

Program:	408-S													
Term:	Date of Award to July 31, 2025													
Title:	Junior Ranger Badges													
			CUEST CORP.		G & C ADVENTURES LLC		LAZEREDGE LLC		PB MARKETING GROUP		STEAMER LANE DESIGN LLC		TERANIS & BOWS LLC	
		BASIS OF	Simi Valley, CA		Clermont, FL		Mount Airy, NC		West Palm Beach, FL		Santa Cruz, CA		Auburn, WA	
ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	AWARD	UNIT RATE	COST	UNIT RATE	COST	UNIT RATE	COST	UNIT RATE	COST	UNIT RATE	COST	UNIT RATE	COST
I.	PREPRESS OPERATIONS:													
(a)	System timework per hour	10	No Charge	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$1,000.00	\$40.00	\$400.00	\$50.00	\$500.00	No Charge	\$0.00	No Charge	\$0.00
(b)	Prior to production samples per order	5	No Charge	\$0.00	\$75.00	\$375.00	\$75.00	\$375.00	No Charge	\$0.00	No Charge	\$0.00	No Charge	\$0.00
II.	ENGRAVING, CONSTRUCTION, PACKING, AND DISTRIBUTION:													
(1)	Per 1,000 Badges.....	500	\$6,380.00	\$3,190,000.00	\$7,130.00	\$3,565,000.00	\$1,490.00	\$745,000.00	-----	-----	\$619.00	\$309,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$750,000.00
	CONTRACTOR TOTALS			-----		-----		\$745,775.00		-----		\$309,500.00		\$750,000.00
	DISCOUNT			-----		-----	0%	\$0.00		-----	0%	\$0.00	15%	\$112,500.00
	DISCOUNTED TOTALS			-----		-----		\$745,775.00		-----		\$309,500.00		\$637,500.00
												AWARDED		



August 6, 2024

This is Amendment No. 1. The specifications in our invitation for bids on Program 408-S, scheduled for opening at 11:00 a.m. on August, 12, 2024, are amended as follows:

1. Bid opening date remains the same.
2. The trim size for the height of the badge is revised. On Page 6 of 16, under “TRIM SIZES,” revise to: 1-3/4” wide x 2 to 2-1/4” tall (irregular shape; height is at the Government’s option).
3. On Page 8 of 16, under “ENGRAVING,” delete the statement: “NOTE: Badges are NOT to have a clear coating or stain.” Insert the following: “At contractor’s option, badges may contain a clear coating or stain.”
4. The packing requirements are revised. On Page 9 of 16, delete the requirements under “PACKING” in their entirety, and in their place, insert the following:

PACKING: Contractor to pack badges suitably in a neat and organized manner to avoid badges moving around in the shipping containers (e.g., packaging into smaller containers within the shipping container or banding badges into sets with rubber bands). NOTE: Plastic packaging, including plastic wrapping and plastic bags, is not allowed.

Shipping containers are not to exceed 30 pounds when fully packed. NOTE: Each specific park’s badges must be packed separately.

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 (e.g., chipping, breaking, cracking, pins broken or broken off) and the package will not open nor split during mailing or shipping.

All other specifications remain the same.

Amended bid or acknowledgement of amendment must be submitted using the method(s) specified in the solicitation for bid submission. Telephone or facsimile submission is not acceptable.



BIDDER MUST ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THIS AMENDMENT PRIOR TO BID OPENING. Failure to acknowledge receipt of amendment, by amendment number, prior to bid-opening time, may be reason for bid being declared nonresponsive.

Sincerely,

EDRIS L. RHINEHART
Contracting Officer



August 7, 2024

This is Amendment No. 2. The specifications in our invitation for bids on Program 408-S, scheduled for opening at 11:00 a.m. on August, 12, 2024, are amended as follows:

1. Bid opening date remains the same.
2. On page 8 of 16, under SUBSTRATE, delete the following: Light-Colored Plywood (similar to Maple or Birch), 5 mil thickness. Insert in its place: Light-Colored Plywood (similar to Maple or Birch), 5 mm thickness.

All other specifications remain the same.

Amended bid or acknowledgement of amendment must be submitted using the method(s) specified in the solicitation for bid submission. Telephone or facsimile submission is not acceptable.

BIDDER MUST ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THIS AMENDMENT PRIOR TO BID OPENING. Failure to acknowledge receipt of amendment, by amendment number, prior to bid-opening time, may be reason for bid being declared nonresponsive.

