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2 Running per 1,000 Copies	13.60			0.00 20.00					
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1 Makeready and/or Setup	0.20			0.00 12.00					
2 Running per 1,000 Copies  Covers: Printing Covers 1 and 4 or Covers 2 and 3 in a single ink color, including bindingper side	51.60	0.00	35.00	0.00 35.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	50.00	
1 Makeready and/or Setup	0.40	0.00	12.00	0.00 7.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
2 Running per 1,000 Copies	27.20			0.00 22.50					
Covers: Printing Covers 1 and 4 or Covers 2 and 3 in four color process, including binding (two stitches)per side									
1 Makeready and/or Setup	0.40			0.00 15.00					
2 Running per 1,000 Copies	103.20	0.00	70.00	0.00 47.50	0.00	240.00	0.00	50.00	
2 Saddle-Stitched Products:									
Text: Printing in a single ink color, including binding (two stitches)per page									
1 Makeready and/or Setup	0.20			0.00 6.00					
2 Running per 1,000 Copies	10.20	0.00	9.00	0.00 20.00	0.00	80.00	0.00	9.00	_
Text: Printing in four color process, including binding (two stitches)per page  1 Makeready and/or Setup	0.20	0.00	9.00	0.00 12.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
2 Running per 1,000 Copies	48.20			0.00 12.00					
Covers: Printing Covers 1 and 4 or Covers 2 and 3 in a single ink color, including binding (two stitches)per side	40.20	3.00		55.00	5.00		5.00	20.00	
1 Makeready and/or Setup	0.40			0.00 7.50		0.00			
2 Running per 1,000 Copies	20.40	0.00	18.00	0.00 22.50	0.00	95.00	0.00	12.00	
Covers: Printing Covers 1 and 4 or Covers 2 and 3 in four color process, including binding (two stitches)per side  1 Makeready and/or Setup	0.40	0.00	18.00	0.00 15.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
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3 Coil-Bound Products:									
Covers and/or Text: Printing in a single ink color, including bindingper printed page									
1 Makeready and/or Setup	0.20			0.00 6.00					
2 Running per 1,000 Copies  Covers and/or Text: Printing in four color process, including bindingper printed page	13.60	0.00	9.00	0.00 18.00	0.00	142.00	0.00	15.00	
1 Makeready and/or Setup	0.20	0.00	9.00	0.00 12.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
2 Running per 1,000 Copies	51.60			0.00 36.00					
4 Side-Stitched Products:						<b></b>			
Covers and/or Text: Printing in a single ink color, including bindingper printed page  1 Makeready and/or Setup	0.20	0.00	6.00	0.00 N/B	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
2 Running per 1,000 Copies	10.20			0.00 N/B	0.00				
Covers and/or Text: Printing in four color process, including bindingper printed page									
1 Makeready and/or Setup	0.20			0.00 N/B	0.00				
2 Running per 1,000 Copies	48.20	0.00	35.00	0.00 N/B	0.00	150.00	0.00	52.00	
5 One-Stitch (ULC) Products:									
Covers and/or Text: Printing in a single ink color, including bindingper printed page									
1 Makeready and/or Setup	0.20	0.00	6.00	0.00 2.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
2 Running per 1,000 Copies	10.20	0.00	9.00	0.00 45.00	0.00	85.00	0.00	13.00	
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6 Looseleaf Products:									
Covers and/or Text: Printing in a single ink color, including bindingper printed page						<del></del>			
1 Makeready and/or Setup 2 Running per 1,000 Copies	0.20			0.00 2.00 0.00 45.00					
Covers and/or Text: Printing in four color process, including bindingper printed page	10.20	0.00	3.00	0.00 45.00	0.00	00.00	0.00	12.00	
1 Makeready and/or Setup	0.20			0.00 3.00					
2 Running per 1,000 Copies	48.20	0.00	35.00	0.00 45.00	0.00	150.00	0.00	50.00	
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PAPER: White Uncoated Text (50-lb)per 1,000 leaves	7.56	0.00	13.36	0.00 15.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8.50	
Colored Uncoated Text (50-lb)per 1,000 leaves	11.77			0.00 15.00					
White High Quality Xerographic Copier, Laser Printer (24-lb)per 1,000 leaves	10.59	0.00	19.48	0.00 18.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.00	
White Index (90-lb)per 1,000 leaves	374.00			0.00 40.00					
Colored Index (90-lb)per 1,000 leaves	376.00			0.00 44.00					
White Index (110-lb)	379.00 397.00			0.00 50.00 0.00 55.00					
White Coated One-Side Cover (C1S) (10-pt.)per 1,000 leaves	460.00			0.00 55.00					
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Saddle-Stitching with an additional third stitchper 1,000 leaves	12 75.00			0.00 25.00			, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,		1
Drilling (maximum of 3 holes per run)per 1,000 leaves	2.30			0.00 87.50					
Perforatingper 1,000 leaves  Shrink-film wrappingper package	25.00			0.00 60.00 0.00 0.50					
	0.20	3.00	5.25	0.50	3.00	0.50	5.00	5.50	
CONTRACTOR TOTALS									
DISCOUNT	1.00%	\$0.00	1.00%	0 0.00%	0	1.00%	C	2.00%	

