

PROGRAM:	4-S											
TITLE:	Citizen Airman											
AGENCY:	Department of the Air Force											
TERM:	June 1, 2025 thru May 31, 2026										PREVIOUS CONTRACTOR	
			ADVANTAGE MAILING		BLEAKHEAVEN COMICS, LLC		McDONALD & EUDY PRINTERS		RR DONNELLEY		INTELLICOR, LLC	
			Anaheim, CA		-----		Temple Hills, MD		Laurel, MD		Lancaster, PA	
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		AWARD	UNIT RATE	COST	UNIT RATE	COST	UNIT RATE	COST	UNIT RATE	COST	UNIT RATE	COST
I.	PRINTING AND BINDING:											
	Magazine -											
	Printing in four-color process,											
	including binding and aqueous coating . . . per page											
(1)	Makeready and/or Setup-----	160	100.00	16,000.00	1.55	248.00	48.00	7,680.00	130.65	20,904.00	52.81	8,449.60
(2)	Running per 1,000 Copies-----	11,040	11.80	130,272.00	58.00	640,320.00	13.00	143,520.00	12.60	139,104.00	9.59	105,873.60
II.	PACKING AND DISTRIBUTION:											
1.	Bulk Shipments -											
	Packing and sealing shipping containers . . .											
	per container-----	30	25.00	750.00	3.63	108.90	2.50	75.00	3.28	98.40	5.05	151.50
2.	Mailed Shipments -											
(a)	Addressing single copies (self-mailers) . . .											
	per 1,000 copies-----	390	41.01	15,993.90	20.00	7,800.00	40.00	15,600.00	57.14	22,284.60	16.16	6,302.40
(b)	Multiple copies in kraft envelopes (up to 200 leaves) . . .											
	per envelope-----	120	5.00	600.00	7.24	868.80	0.65	78.00	11.05	1,326.00	1.52	182.40
(c)	Quantities over 200 leaves, up to 12 pounds,											
	inserted into cushioned shipping bags											
	or wrapped in shipping bundles											
	(maximum gross weight 14 pounds) . . . per bag or bundle-----	60	5.00	300.00	16.42	985.20	3.00	180.00	22.53	1,351.80	5.05	303.00
(d)	Quantities over 12 pounds, up to 36 pounds,											
	packed in shipping containers											
	(maximum gross weight 40 pounds) . . . per container-----	30	5.00	150.00	27.00	810.00	4.50	135.00	43.50	1,305.00	5.05	151.50
	CONTRACTOR TOTALS			\$164,065.90	-----	-----		\$167,268.00		\$186,373.80		\$121,414.00
	DISCOUNT		0.25%	\$410.16	-----	-----	1.00%	\$1,672.68	0.00%	\$0.00	1.00%	\$1,214.14
	DISCOUNTED TOTALS			\$163,655.74	-----	-----		\$165,595.32		\$186,373.80		\$120,199.86
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U.S. GOVERNMENT PUBLISHING OFFICE

Washington, DC

GENERAL TERMS, CONDITIONS, AND SPECIFICATIONS

For the Procurement of

Citizen Airman

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

Department of the Air Force

Single Award

TERM OF CONTRACT: The term of this contract is for the period beginning June 1, 2025 and ending May 31, 2026, plus up to four (4) optional 12-month extension periods 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 May 14, 2025, at the U.S. Government Publishing Office. All parties interested in attending the bid opening shall email 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 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 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 Linda Giacomo at: lgiacomo@gpo.gov or (202) 512-2226.

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>.

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

Product Quality Levels:

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

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

- (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	O.K. Press Sheets
P-8. Halftone Match (Single and Double Impression)	O.K. Press Sheets
P-10. Process Color Match	O.K. Press Sheets

Special Instructions: In the event that inspection of press sheets is waived by the Government, the following listed alternate standards (in order of precedence) shall become the Specified Standards –

- P-7. Average Type Dimension in Publication.
- P-8. O.K. Ink Jet Proofs.
- P-10. O.K. Ink Jet Proofs.

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 the contract may not exceed five (5) years as a result of, and including, any extension(s) added under this clause. Further extension may be negotiated under the “EXTENSION OF CONTRACT TERM” clause. See also “ECONOMIC PRICE ADJUSTMENT” for authorized pricing adjustment(s).

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 June 1, 2025 to May 31, 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 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 February 28, 2025, 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.

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

These 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.

POSTAWARD CONFERENCE: Unless waived by the Contracting Officer, the total requirements of the job as indicated in these specifications will be reviewed by Government representatives with the contractor's representatives at the U.S. Government Publishing Office, Washington, DC – immediately after award. (At the option of the Government, the postaward conference may be conducted via teleconference.)

