

PROGRAM:	550-S					
TITLE:	Ceremonial Printing					
AGENCY:	U.S. Marine Corps					
TERM:	April 1, 2017 thru March 31, 2018					
					CURRENT CONTRACTOR	
			ACCURATE WORD, LLC		ACCURATE WORD, LLC	
		BASIS OF	White Plains, MD		White Plains, MD	
		AWARD	UNIT RATE	COST	UNIT RATE	COST
I.	COMPLETE PRODUCT:					
	Ceremonial products printing in black ink only:					
(a)	Format A - (5-3/8 x 4-1/4" or 5-7/8 x 4-1/2") . . .per product					
(1)	MAKEREADY/SETUP-----	60	69.00	4,140.00	70.00	4,200.00
(2)	RUNNING/100 COPIES-----	120	10.00	1,200.00	8.75	1,050.00
(b)	Format B - (4-3/4 x 7-1/4") . . .per product					
(1)	MAKEREADY/SETUP-----	5	80.00	400.00	70.00	350.00
(2)	RUNNING/100 COPIES-----	10	10.00	100.00	10.00	100.00
II.	ADDITIONAL OPERATIONS:					
	Trimming furnished stock to finished trim size. . .					
	per 100 copies-----	10	5.00	50.00	1.00	10.00
III.	PREMIUM PAYMENTS:					
	Premium payments, when authorized, will apply to all items.					
	Percentage increase will be added to all orders requiring an accelerated schedule.					
	CONTRACTOR SUBTOTAL			\$5,890.00		\$5,710.00
	ACCELERATED SCHEDULE	20.00%		\$1,178.00		\$1,142.00
	PERCENTAGE INCREASE		50.00%	\$589.00	50.00%	\$571.00
	SUBTOTAL PLUS PERCENTAGE INCREASE			\$6,479.00		\$6,281.00
	DISCOUNT		1.00%	\$64.79	1.00%	\$62.81
	DISCOUNTED TOTAL			\$6,414.21		\$6,218.19
			(A W A R D E D)			

U.S. GOVERNMENT PUBLISHING OFFICE

Washington, DC

GENERAL TERMS, CONDITIONS, AND SPECIFICATIONS

For the Procurement of

Ceremonial Printing

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

U.S. Marine Corps

Single Award

TERM OF CONTRACT: The term of this contract is for the period beginning April 1, 2017 and ending March 31, 2018, 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 publicly opened at 11:00 a.m., prevailing Washington, DC time, on March 30, 2017.

BID SUBMISSION: Submit bid in pre-addressed envelope furnished with solicitation or send to: U.S. Government Publishing Office, Bid Section, Room C-848, Stop: PPSGB, 732 North Capitol Street, NW, Washington, DC 20401. Facsimile bids in response to this solicitation are permitted. Facsimile bids may be submitted directly to the GPO Bid Section, Fax No. (202) 512-1782. The program number and bid opening date must be specified with the bid. Refer to Facsimile Bids in Solicitation Provisions of GPO Contract Terms, GPO Publication 310.2, as revised June 2001. Hand delivered bids are to be taken to: GPO Bookstore, 710 North Capitol Street, NW, Washington, DC, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., prevailing Washington, DC time, Monday through Friday. Contractor is to follow the instructions in the bid submission/opening area. If further instruction or assistance is required, call (202) 512-0526.

PRODUCTION AREA: It is assumed that all production facilities used in the manufacture of the product(s) ordered under this contract will be located within a 60-mile radius of zero milestone of Washington, DC.

Any bidder intending to use production facilities outside this area should furnish information with the bid which will, on its face, demonstrate ability to meet the schedule requirements. The determination by the Government of the acceptability of this information in no way relieves the successful bidder of the responsibility for compliance with these schedule requirements.

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

Abstracts of contract prices are available at: <http://www.gpo.gov/gpo/abstracts/abstract.action?region=DC>.

For information of a technical nature, contact Linda Giacomo at lgiacomo@gpo.gov or (202) 512-0307.

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

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

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

DISPUTES: GPO Publication 310.2, GPO Contract Terms, Contract Clause 5. Disputes, is hereby replaced with the June 2008 clause found at www.gpo.gov/pdfs/vendors/contractdisputes.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. Proofs/Average Type Dimension/ Electronic Media

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 periodic pricing revision.