# U.S. GOVERNMENT PUBLISHING OFFICE San Antonio, Texas

## GENERAL TERMS, CONDITIONS, AND SPECIFICATIONS

For the Procurement of

## **Books and Pamphlets**

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

**DHA-J7** Education and Training

Multiple Award Contract

**TERM OF CONTRACT:** The term of this contract is for the period beginning Date of Award and ending April 30, 2021, plus up to four (4) optional 12-month extension period(s) that may be added in accordance with the "OPTION TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE CONTRACT" clause in SECTION 1 of this contract.

**BID OPENING:** Bids shall be opened at 11:00 a.m., prevailing Central Time (San Antonio, TX), on April 24, 2020, at the Government Publishing Office, San Antonio, TX. (Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this will NOT be a public bid opening.)

**BID SUBMISSION:** Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the physical office will NOT be open. Based on this, bidders must submit email bids to <a href="mailto:bidssanantonio@gpo.gov">bidssanantonio@gpo.gov</a> 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 11:00 a.m. on the bid opening date specified above will not be considered for award.

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

GPO has issued a new *Government Paper Specification Standards*, *No. 13*, dated September 2019. Prospective bidders should carefully read this publication as the applicable standards within become an integral part of this contract. The document is posted at <a href="https://www.gpo.gov/how-to-work-with-us/vendors/forms-and-standards">https://www.gpo.gov/how-to-work-with-us/vendors/forms-and-standards</a> along with a list of major revisions.

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 Robert Martinez at rmartinez@gpo.gov or (210) 675-1480, extension 32731.

#### 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) – <a href="https://www.gpo.gov/docs/default-source/forms-and-standards-files-for-vendors/contractterms2018.pdf">https://www.gpo.gov/docs/default-source/forms-and-standards-files-for-vendors/contractterms2018.pdf</a>.

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

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

**Product Quality Levels:** 

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

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>	Specified Standard
P-7. Type Quality and Uniformity	Electronic Media
P-8. Halftone Match (Single and Double Impression)	Electronic Media
P-9. Solid or Screen Tint Color Match	Pantone Matching System
P-10. Process Color Match	Electronic Media

Prior to award, contractor may be required to provide information related to specific equipment that will be used for production.

**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 Date of Award to April 30, 2021, and the second and any succeeding period(s) will extend for 12 months from the end of the last preceding period, except that the length of the final period may vary. The first day of the second and any succeeding period(s) will be the effective date of the economic price adjustment for that period.

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

The economic price adjustment will be the percentage difference between Index averages as specified in this paragraph. An index called the variable index will be calculated by averaging the monthly Indexes from the 12-month interval ending three (3) months prior to the beginning of the period being considered for adjustment. This average is then compared to the average of the monthly Indexes for the 12-month interval ending January 31, 2020, 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

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

**ASSIGNMENT OF JACKETS, PURCHASE AND PRINT ORDERS:** 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 Date of Award through April 30, 2021 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.