Person(s) that the contractor deems necessary for the successful implementation of the contract must be in attendance.

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 June 1, 2025 through May 31, 2026, plus for such additional period(s) 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 emailed 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 self-covered, saddle-stitched magazines requiring such operations as electronic prepress, printing in four-color process, binding, packing, and distribution.

TITLE: Citizen Airman.

FREQUENCY OF ORDERS: Approximately 4 to 6 orders per year.

QUANTITY: Approximately 60,000 to 80,000 copies per order.

NUMBER OF PAGES: Approximately 24 to 32 pages per order.

TRIM SIZE: 8-1/8 x 10-3/4".

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

Platform: Macintosh OS Sonoma (Version 14.2.1)

Storage Media: FTP; Email

Software: Adobe Acrobat (current or near current version)
Files created in Adobe InDesign and Photoshop.

All platform system and software upgrades (for specific 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 locked PDF format.
Separate PDF files will be created and provided for each magazine page.
Digital images will be furnished in place in the electronic files.

Addresses for distribution will be furnished via electronic transfer under a mutually agreed upon format – either FTP or email. Addresses for self-mailer distribution will be furnished separately from multiple-copy distribution. Addresses have quantities indicated thereon. Addresses will not be ZIP code sorted.

NOTE: The Government considers furnished address information to be sensitive in nature, and the contractor is required to take all reasonable measures to safeguard the information and prevent its unauthorized use. The information may only be used to generate mailing labels for the magazine specified. No other use is permitted. The contractor shall not provide the information to any other source. If possible, the contractor shall generate mailing labels directly from the copy of data provided by the Government. If the contractor must make a copy of the database, either on its own internal computer system or on some variety of removable media, for the purpose of generating labels, this copy must be destroyed or deleted after each order is distributed. The contractor shall not maintain or carry over a database from one issue to another. Each database will be used for one issue only. The contractor must safeguard the database to ensure only those employees who are directly involved in generating mailing labels and preparing magazines for mailing have access to the information.

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 product(s) in accordance with these specifications.

Contractor must be able to accept files electronically via a secure contractor-hosted FTP server. Appropriate log-on instructions and protocol shall be provided by the contractor at time of award. The contractor shall provide security, which at a minimum, shall require a unique user ID and password for access.

NOTE: Specifications and parameters regarding how PDF files are created in a locked format will be established and agreed upon by the contractor and Government.

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: Ivan Rivera at ivan.rivera.11@us.af.mil or (478) 327-2252.

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.

All halftones are to be 175-line screen or finer.

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.)

PROOFS: One (1) set of digital color content proofs of entire magazine in book form. Direct to plate must be used to produce the final product with a minimum resolution 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.

One (1) set of inkjet proofs that are G7 profiled and use pigment-based inks of entire publication. 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 resolution 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 resolution of 2400 x 2400 dpi.

If any contractor's errors are serious enough in the opinion of the GPO to require revised proofs, the revised proofs are to be provided at no expense to the Government. No extra time can be allowed for this reproofing; such operations must be accomplished within the original production schedule allotted in the specifications.

The contractor must not print prior to receipt of an "O.K. to Print."

NOTE: Contractor must provide all final "O.K. to Print" proofs during the press sheet inspection – as applicable.

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.

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

White No. 2 Gloss-Coated Text, basis weight: 70 lbs. per 500 sheets, 25 x 38", equal to JCP Code A182.

PRINTING: Digital printing is not permitted.

Print head-to-head in four-color process.

Magazines may consist of heavy ink coverage, type/rule matter, photos, and solids plus some type/illustrations reversing out to appear white.

Facing pages print to and must align across the bind.

After printing, apply a flood, clear gloss, aqueous coating to each page of magazine.

All orders must be printed on a press capable of printing four (4) colors in a single pass through the press (minimum of four printing units).

PRESS SHEET INSPECTION: Final makeready press sheets may be inspected and approved at the contractor's plant for the purpose of establishing specified standards for use during the actual press run. Upon approval of the sheets, contractor is charged with maintaining those standards throughout the press run (within QATAP tolerances when applicable) and with discarding all makeready sheets that preceded approval. When a press sheet inspection is required, it will be specified on the individual print order. See GPO Publication 315.3 (Guidelines for Contractors Holding Press Sheet Inspections) issued January 2015. NOTE: A press sheet inspection is for the purpose of setting specific standards that are to be maintained throughout the entire run. It does not constitute a prior approval of the entire run.

