Gateway Press	\$107,461.00	2 %	20 Days
McDonald & Eudy	\$111,259.00	1 %	20 Days
District Creative	\$115,495.00	2 %	20 Days
Taylor / Curtis	\$133,250.00	net 30	

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Bids shall be publicly opened at 2:00 pm., prevailing Eastern Standard Time.

ANY QUESTIONS BEFORE AWARD CONCERNING THESE SPECIFICATIONS CALL JOY GOODEN (757) 490-7942 AFTER AWARD, REFER ALL QUESTIONS TO YOUR CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR WHOSE NAME APPEARS IN THE UPPER PORTION OF THE PURCHASE ORDER. NO COLLECT CALLS.

FACSIMILE BID SPECIFICATIONS  
U.S. Government Publishing Office (GPO)  
291 Virginia Beach Blvd., Ste. 401  
Virginia Beach Regional Printing Procurement Office  
Virginia Beach, Virginia 23462

**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. 6-01)) and GPO Contract Terms, Quality Assurance through Attributes Program for Printing and Binding (GPO Publication 310.1, effective May 1979 (Rev. 8-02)).

GPO Contract Terms (GPO Publication 310.2) – <http://www.gpo.gov/pdfs/vendors/sfas/terms.pdf>.  
GPO QATAP (GPO Publication 310.1) – <http://www.gpo.gov/pdfs/vendors/sfas/qatap.pdf>.

**BIDDERS, PLEASE NOTE:** GPO has issued a new *GPO Publication 310.2, GPO Contract Terms - Solicitation Provisions, Supplemental Specifications, and Contract Clauses (Rev 1-18)*. Prospective bidders should carefully read this publication as the applicable terms within become an integral part of this contract. The document is posted at <https://www.gpo.gov/how-to-work-with-us/vendors/forms-and-standards> along with a list of major revisions.

**PRODUCT:** Coil-bound books with laminated covers

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**PAGES:** 292 text pages, 4-pg. cover

**TRIM:** 4.5x6"

**DESCRIPTION:** Black plastic coil-bound book, single wire, with two-piece laminated covers. Cover 1 prints 4/C, full bleed. C2 prints black, no bleed. C3 print 4/c no bleed. C4 (no file supplied) prints full bleed of process build for PMS 5415 blue. Both sides of the covers will laminate with 3 mil gloss laminate, for a total thickness of 6 mil. The laminate must be free of distortion of the printed matter and must remain clear and legible. Flush cut – do not extend laminate beyond trim size. Text printing in Black, with 99 CMYK pages. Text pages do not bleed. For copy of the Distro list email [jgooden@gpo.gov](mailto:jgooden@gpo.gov) or [rgilbert@gpo.gov](mailto:rgilbert@gpo.gov) (shipping costs need to be included in the bid price).

**GOVERNMENT TO FURNISH:** 9MB PDF print file, and distro list will be emailed after award.

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

**ELECTRONIC PREPRESS:** Prior to image processing, the contractor shall perform an extensive 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 GPO.

The contractor shall create 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.

**\*\*RETURN ALL GFM WITH PROOFS\*\***

Contractor must supply a proof sign-off sheet and return airbill. Also please include a reminder that the agency can only keep proofs 4 days.

**Digital Content Proofs (not for color match)**

3 set(s) of digital color content proofs for all pages. Direct to plate must be used to produce the final product with a minimum of 2400 x 2400 dpi. Proofs must be created using the same Raster Image Processor (RIP) that will be used to produce the product. Proofs shall be collated with all elements in proper position (not pasted up), imaged face and back, trimmed and folded to the finished size of the product, as applicable.