**QUANTITIES**: This contract is 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(s) 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(s), 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(s) within the time specified in the order, and the rights and obligations of the contractor(s) 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(s) 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, and pursuant to the section entitled "DETERMINATION OF AWARD AND PLACEMENT OF WORK," the low contractor and each successive low 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, except when the shipping/delivery schedule cannot be met.

## ADDITIONAL EMAILED BID SUBMISSION PROVISIONS:

The Government will not be responsible for any failure attributable to the transmission or receipt of the emailed bid including, but not limited to, the following –

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

**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: <a href="https://www.gpo.gov/how-to-work-with-us/agency/billing-and-payment">https://www.gpo.gov/how-to-work-with-us/agency/billing-and-payment</a>.

Contractor's billing invoice must be itemized in accordance with the items in the "SCHEDULE OF PRICES."

#### **SECTION 2. - SPECIFICATIONS**

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

TITLE: Books and Pamphlets.

**FREQUENCY OF ORDERS, QUANTITY, NUMBER OF PAGES, AND TRIM SIZES:** It is impossible to predetermine the number or frequency of orders which will be placed during the term of this contract.

The projected frequency of orders and quantities are based on historical data, projections, and trends and should not be construed as a guarantee of the volume of work that will be ordered through the term of this contract.

<u>Product</u>	No. of Orders Per Year	Approx. Quantity <u>Per Order</u>	Approx. Number of Pages	Trim Size
Perfect-Bound	210 to 220	20 to 1,000	60 to 1,000	8-1/2 x 11"
Saddle-Stitched	15 to 25	30 to 1,500	8 to 96	8-1/2 x 11"
Coil Bound	30 to 35	3 to 330	48 to 350	8-1/2 x 11"
Side-Stitched	40 to 45	55 to 70	60 to 275	8-1/2 x 11"
One Stitch (ULC)	30 to 35	60 to 200	20 to 140	8-1/2 x 11"
Looseleaf	55 to 65	40 to 200	60 to 580	8-1/2 x 11"

NOTE: Perfect-bound products will always have a separate cover; all other products will have a separate cover only when ordered. More than one type of product may be ordered on the same print order requiring the same schedule.

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

Storage Media: Contractor-hosted FTP; email.

Software: Adobe Acrobat (current or near current version); Microsoft Office 2013 or newer.

All platform system and software upgrades (for specified applications) which may

occur during the term of the contract must be supported by the contractor.

Fonts: Fonts will not be furnished. Contractor may assume that all fonts used are standard

fonts such as Courier, Arial, Times Roman, etc.

## Additional

Information: All files will be furnished in native application and/or PDF format. Occasionally, a

file may be furnished in JPEG, GIF, or PNG format.

Electronic Microsoft files from Presentations, Word Processing, or other non-

publishing applications will be furnished.

Electronic media will include all illustrations and graphics furnished in place.

Visuals of electronic files may be furnished.

Pantone Matching System and CMYK will be used for color identification.

GPO Form 952 (Desktop Publishing - Disk Information) will be furnished, as

needed.

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 the finished product.

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

The contractor must be able to accept files electronically via a contractor-hosted FTP server. Appropriate log-on instructions and protocol must be provided at time of award. The contractor must provide necessary security for the FTP, which at a minimum, must have a unique user ID and password. Third Party FTP clients, such as Dropbox and Hightail, are not acceptable.

**ELECTRONIC PREPRESS**: Prior to image processing, the contractor shall perform a basic check (preflight) of the furnished media and publishing files to assure correct output of the required reproduction image. Any errors, media damage, or data corruption that might interfere with proper file image processing must be reported to the contract administrator within 24 hours of receipt of the Government furnished material.

The contractor shall create or 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 150-line screen or finer.

The contractor will not receive additional compensation or time for common errors associated with the output of Microsoft Office files. Common errors include, but are not limited to: (a) color issues and shift (RGB color data, no spot colors, loss of black plate); (b) page integrity (text reflow); (c) missing prepress features (e.g., bleeds, trim marks); or, (d) loss of text characters from graphic elements.