Press sheets must contain control bars for each color of ink on the sheet. Control bars must be placed parallel to the press's ink rollers. The control bars (such as BRUNNER, GATF, GRETAG, or RIT) must show areas consisting of 1/8 x 1/8" minimum 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 across the entire press sheet.

Viewing Light – Press sheets will be viewed under controlled conditions with 5000 degrees Kelvin overhead luminaries. The viewing conditions must conform to ISO 3664-2009. A viewing booth under controlled conditions with 5000 degrees Kelvin overhead luminaries with neutral gray surroundings must be provided.

The contractor must be able to provide the following equipment in working order for use during press sheet inspections:

1. A calibrated densitometer at press site for the purpose of monitoring density, dot gain, contrast, trapping, hue error, and ink coverage.
2. A proofrite such as a color balanced system that closely approximates a phase of natural daylight equal to at least 5000-degree Kelvin. It should be mounted in a viewing booth with the lights set at the proper angles.

Advance Copies – At the conclusion of the press sheet inspection (as applicable), the contractor shall furnish 75 advance copies of the product ordered to the agency representative. These copies cannot be deducted from the total quantity ordered and may be hand- or machine-folded (at contractor's option), trimmed, and stitched.

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

Contractor can anticipate bleed pages scattered throughout – including full bleeds.

BINDING: 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.

PACKING:

Bulk Shipments –

Pack in shipping containers.

Pallets are required.

Mailed Shipments –

Single copies must be mailed as self-mailers.

Insert multiple copies (up to 200 leaves) into kraft envelopes.

Quantities over 200 leaves, up to 12 pounds, must be inserted into cushioned shipping bags or wrapped in shipping bundles (maximum gross weight 14 pounds).

Quantities over 12 pounds, up to 36 pounds, must be packed in shipping containers (maximum gross weight 40 pounds).

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:

Bulk Shipments – Contractor to download GPO Form 905 (Rev. 7-15), Labeling and Marking Specifications, which can be located at gpo.gov, fill in appropriate blanks, and attach to shipping containers.

Mailed Shipments – Create and affix a recipient address label to each copy mailed singly as self-mailers and to each unit of mail packaged in kraft envelopes, cushioned shipping bags, shipping bundles, and shipping containers. At contractor's option, addresses may be directly imaged onto self-mailers, kraft envelopes, cushioned shipping bags, shipping bundles, and shipping containers.

NOTE: For the addressing of self-mailer copies, contractor must affix and/or image recipient address to the upper quarter of self-cover four – unless otherwise specified.

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. 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. The container and its contents shall be recorded separately on all shipping documents and sent to: HQ AFRC/PA, 330 Cherry Drive, Building 555 South, Robins AFB, GA 31098.

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. 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:

Agency Distribution –

- Mail f.o.b. contractor's city the majority of each order.
- Deliver f.o.b. destination approximately 100 to 500 copies to one (1) address within the commercial zone of Atlanta, GA. (Inside delivery to room number specified may be required.)

GPO Distribution –

- Deliver f.o.b. destination approximately one (1) file copy to one (1) address within the commercial zone of Washington, DC. (Inside delivery to room number specified may be required.)
- Deliver f.o.b. destination approximately one (1) depository copy to one (1) address within the commercial zone of Washington, DC. (Inside delivery to room number specified may be required.)
- Deliver f.o.b. destination approximately 25 subscription copies to one (1) address in Laurel, MD. (Inside delivery to room number specified may be required.)

Complete addresses and quantities will be furnished with each print order.

All mailing shall be made at the most economical rate to the Government – *reimbursable*.

Contractor is required to apply the appropriate postage to each mailing. Contractor will be reimbursed for postage by submitting a properly completed postal service form (or equivalent) with billing invoice for payment.

All mailed copies must be sorted (including zip code and carrier route sorted – if applicable) and prepared in trays and sacks, in accordance with the regulation of the U.S. Postal Service manual, to obtain the maximum postal discount(s) possible.

All copies mailed must conform to the appropriate regulations in the U.S. Postal Service manuals for "Domestic Mail" or "International Mail" as applicable.

In accordance with United States Postal Service (USPS) regulations, contractor may be required to run distribution files on each order through the National Change of Address (NCOA) service database to verify addresses are NCOA certified, as required. All related costs to perform this operation must be included in submitted bid pricing. No additional reimbursement will be authorized.