1 set of inkjet proofs of Front and Back Cover only that are G7 profiled and use pigment-based inks. A proofing RIP that provides an option for high quality color matching (such as Device Links Technology and/or ICC Profiles Technology), and meets or exceeds industry tolerance to ISO 12647-7 Standard for Graphic Technology (as of 3/19/09, and future amendments) must be utilized plus GRACoL 2006 Coated #1 specifications (CGATS TR006) must be achieved. Output must be a minimum of 720 x 720 dpi on a GRACoL or SWOP certified proofing media. Proofs must contain the following color control strip to be evaluated for accuracy: IDEAlliance ISO 12647-7 Control Strip 2009 or 2013(i1).

Proofs must contain color control bars (such as Brunner, GATF, GRETAG, or RIT) for each color of ink on the sheet. Control bars must be placed parallel to the press's ink rollers and must show areas consisting of minimum 1/8 x 1/8" solid color patches; tint patches of 25, 50 and 75%; dot gain scale; and gray balance patches for process color (if applicable). These areas must be repeated consecutively across the sheet.

The make and model number of the proofing system utilized shall be furnished with the proofs. These proofs must contain all elements, be in press configuration, and indicate margins. Proofs will be used for color match on press. Direct to plate must be used to produce the final product with a minimum of 2400 x 2400 dpi.

Deliver all proofs with the furnished media directly to: HPR-2P2-202, 111 S. George Mason Ave., Arlington, VA 22204, ATTN: SFC Marcus Jackson.

The contractor must not print prior to receipt of an "OK to print."

**PRINTING:** C1 prints 4/c, full bleed. C2 black only, C3 prints 4/c. C4 prints solid PMS 5415 as a process build. 193 text pages print black, 99 pages print CMYK. No bleed on the text pages. NOTE: pages with Red star must print in red. Black copy pages with a web link showing as blue will just print as a b/w page.

**INK:** CMYK

**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. 12" dated March 2011.

**TEXT:** White Offset Book, grammage 75 g/m<sup>2</sup> (basis weight: 50 lbs. per 500 sheets, 25 x 38"), equal to JCP Code A60.

**COVER:** – White Index, grammage 200 g/m<sup>2</sup> (basis weight: 110 lbs. per 500 sheets, 25-1/2 x 30-1/2"), equal to JCP Code K10.

**MARGINS:** Follow margins in pdf file. Adequate gripper on text and covers.

**BINDING:** Trim covers and text 4 sides. Collate two piece covers with text. Black plastic coil bind on the left 6" side.

**PACKING:** Pack suitable quantities in shipping containers with a minimum bursting strength of 275 psi.

**THE CONTRACTOR IS ADVISED TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT THE CONTAINER AND THE PALLET REQUIREMENTS ARE EXACTLY AS INDICATED. NO SUBSTITUTIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR EITHER OF THESE.**

Pallets are required and must conform to GPO Contract Terms Supplemental Specifications for palletizing. Pallet height must not exceed 45 inches. Pallet construction must be as follows:

48" wide across the front where the forklift slots are located.

40" deep

5-6" high

Maximum height of palletized products must be no higher than 52", to include the pallet. Wrap pallet to prevent spillage.

**LABELING AND MARKING** (Package and/or Container label): Each package or carton must be labeled. The label **MUST** indicate full title, quantity, Jacket number, and total number of boxes shipped, i.e. 6 of 10.

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

Product Quality Levels:

- (a) Printing Attributes -- Level II.
- (b) Finishing Attributes -- Level II.

Inspection Levels (from ANSI/ASQC 21.4):

- (a) Non-destructive 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
P-9. Solid or Screen Tints Color Match	Approved proof (FC and BC)

**DEPARTMENTAL RANDOM COPIES (BLUE LABEL):** Order must be divided into 200 equal sublots. 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 execute a statement furnished by GPO certifying that copies were selected as directed. The random copies constitute a part of the total quantity ordered, and no additional charge will be allowed.

These randomly selected copies must be packed separately and identified by a special government-furnished blue label, affixed to each affected container. The container and its contents shall be recorded separately on all shipping documents and sent to: Ft. Jackson, SC (see distro).