If supplied by the Government, a visual will be considered the standard for output. The contractor must ensure that the page integrity (e.g., reflow) of final output matches the furnished visual. Additional system work may be required to produce acceptable output as per specifications.

Some orders will not have a visual furnished; only the digital file will be provided. If no visual is provided, the contractor is not responsible for common errors associated with the output of Office Graphics files such as loss of page integrity due to text reflow, missing prepress features, or loss of text characters from graphic elements. When a visual and an electronic file are furnished, the contractor must not use the visual as camera copy. All copies must be produced from the electronic file provided, unless otherwise specified.

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

Prior to making any revisions, the contractor shall copy the furnished files and make all changes from the copy unless otherwise indicated.

**PROOFS:** When ordered, one (1) Press Quality PDF soft proof (for content only) using the same Raster Image Processor (RIP) that will be used to produce the final printed product. PDF proof will be evaluated for text flow, image position, and color breaks. Proof will not be used for color match. Proofs must show crop marks.

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."

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

Government Paper Specification Standards No. 13 – <a href="https://www.gpo.gov/docs/default-source/forms-and-standards-files-for-vendors/vol\_13.pdf">https://www.gpo.gov/docs/default-source/forms-and-standards-files-for-vendors/vol\_13.pdf</a>.

All text paper used in each copy must be of a uniform shade. All cover paper must have the grain parallel to the spine.

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

Text:

White Uncoated Text, basis weight: 50 lbs. per 500 sheets, 25 x 38", equal to JCP Code A60.

Colored Uncoated Text, basis weight: 50 lbs. per 500 sheets, 25 x 38", equal to JCP Code A63.

White High Quality Xerographic Copier, Laser Printer, basis weight: 24 lbs. per 500 sheets, 17 x 22", equal to JCP Code O-61.

Cover:

White and Colored Index, basis weight: 90 and 110 lbs. per 500 sheets, 25-1/2 x 30-1/2", equal to JCP Code K10.

White Coated One-Side Cover (C1S), 10 pt., equal to JCP Code L70.

**PRINTING:** At contractor's option, the product may be produced via conventional offset or digital printing provided that Quality Level 3 standards are maintained. Final output must be a minimum of 150 line screen and at a minimum resolution of 2400 x 2400 dpi x 1 bit or 600 x 600 dpi x 8 bit depth technology. Digital device must have a RIP that provides an option for high quality color matching such as Device Links Technology and/or ICC Profiles.

*Text:* Print text pages print one side only or head-to-head in a single ink color or in four-color process. Match Pantone number indicated on print order.

Covers: Print covers in a single ink color or in four-color process. Match Pantone number indicated on print order. Cover 1 will always print. Covers 2, 3 and 4 may be blank. Spine will print when specified on the print order.

**MARGINS:** Margins will be as indicated on the print order or furnished electronic files. Text pages have adequate gripper margins. Covers 1 and 4 may bleed all sides. Balance of covers will have adequate gripper margins.

**BINDING:** Bind as indicated on the print order. Various binding styles will be ordered as follows:

*Perfect-Bound:* Perfect-bind text and wraparound cover; trim three sides. Score a stress relief hinge, front and back, approximately 1/4" from the bind edge.

Saddle-Stitched: Saddle-wire stitch in two places and trim three sides. Each product must contain complete 4-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.

NOTE: An occasional order (less than 10% of orders requiring saddle-stitching) may require a third stitch to be located between the two standard stitches (as specified on the print order).

Coil-Binding: Punch suitably and insert a suitably-sized black plastic coil. (NOTE: GBC or Wire-O binding is not acceptable).

Side-Stitched: Side-wire stitch in two places and trim three sides.

One stitch ULC: Trim four sides. Stitch with one wire stitch in the upper left corner (ULC).

Looseleaf: Trim four sides.

*Drilling:* When ordered, drill three round holes, 5/16" diameter, 4-1/4" center to center, centered on the 11" dimension, center of holes 3/8" from the left edge of the product, or as indicated on the print order.