Upon completion of each order, contractor must notify the ordering agency (on the same day the order mails/delivers) via email to the address indicated on the print order. The subject line of the email shall be "Distribution Notice for Program 4-S, Print Order XXXXX, Jacket Number XXX-XXX." The notice must provide all applicable tracking numbers, mailing/delivery methods, and title of product. Contractor must be able to provide copies of all mailing/delivery receipts upon agency request.

Upon completion of each order, all furnished material (as applicable), digital deliverables, and two (2) sample copies must be returned to: HQ AFRC/PA, 330 Cherry Drive, Building 555 South, Robins AFB, GA 31098.

All expenses incidental to picking up and returning material (as applicable), submitting and returning proofs, furnishing advance copies (at press sheet inspection – 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).

Furnished material (as applicable) and proofs must be picked up from and delivered to: HQ AFRC/PA, 330 Cherry Drive, Building 555 South, Robins AFB, GA 31098.

NOTE: Contractor must provide overnight and/or expedited mail/courier service for pickup and delivery of furnished material (as applicable) and proofs – at contractor's expense.

No definite schedule for placement of orders can be predetermined.

The following schedule begins the workday after notification of the availability of print order and furnished material; the workday after notification will be the first workday of the schedule.

- Contractor must complete production and distribution within 15 workdays of notification of availability of print order and furnished material.
- No specific date is set for submission of proofs. Proofs must be submitted as soon as possible to allow for revised proofs, if contractor's errors are judged serious enough to require them.
- Proofs will be withheld no more than two (2) workdays from their receipt at the ordering agency until they are made available for pickup. (The first workday after receipt of proofs at the ordering agency is day one of the hold time.)
- All proof, press sheet inspection, and transit time is included in the 15-workday schedule.

The contractor must notify the U.S. GPO of the date and time the press sheet inspection can be performed. In order for proper arrangements to be made, notification must be given at 48 hours prior to the inspection. Notify the U.S. Government Publishing Office, Quality Control for Published Products, Washington, DC 20401 at (202) 512-0542 and Air Force – Robins AFB, Attn: Ivan Rivera at (478) 327-2252 or Sean Houlihan at (478) 327-1770. Telephone calls will only be accepted between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., prevailing Eastern Time, Monday through Friday. NOTE: See contract clauses, paragraph 14(e)(1), Inspections and Tests of GPO Contract Terms (GPO Publication 310.2, effective December 1, 1987 (Rev. 1-18)). When supplies are not ready at the time specified by the contractor for inspection, the Contracting Officer may charge to the contractor the additional cost of the inspection.

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 destinations specified and products ordered for mailing f.o.b. contractor's city must be delivered to the U.S. Postal Service.

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.

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 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 for a like period of time.

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

	(1)	(2)
I.	160	11,040
II.1.	30	
2. (a)	390	
(b)	120	
(c)	60	
(d)	30	

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SECTION 4. – SCHEDULE OF PRICES

Bids offered are f.o.b. contractor's city for all mailed shipments and f.o.b. destination 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-1,000 rate.

A charge will be allowed for each page of magazine – whether printed or blank.

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

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

I. PRINTING AND BINDING: Prices offered shall include the cost of all required materials and operations necessary (including proofs and stock/paper) for the complete printing and binding of the product listed in accordance with these specifications.

	<u>Makeready and/or Setup</u> (1)	<u>Running Per 1,000 Copies</u> (2)
<i>Magazine –</i>		
Printing in four-color process,		
including binding and aqueous coating.....	per page..... \$ _____	\$ _____

(Initials)

II. PACKING AND DISTRIBUTION: Prices must be all-inclusive, as applicable, and must include the cost of packing; kraft envelopes, cushioned shipping bags, shipping bundles, and shipping containers; pallets; all necessary wrapping and packing materials; addressing, labeling, and marking; NCOA address verification; and distribution, in accordance with these specifications.

1. *Bulk Shipments* –

Packing and sealing shipping containers per container\$ _____

2. *Mailed Shipments* –

(a) Addressing single copies
(self-mailers) per 1,000 copies\$ _____

(b) Multiple copies in kraft envelopes
(up to 200 leaves) per envelope\$ _____

(c) Quantities over 200 leaves, up to 12 pounds,
inserted into cushioned shipping bags
or wrapped in shipping bundles
(maximum gross weight 14 pounds) per bag or bundle\$ _____

(d) Quantities over 12 pounds, up to 36 pounds,
packed in shipping containers
(maximum gross weight 40 pounds) per container\$ _____

(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)

THIS SECTION FOR GPO USE ONLY

Certified by: _____ Date: _____ Contracting Officer: _____ Date: _____
(Initials) (Initials)