Sincerely,

EDRIS L. RHINEHART
Contracting Officer

U.S. GOVERNMENT PUBLISHING OFFICE
Washington, DC

GENERAL TERMS, CONDITIONS, AND SPECIFICATIONS

For the Procurement of

Junior Ranger Badges

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

Department of Interior (DOI)/National Park Service (NPS)
Washington Support Office (WASO IEV)

Single Award

CONTRACT TERM: The term of this contract is for the period beginning Date of Award and ending July 31, 2025, 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 August 12, 2024 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.*

THIS IS A NEW PROGRAM. THERE IS NO ABSTRACT AVAILABLE.

For information of a technical nature, contact Stacy Bindernagel at sbindernagel@gpo.gov or (202) 512-2103.

SECTION 1. – GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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

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

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

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

SUBCONTRACTING: No subcontracting allowed.

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

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

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Specified Standard</u>
P-7. Type Quality and Uniformity	O.K. Prior to Production Samples/ O.K. Proofs/Electronic Media/ Furnished Samples

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 July 31, 2025, 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 April 30, 2024, called the base index. The percentage change (plus or minus) of the variable index from the base index will be the economic price adjustment for the period being considered for adjustment.

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

DATA RIGHTS: All data/content and materials furnished and/or produced in the performance of this contract shall be the sole property of the Government. The contractor agrees not to assert rights or to establish any claim to such data/content/materials in whole or in part in any manner or form or to authorize others to do so, without prior written consent of the Contracting Officer.

PREAWARD SURVEY: In order to determine the responsibility of the contractor, the Government reserves the right to conduct an on-site preaward survey at the contractor’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 substrate supplier(s)

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.

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

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 July 31, 2025, 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.

WARRANTY: Contract Clause 15, "Warranty," of GPO Contract Terms (GPO Publication 310.2, effective December 1, 1987 (Rev. 01-18)) is amended for the solicitation to the effect that the warranty period is EXTENDED from 120 days to one (1) calendar year from the date the check is tendered as final payment. All other provisions remain the same.

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>.

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

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

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

SECTION 2. – SPECIFICATIONS

SCOPE: These specifications cover the production of wooden badges requiring such operations as electronic prepress, laser engraving, construction, packing, and distribution.

TITLE: Junior Ranger Badges.

FREQUENCY OF ORDERS: Approximately 10 to 50 orders per year.

QUANTITY: Approximately 1,000 to 10,000 badges per park per order.

NOTE: During the first two months of each contract year, an order may be issued for up to approximately 38 different National Parks. For the remainder of the orders, the majority of orders issued will be for one (1) park; however, up to 10 different parks may order badges on the same print order. (See “SCHEDULE” for more information.)

The Government reserves the right to increase or decrease by 25% the total number of badges ordered annually.

NUMBER OF SIDES: Face only.

TRIM SIZES: 1-3/4” wide x 2” tall (irregular shape).

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

Platform: Windows or Macintosh (current or near current versions).

Storage Media: Email or contractor-hosted FTP site.

Software: Adobe Suite (current or near current version).

NOTE: All software upgrades (for specified applications) which may occur during the term of the contract must be supported by the contractor.

Fonts: All printer and screen fonts will be furnished or embedded, as applicable.

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: A vector file for shape of the badge will be furnished.
Files for the custom artwork for the center of the badge for the different parks will be furnished as .ai, .eps, pdf, .png, or .jpg files.

Samples of previously produced badges may be furnished – to be used as a guide only.

Identification markings such as register marks, commercial identification marks of any kind, etc., carried in the electronic files, must not print on finished product.

EXHIBITS: The facsimiles of samples pages shown as Exhibit A is representative of the requirements which will be ordered under this contract. However, it cannot be guaranteed that future orders will correspond exactly to these exhibits.

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 their 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.

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

When required by the Government, the contractor shall make minor revisions to the electronic file. Contractor may be required to prepare furnished files (“clean up” edges of badge image, convert to vector file, etc.) for engraving.

It is anticipated that the Government will make all major revisions. Prior to making revisions, the contractor shall copy the furnished file and make all changes to the copy.

Upon completion of each order, the contractor must furnish final production native files (digital deliverables) with the furnished material. The digital deliverables must be an exact representation of the final product and shall be returned on the same type of storage media as was originally furnished. 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: A proof will be required for each National Park badge ordered on a print order.

One (1) press quality PDF soft proof (for content only) of the face of the badge 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.

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.”

PRIOR TO PRODUCTION SAMPLES (When Ordered): Prior to the commencement of the contract production quantity, the contractor shall submit not less than two (2) samples for each different National Park badge ordered on a print order. The container and accompanying documentation shall be marked “PREPRODUCTION SAMPLES” and shall include the GPO jacket, purchase order, program, and print order numbers.