*Perforation:* When ordered, perforate pages 1/2" from the bind edge along the entire 11" dimension for easy removal from the product. Perforated pages must withstand normal handling without separating.

Shrink-film Wrapping: When ordered, shrink-film wrap copies as specified on the print order.

**PACKING:** Pack suitable in shipping containers not to exceed 40 pounds when fully packed.

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 shipment.

**LABELING AND MARKING (Package and/or Container Label)**: Contractor to download GPO Form 905 (R. 7-15) – Labeling and Marking Specifications which can be located on GPO.gov, fill in appropriate blanks, and attach to shipping containers.

**INSPECTION SAMPLES:** When indicated on the print order or otherwise requested, contractor shall submit one (1) sample for inspection to: U.S. Government Publishing Office, San Antonio Satellite Office, 1531 Connally, Suite 2, Lackland AFB, TX 78136, Attn: Inspection samples.

These samples cannot be deducted from the total quantity ordered. The package or envelope containing the samples shall be identified by the GPO jacket number, program number, print order number, and title and include a facsimile of the print order on which they were ordered. The contractor will comply with the shipping schedule regardless of this requirement and will be notified of the test results only if there are deficiencies.

**DISTRIBUTION:** Deliver f.o.b. destination to one address at: JBSA Fort Sam Houston, TX, 78236.

Inside delivery is required. All deliveries must be made no later than 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

NOTE: Due to new admission requirements, sponsorship is now required for all non-DoD persons. Contractor must contact METC as least 24 hours prior to making a delivery. Contractor to call Administrative Services Department at (210) 808-3933/4639/3820, or email at <a href="mailto:osd.jbsa.metc.list.imd-administrative-services-owner@mail.mil">osd.jbsa.metc.list.imd-administrative-services-owner@mail.mil</a>. Contractor must provide the company's name, driver's full name, date of birth, driver's license state and number, delivery date, and order name and number(s). Failure to arrange delivery at least 24 hours in advance negates any payments required due to additional delivery attempts. Additionally, if proper notification is given, the contractor must document delivery attempts; the contractor will not be held liable for late deliveries due to scheduling difficulties.

Upon completion of each order, contractor must notify the ordering agency (on the same day the order delivers) via email to: <a href="mailto:osd.jbsa.metc.list.imd-administrative-services-owner@mail.mil">osd.jbsa.metc.list.imd-administrative-services-owner@mail.mil</a>. The subject line of the email shall be "Distribution Notice for 6712-M, Print Order XXXXXX, Jacket Number XXX-XXX." The notice must provide all applicable tracking numbers, delivery methods, and title of product. Contractor must be able to provide copies of all delivery receipts upon agency request.

All expenses incidental to the pickup and return of furnished materials (if applicable), submitting PDF soft proofs, and furnishing samples must be borne by the contractor.

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

Print orders and furnished material will be furnished via contractor-hosted FTP site or via email.

When ordered, PDF soft proof to be emailed to the ordering agency contact(s) as specified on the print order.

NOTE: Occasionally, orders will be issued that will require publications to be delivered at staggered delivery dates. The contractor is cautioned that, in between the specified staggered delivery dates, a document revision(s) may be required by the ordering agency. If this should be required, the contractor will be provided with a revised copy to be used for printing the remaining publications within the order.

No definite schedule for the 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.

- As specified on the print order, complete production and delivery must be made as follows:
  - (a) Approximately 35% of the orders will deliver within 3 to 4 workdays, as specified on the print order.
  - (b) Approximately 10% of the orders will deliver within 5 to 7 workdays, as specified on the print order.
  - (c) Approximately 55% of the orders will deliver 8 or more workdays, as specified on the print order.
- When required, 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.
- Typically, proofs will be withheld no more than one (1) workday from their receipt at the ordering agency until changes/corrections/"O.K. to Print" are provided via email, fax, or telephone. If a longer hold time is required, it will be specified on the print order.
- All proof time and transit time is included in the schedule as specified on the print order.

The ship/deliver date indicated on the print order is the date products ordered for delivery f.o.b. destination must be delivered to the destination specified.