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 April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018, 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 December 31, 2016, 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.

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 April 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018, 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 fastest 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: <http://www.gpo.gov/finance/index.htm>.

SECTION 2. – SPECIFICATIONS

SCOPE: These specifications cover the production of over-printing ceremonial products (invitations and menu cards) requiring such operations as thermographic printing, trimming, packing, and distribution.

TITLE: Ceremonial Printing.

FREQUENCY OF ORDERS: Approximately 40 to 80 orders per year.

QUANTITY: Approximately 50 to 1,000 copies per order.

The majority of orders will require less than 500 copies per order.

An occasional order may exceed 1,000 copies requiring up to approximately 3,000 copies per order.

NUMBER OF PAGES: Single-leaf products.

TRIM SIZES:

Format A – 5-3/8 x 4-1/4” or 5-7/8 x 4-1/2”. (Approximately 90% of all orders placed.)

Format B – 4-3/4 x 7-1/4”. (Approximately 10% of all orders placed.)

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

Platform: Windows 2007 (or higher)

Storage Media: CD-ROM; DVD; Email

Software: Microsoft Word; Adobe Acrobat (current or near current versions)

All platform system and software upgrades (for specified applications) that may occur during the term of the contract must be supported by the contractor.

Fonts: All printer and screen fonts will be furnished/embedded.

The contractor is cautioned that furnished fonts are the property of the Government and/or its originator(s). 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 native application and/or PDF format(s).
Form 952 (Desktop Publishing – Disk Information) will be furnished.

Stock/paper for ceremonial products – invitations and menu cards.

One reproduction proof, Form 905 (R. 6/03), with labeling and marking specifications.

A supply of blue labels and selection certificates for shipping Departmental Random copies.

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.

PROOFS: One (1) Adobe Acrobat (most current version) PDF soft proof. PDF proof will be evaluated for text, image position, and color breaks. Proof will not be used for color match. Proof will be transferred to the agency via email.

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: Stock/paper for all required products will be furnished by the ordering agency and may be pre-printed in the top 1-1/4" of the product.

White Bristol Vellum Index – equivalent to 120 pounds. (Approximately 90% of all orders placed.)

White 100% Fine Writing, basis weight: 28 pounds per 500 sheets, 17 x 22". (Approximately 10% of all orders placed.)

PRINTING: Print one side only in black ink using virkotype/thermographic printing.

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

Top margin will begin at the base of the pre-printed area, as applicable.

Contractor must ensure text is completely centered on each product.

BINDING: An occasional order may require trimming the furnished stock to the finished trim size.

PACKING: Shrink-film wrap in units of 100 and pack suitably in shipping containers.

LABELING AND MARKING: Reproduce shipping container label from furnished repro, fill in appropriate blanks, and attach to shipping containers.

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 on GPO.gov. The random copies constitute a part of the total quantity ordered, and no additional charge will be allowed.

<u>Quantity</u> <u>Ordered</u>		<u>Number of</u> <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 downloaded from GPO.gov. The container and its contents shall be recorded separately on all shipping documents and sent to: CMC (ARDE), 3000 Marine Corps Pentagon, Room 2B253, Washington, DC 20350-3000.

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 Service, 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 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 GPO program, jacket, and print order numbers must be furnished with billing as evidence of mailing.

DISTRIBUTION: Deliver f.o.b. destination to: CMC (ARDE), 3000 Marine Corps Pentagon, Room 2B253, Washington, DC 20350-3000. Upon arrival, contractor may be required to call: (703) 614-2580 or (703) 614-4816. (Inside delivery to room number specified may be required.)

Upon completion of each order, contractor must notify the ordering agency (on the same day the order delivers) via email to the address indicated on the print order. The subject line of the email shall be “Distribution Notice for Program 550-S, Print Order XXXXX, Jacket Number XXX-XXX.” The notice must provide all applicable tracking numbers, delivery method, and title of publication. Contractor must be able to provide copies of all delivery receipts upon agency request.

Upon completion of each order, all furnished material (as applicable) must be returned with print order distribution to: CMC (ARDE), 3000 Marine Corps Pentagon, Room 2B253, Washington, DC 20350-3000.

Within 10 workdays of the completion of each order, contractor must provide one (1) copy of each billing invoice showing a breakdown of charges to: CMC (ARDE), 3000 Marine Corps Pentagon, Room 2B253, Washington, DC 20350-3000.