**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 invoicing. 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/vendors/how-to-get-paid>.

**MODS:** If any additional costs are incurred during the production of this job due to Government action (i.e. AAs), contractor is **REQUIRED** to contact the Printing Specialist in writing for approval **BEFORE** proceeding.

**DISTRIBUTION:** For copy of the Distro list email [jgooden@gpo.gov](mailto:jgooden@gpo.gov) or [rgilbert@gpo.gov](mailto:rgilbert@gpo.gov) (shipping costs need to be included in the bid price). F.O.B. DESTINATION – CONTRACTOR PAYS THE FREIGHT TO DELIVER. INSIDE DELIVERY MUST BE MADE BY 2PM LOCAL TIME TO 52 DESTINATIONS. Deliver NLT SEPTEMBER 28, 2018. NOTE\*\*\* TWO LOCATIONS (Fort Jackson, SC and Fort Leonard Wood, MO.) DO NOT HAVE A DOCK, THE DRIVER WILL NEED TO REMAIN UNTIL UNLOADED\*\*\*

Deliver proofs to:

HPR-2P2-202

111 S. George Mason Ave., Arlington, VA 22204

ATTN: SFC Marcus Jackson 703-607-5085

2 Samples:

GPO Virginia Beach

291 Independence Blvd, Suite 401

Virginia Beach, VA 23462

Attn: Richard Gilbert

1 Sample to:

Army Publishing Directorate

9301 Chapek Rd., Bldg. 1458

Ft. Belvoir, VA 22060

Attn: Herb Blache, 1NE4306

**NOTIFICATION OF SHIPMENT:** Immediately after the order has shipped/delivered, the contractor must email tracking# to [Herbert.m.blache.civ@mail.mil](mailto:Herbert.m.blache.civ@mail.mil) on same day product ships. Ensure all boxes contain title, job#, and box# of total shipment.

**SCHEDULE:** Purchase Order and furnished material will be available for pickup at the Government Publishing Office, Virginia Beach RO, 291 Independence Blvd., Suite 401, VB, VA 23462, by July 30, 2018.

Submit proofs as soon as possible in order to comply with the shipping schedule. Proofs will be withheld four (4) workdays from receipt until they are made available for pickup by the contractor.

Unscheduled material such as shipping documents, receipts or instructions, delivery lists, labels, etc., will be furnished with the 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.

**OFFERS:** Offers must include the cost of all materials and operations for the total quantity ordered in accordance with these specifications. In addition, a price must be submitted for each additional 1,000's. The price for additional quantities must be based on a continuing run, exclusive of all basic or preliminary charges and will not be a factor for determination of award.

**BID SUBMISSION:** Using the bid return sheet (p.5 of these specifications), submit bids to the U.S. Government Publishing Office, Bid Section, 291 Independence Blvd., Suite 401, Virginia Beach, VA 23462. **Facsimile bids in response to this solicitation are permitted.** Facsimile bids may be submitted directly to the GPO Virginia Beach Bid Section, fax No. (757)-490-7950. The jacket number and bid opening date must be specified with the bid. Refer to Facsimile Bids in Solicitation Provisions of GPO Contract Terms, GPO Publication 310.2, as revised June 2001.

Bidders must fill out this page and return it.

**TOTAL BID PRICE** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **ADDITIONAL RATE** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ PER 1,000

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

**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 points(s), in exact accordance with specifications.

NOTE: Failure to provide a 60-day bid acceptance period may result in expiration of the bid prior to award.

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

**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 fax or mail, fill out and return one copy of Page 6, initialing/signing where indicated.

Failure to sign the signature block below may result in the bid being declared non-responsive.

Bidder \_\_\_\_\_  
(Contractor Name) (GPO Contractor's 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)

**COMPLETE THIS PAGE AND SUBMIT AS YOUR BID**

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**THIS SECTION FOR GPO USE ONLY**

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

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