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

For compliance reporting purposes, the contractor is to notify the U.S. Government Publishing Office of the date of shipment or delivery. Upon completion of each order, contractor must contact the GPO San Antonio Office via email at <a href="mailto:infosanantonio@gpo.gov">infosanantonio@gpo.gov</a>. Personnel receiving email will be unable to respond to questions of a technical nature or to transfer any inquiries.

## SECTION 3. - DETERMINATION OF AWARD AND PLACEMENT OF WORK

The Government will make multiple awards under this solicitation since it is anticipated that one firm may not be able to meet all of the requirements.

Each order will be individually abstracted to determine the lowest bid.

In placing work, the Government will first communicate with the low contractor to determine whether or not at that time one or more orders for specified quantities can be accepted for shipment within the time required by the Government. The Government will be obligated to place each order with the low contractor first, the next low contractor second, and so on until the order has been accepted. Placement of orders shall be made only to those contractors whose prices are determined to be fair and reasonable. The low contractor and each successive next low contractor shall be obligated to accept the order except when the shipping schedule cannot be met. Contractors refusing to accept orders with the requested ship date shall be required to provide the best date that can be met. When the contractor accepts, a formal print order will be issued.

Due to the urgency of the work, orders will be placed by email and the contractor must reply within 30 minutes whether or not the order can be accepted. (NOTE: The ordering agency will send to the email address provided in the contractor's bid papers. See "BIDDER'S NAME AND SIGNATURE" specified in SECTION 4.)

Any contractor's position in the sequence of awards may be jeopardized by consistently refusing work of one type and accepting work of another. When such an instance is found, the contractor involved will be notified and unless prompt adjustment in order acceptance is made to maintain the lowest cost to the Government, the contractor may be disqualified from further participation under this contract.

Exception: Noncompliance with the shipping and/or delivery schedule, or any other term, condition, or specification of this contract will be cause, and the GPO reserves the right, to withhold further orders until the contractor is judged by the Government to have established adequate procedures to fulfill the requirements.

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## **SECTION 4. - SCHEDULE. OF PRICES**

Bids offered are f.o.b. destination.

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 for which bids are submitted. Bids submitted with any obliteration, revision, or alteration of the order and manner of submitting bids may be declared nonresponsive.

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

An entry of NB (No Bid) must be entered if bidder does not intend to furnish certain items.

Bids submitted with NA (Not Applicable) or blank spaces for the individual items will be considered as an entry of NB for that particular item.

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.

Cost of all required paper must be charged under Item III., "PAPER."

Perfect-Bound and Saddle-Stitched Products: A charge will be allowed for each page, whether printed or blank. Unless otherwise specified, no more than three (3) blank pages shall be permitted at the end of the text.

Coil-Bound, Side-Stitched, ULC, and Looseleaf Products: A charge will be allowed for printed pages only.

Contractor's billing invoice must be itemized in accordance with the items in the "SCHEDULE OF PRICES."

I.	PREPRESS OPERATIONS:		
	(a) PDE proofs	ner trim_/nage_size unit	\$

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II.	PRINTING, BINDING, PACKING, AND DISTRIBUTION:	Prices	offered	shall include	the co	ost of all
	required materials and operations necessary for the printing, bindi	ing, pac	king, an	d distribution	of the	product
	listed in accordance with these specifications.					

Prices submitted for line items I.1.(c) and (d) must include the printing on the spine, when required.

Prices submitted for line items I.2.(a) through (d) are for standard two stitches. When ordered, the third stitch must be charged under line item IV.(a).