All expenses incidental to picking up and returning material (as applicable), submitting proofs, 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) must be picked up from and delivered to: CMC (ARDE), 3000 Marine Corps Pentagon, Room 2B253, Washington, DC 20350-3000. Upon arrival, contractor may be required to call: (703) 614-2580 or (703) 614-4816.

All required proofs must be emailed to the address specified on each print order.

No definite schedule for pickup of furnished material can be predetermined.

Regular Schedule –

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 two (2) or three (3) workdays of notification of availability of print order and furnished material – as specified on each print order.
- 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 24 hours from their receipt at the ordering agency until notification of corrections, changes, and/or “O.K. to Print” is provided via email.

Accelerated Schedule –

Approximately 20% of all orders placed will require an accelerated schedule.

The following schedule begins upon receipt of notification of the availability of print order and furnished material.

- Contractor must make complete production and distribution within 24 hours of receiving notification of availability of print order and furnished material.
- 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) hours from their receipt at the ordering agency until notification of corrections, changes, and/or "O.K. to Print" is provided via email.

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 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; via telephone at (202) 512-0520; or via facsimile at (202) 512-1364. Personnel receiving email, call, or facsimile 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.

PREMIUM PAYMENTS: Orders requiring an accelerated schedule will be paid for at the premium rate in accordance with the contractor’s offered percentage in the “SCHEDULE OF PRICES.”

All other orders will be placed with the regular schedule and paid for at the basic prices offered.

Percentages offered for premium priced work are additional to the basic prices offered for units of work.

Premium payments, when authorized, will apply to all items in the “SCHEDULE OF PRICES.”

Failure of the contractor to deliver work at the time specified will result in disallowance of premium payments that were anticipated and the contractor will not list such items on his billing invoice.

It is estimated that 20% of the orders placed on this contract will require an accelerated schedule. Premium payments for an accelerated schedule will be evaluated for award. Evaluation will be effected by applying the percentage increase offered for the accelerated schedule in the “SCHEDULE OF PRICES” (III. PREMIUM PAYMENTS) to 20% of the prices offered for all items.

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

	(1)	(2)
I.	(a) 60	120
	(b) 5	10
II.	10	

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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. 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) 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 100 will be prorated at the per-100 rate.

I. COMPLETE PRODUCT: Prices offered shall include the cost of all required materials and operations necessary (including proofs) for the complete production, packing, and distribution of the product listed in accordance with these specifications.

	<u>Makeready and/or Setup</u> (1)	<u>Running Per 100 Copies</u> (2)
Ceremonial products printing in black ink only:		
(a) <i>Format A</i> – (5-3/8 x 4-1/4" or 5-7/8 x 4-1/2").....	per product..... \$ _____	\$ _____
(b) <i>Format B</i> – (4-3/4 x 7-1/4").....	per product..... \$ _____	\$ _____

II. ADDITIONAL OPERATIONS:

Trimming furnished stock to finished trim size per 100 copies\$ _____

(Initials)

III. PREMIUM PAYMENTS: Premium payments, when authorized, will apply to all items. Percentage increase will be added to all orders requiring an accelerated schedule.

Percentage increase%

My production facilities are located within the assumed area of production yes _____ no _____

NOTICE: Bidders OUTSIDE the assumed production area specified on page one of these specifications should complete the following information.

1. Proposed carrier(s) for pickup of Government furnished material _____
 - a. Number of hours from acceptance of print order to pickup of Government furnished material..... _____
 - b. Number of hours from pickup of Government furnished material to delivery at contractor’s plant..... _____
2. Proposed carrier(s) for delivery of completed product _____
 - a. Number of hours from notification to carrier to pickup of completed product _____
 - b. Number of hours from pickup of completed product to delivery at destination _____

INSTRUCTIONS FOR BID SUBMISSION: Fill out “SECTION 4. – SCHEDULE OF PRICES,” initialing or signing each page in the space(s) provided. Submit two copies (original and one exact duplicate) of the “SCHEDULE OF PRICES” with two copies of the GPO Form 910 “BID” form. Do not enter bid prices on GPO Form 910; prices entered in the “SCHEDULE OF PRICES” will prevail.

Bidder _____

(City – State)

By _____

(Signature and title of person authorized to sign this bid)

(Person to be contacted)

(Telephone Number)