All samples shall be engraved and constructed, as specified herein, and must be of the size, kind, and quality that the contractor will furnish. Samples will be inspected for conformance of materials and must comply with the specifications as to construction, kind, and quality of materials. All samples must be produced on the substrate required, as specified herein.

Contractor must submit samples to: NPS, Midwest Regional Office, Attn: Caitlin Campbell, 601 Riverfront Drive, Omaha, NE 68132.

Contractor must furnish samples within five (5) workdays of receipt of “O.K. to Print” on proofs.

The Government will approve, conditionally approve, or disapprove the samples within five (5) workdays of the receipt thereof. Approval or conditional approval shall not relieve the contractor from complying with the specifications and all other terms and conditions of the contract. A conditional approval shall state any further action required by the contractor. A notice of disapproval shall state the reasons therefore.

If the samples are disapproved by the Government, the Government, at its option, may require the contractor to submit additional samples for inspection and test, in the time and under the terms and conditions specified in the notice of rejection. Such additional samples shall be furnished, and necessary changes made, at no additional cost to the Government and with no extension in the shipping schedule. The Government will require the time specified above to inspect and test any additional samples required.

In the event the additional samples are disapproved by the Government, the contractor shall be deemed to have failed to make delivery within the meaning of the default clause in which event this contract shall be subject to termination for default, provided however, that the failure of the Government to terminate the contract for default in such event shall not relieve the contractor of the responsibility to deliver the contract quantities in accordance with the shipping schedule.

In the event the Government fails to approve, conditionally approve, or disapprove the samples within the time specified, the Contracting Officer shall automatically extend the shipping schedule in accordance with Contract Clause 12, "Notice of Compliance with Schedules," of GPO Contract Terms (GPO Publication 310.2, effective December 1, 1987 (Rev. 01-18)).

Manufacture of the final product prior to approval of the samples submitted is at the contractor's risk. Samples will not be returned to the contractor. All costs, including the costs of all samples, are to be charged in accordance with the applicable line item in the "SCHEDULE OF PRICES."

All samples shall be manufactured at the facilities and on the equipment in which the contract production quantities are to be manufactured.

SUBSTRATE: The specifications of the substrate furnished must be in accordance with those listed herein.

Substrate used in each order must be of a uniform shade.

Light-Colored Plywood (similar to Maple or Birch), 5 mil thickness. NOTE: Substrate must be child-safe.

ENGRAVING: Laser-engrave face of badge. Engraving consists of text and line matter and image/logo of the specific National Park (see Exhibit A). Text and image must be centered on the face of the badge and must be clear, crisp – not fuzzy or distorted.

NOTE: Badges are NOT to have a clear coating or stain.

MARGINS: Unless otherwise specified, margins will be as indicated on the print order or in the furnished electronic files.

CONSTRUCTION: See Exhibit A.

Laser-cut/die-cut outline of badge (irregular shape).

On the back of each badge, securely attach a 1" wide, locking bar (brooch-type) pin, centered left and right, located approximately 1/4" from top of badge to the top edge of the pin mount.

PACKING: Unless otherwise specified, pack suitably in boxes of 10 badges (no plastic wrapping or bags). Pack 10 boxes (total of 100 badges) suitably in shipping containers. NOTE: Each specific park's badges must be packed separately.

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 (e.g., chipping, breaking, cracking, pins broken or broken off) and the package will not open nor split during mailing or shipping.

LABELING AND MARKING:

If Shipped – 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.

If Mailed – Contractor to create and affix an address label to each shipping container. At contractor's option, addresses may be imaged directly onto each shipping container.

For All Shipments – If there is more than one shipping container per destination, containers are to be marked as to the number of containers in the shipment (e.g., 1 of 3, 2 of 3, 3 of 3).

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.

<u>Quantity Ordered</u>	<u>Number of 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 in accordance with the distribution for each print order.

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 copies were selected as directed using GPO Form 917-Certificate of Selection of Random Copies (located on 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 Program, Jacket and Print Order numbers, must be furnished with billing as evidence of mailing.

DISTRIBUTION: Mail/ship f.o.b. contractor's city to multiple addresses nationwide (including Alaska, Hawaii, and American Territories).

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

As specified on the print order, contractor may be required to mail/ship reimbursable or ship using a Government-furnished shipping account.

NOTE: Each specific park ordering badges on the same print order may require the mailing/shipping be done differently (i.e., reimbursable versus furnished shipping account). When furnishing a shipping account, each park ordering badges on the same print order will provide their own shipping account information. Contractor must mail or ship as specified as some parks may only be able to receive shipments by the USPS or by a third-party shipper.