		Makeready and/or Setup (1)	Running Per 1,000 Copies (2)
1.	Perfect-Bound Products:		
	(a) Text: Printing in a single ink color, including bindingper page	\$	\$
	(b) Text: Printing in four-color process, including bindingper page	\$	\$
	(c) Covers: Printing Covers 1 and 4 or Covers 2 and 3 in a single ink color, including binding	\$	\$
	(d) Covers: Printing Covers 1 and 4 or Covers 2 and 3 in four-color process, including binding	\$	\$
2.	Saddle-Stitched Products:		
	(a) Text: Printing in a single ink color, including binding (two stitches)per page	\$	\$
	(b) Text: Printing in four-color process, including binding (two stitches)per page	\$	\$
	(c) Covers: Printing Covers 1 and 4 or Covers 2 and 3 in a single ink color, including binding (two stitches)	\$	\$
	(d) Covers: Printing Covers 1 and 4 or Covers 2 and 3 in four-color process, including binding (two stitches)	\$	\$

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		Makeready and/or Setup (1)	Running Per 1,000 Copies (2)
3.	Coil-Bound Products:		
	(a) Covers and/or Text:  Printing in a single ink color, including bindingper printed page	\$	\$
	(b) Covers and/or Text:  Printing in four-color process, including bindingper printed page	\$	\$
4.	Side-stitched Products:		
	(a) Covers and/or Text: Printing in a single ink color, including bindingper printed page	\$	\$
	(b) Covers and/or Text: Printing in four-color process, including bindingper printed page	\$	\$
5.	One-Stitch (ULC) Products:		
	(a) Covers and/or Text:  Printing in a single ink color, including bindingper printed page	\$	\$
	(b) Covers and/or Text:  Printing in four-color process, including bindingper printed page	\$	\$
6.	Looseleaf Products:		
	(a) Covers and/or Text: Printing in a single ink color, including bindingper printed page	\$	\$
	(b) Covers and/or Text: Printing in four-color process, including bindingper printed page	\$	\$
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**III. PAPER:** Payment for all paper supplied by the contractor under the terms of these specifications, as ordered on the individual print orders, will be based on the net number of leaves furnished for the product ordered. The cost of any paper required for makeready or running spoilage must be included in the prices offered.

		Per 1,000 Leaves
(;	a) White Uncoated Text (50-lb.)	\$
(1	b) Colored Uncoated Text (50-lb.)	\$
(0	c) White High Quality Xerographic Copier, Laser Printer (24-lb.)	\$
(0	d) White Index (90-lb.)	\$
(6	e) Colored Index (90-lb.)	\$
(1	f) White Index (110-lb.)	\$
()	g) Colored Index (110-lb.)	\$
(1	h) White Coated One-Side Cover (C1S) (10-pt.)	\$
IV. A	ADDITIONAL OPERATIONS:	
(a	a) Saddle-Stitching with an additional third stitchper 1,000 copies	\$
(1	b) Drilling (maximum of 3 holes per run) per 1,000 leaves	\$
	When drilling books or pamphlets with separate covers, each thickness of cover stock three leaves.	will be counted as
(0	e) Perforating	\$
(0	d) Shrink-film wrappingper package	\$

SHIPMENTS: Shipments will be made from: City	yState _	
The city(ies) indicated above will be used for contractor's city is specified. If no shipping point is the city and state shown below in the address blothat basis. If shipment is not made from evaluation shipping costs incurred.	is indicated above, it will be deemed the ock, and the bid will be evaluated and	at the bidder has selected the contract awarded on
<b>DISCOUNTS:</b> Discounts are offered for paymone. See Article 12 "Discounts" of Solicitations		
AMENDMENT(S): Bidder hereby acknowledges	amendment(s) number(ed)	
BID ACCEPTANCE PERIOD: In compliance within calendar days (60 calendar date for receipt of bids, to furnish the specified designated point(s), in exact accordance with specified may result in expiration of the bid prior to a	days unless a different period is inserted items at the price set opposite each cifications. NOTE: Failure to provide	d by the bidder) from the h item, delivered at the
BIDDER'S NAME AND SIGNATURE: Unless submitting a bid, agrees with and accepts responsi solicitation and GPO Contract Terms – Publication of all pages in "SECTION 4. – SCHEDULE OF electronic signatures will be accepted in accordance signatures must be verifiable of the person authoriblock below may result in the bid being declared in Bidder	bility for all certifications and represent a 310.2. When responding by email, fill PRICES," including initialing/signing with the Uniform Electronic Transactized by the company to sign bids. Fail	tations as required by the l out and return one copy where indicated. Validations Act, §2. Electronic
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