All mailing and/or shipping must be via traceable means.

When specified - Contractor to mail/ship reimbursable. Contractor to mail or ship – whichever method is the most economical to the Government. (NOTE: A park may specify on the print order whether to ship by small package carrier or mail through U.S. Postal Service.)

If mailed, all required mailing must be made at the most economical class of mail to the Government. The contractor will be required to apply the appropriate postage to each mailing. Contractor will be reimbursed for all mailing costs upon submission of complete mailing receipts with billing invoice for payment.

If shipped, contractor will be reimbursed for all shipping costs upon receipt of shipping receipts with contractor's billing invoice.

When specified – Contractor to ship using a furnished shipping account (account information to be furnished with the print order).

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

Upon completion of each order, contractor must notify the ordering agency (on the same day the order mails/ships) via email to the address indicated on the print order. The subject line of the email shall be "Distribution Notice for Program 408-S, Print Order XXXXX, Jacket Number XXX-XXX." The notice must provide all applicable tracking numbers, mailing/shipping methods, and title of product. Contractor must be able to provide copies of all mailing/shipping receipts upon agency request.

Upon completion of each order, furnished sample badge(s) (if applicable) and five (5) badges of each National Park ordered on a print order must be delivered to: NPS, Midwest Regional Office, Attn: Caitlin Campbell, 601 Riverfront Drive, Omaha, NE 68132.

Upon completion of each order, the digital deliverable for each National Park badge is to be emailed to the park contact as specified on the print order.

All expenses incidental to picking up and returning furnished materials (if applicable), submitting PDF proofs and prior to production samples, and furnishing sample copies must be borne by the contractor.

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

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

PDF soft proofs are to be emailed to the ordering agency contact as specified on the print order.

No definite schedule for placement of orders can be predetermined; however, contractor must be able to accept print orders immediately upon award.

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.

NOTE: The following schedules are for the aggregate quantity on the print order, regardless of the number of different parks ordering on a print order.

- *For total quantities up to and including 10,000 badges* – Complete production and distribution must be made within 25 workdays of receipt of notification of the availability of print order and furnished materials.
- *For total quantities over 10,000 up to and including 50,000 badges* – Complete production and distribution must be made within 40 workdays of receipt of notification of the availability of print order and furnished materials.
- *For total quantities over 50,000 up to and including 100,000 badges* – Complete production and distribution must be made within 55 workdays of receipt of notification of the availability of print order and furnished materials.
- *For total quantities over 100,000 badges* – Complete production and distribution must be made within 70 workdays of receipt of notification of the availability of print order and furnished materials.
- 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 four (4) workdays from their receipt at the ordering agency until changes/corrections/"O.K. to Print" are provided via email. (NOTE: the first workday after receipt of proofs at the ordering agency is day one (1) of the hold time.)
- All proof and transit times are included in the above specified schedules.
- If prior to production samples are ordered, 10 additional workdays will be added to the schedule, as follows: Contractor must submit prior to production samples within five (5) workdays of receipt of "O.K. to Print" on proofs. The Government will approve, conditionally approve, or disapprove the samples within five (5) workdays of the receipt thereof.

The ship/deliver date indicated on the print order is the date products ordered for mailing/shipping f.o.b. contractor's city must be delivered to the postal service or picked up by small package carrier.

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

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

SECTION 3. – DETERMINATION OF AWARD

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

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

- I. (a) 10
- (b) 5

- II. 500

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SECTION 4. – SCHEDULE OF PRICES

Bids offered are f.o.b. contractor's city.

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 nonresponsive.

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 nonresponsive.

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.

Contractor's billing invoices must be charged in accordance with the line items in the "SCHEDULE OF PRICES."

I. PREPRESS OPERATIONS:

Electronic prepress operations which cannot be properly classified under any other item shall be charged as "System Timework." Any charge made under "System Timework" must be supported by a statement outlining in detail the operation for which payment is claimed. In case of dispute, the Contracting Officer reserves the right to be the final judge as to the operations and/or number of hours chargeable under Item I.(a).

(a) System timework.....per hour.....\$ _____

(b) Prior to production samples.....per order.....\$ _____

II. ENGRAVING, CONSTRUCTION, PACKING, AND DISTRIBUTION: Prices offered must be all inclusive and include the cost of materials and operations necessary (including proofs and substrate) for the engraving, construction, packing, and distribution of the product listed in accordance with these specifications.

Per 1,000 Badges\$ _____

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 agrees, 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. *NOTE: 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's 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) (Fax Number)

THIS SECTION FOR GPO USE ONLY

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



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