

U.S. GOVERNMENT PUBLISHING OFFICE
Washington, DC

GENERAL TERMS, CONDITIONS, AND SPECIFICATIONS

For the Procurement of

Notice of Inspection Inserts

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

Department of Homeland Security/
Transportation Security Administration

Single Award

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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 August 31, 2015, 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.

PAPER PRICE ADJUSTMENT: Paper prices charged under this contract will be adjusted in accordance with “Table 6 - Producer Price Indexes and Percent Changes for Commodity Groupings and Individual Items” in Producer Price Indexes report, published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), as follows:

1. BLS code 0913-01 for Offset and Text will apply to all paper required under this contract.
2. The applicable index figures for the month of November 2015, will establish the base index.
3. There shall be no price adjustment for the first three (3) production months of the contract.
4. Price adjustments may be monthly thereafter, but only if the index varies by an amount (plus or minus) exceeding 5% by comparing the base index to the index for that month which is two months prior to the month being considered for adjustment.
5. Beginning with order placement in the fourth month, index variances will be calculated in accordance with the following formula:

$$\frac{X - \text{base index}}{\text{base index}} \times 100 = \text{ ____ } \%$$

where X = the index for that month which is two months prior to the month being considered for adjustment.

6. The contract adjustment amount, if any, will be the percentage calculated in 5 above less 5%.

7. Adjustments under this clause will be applied to the contractor's bid price(s) for Item II., "PAPER" in the "SCHEDULE OF PRICES" and will be effective on the first day of any month for which prices are to be adjusted.

The Contracting Officer will give written notice to the contractor of any adjustments to be applied to invoices for orders placed during months affected by this clause.

In no event, however, will any price adjustment be made which would exceed the maximum permissible under any law in effect at the time of the adjustment. The adjustment, if any, shall not be based upon the actual change in cost to the contractor, but shall be computed as provided above.

The contractor warrants that the paper prices set forth in this contract do not include any allowance for any contingency to cover anticipated increased costs of paper to the extent such increases are covered by this price adjustment clause.

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 date of award to November 30, 2016, 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", for purposes of the contract, when it is either deposited in the U.S. Postal Service mail or otherwise 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.

SECTION 2. – SPECIFICATIONS

SCOPE: These specifications cover the production of bilingual English/Spanish inserts requiring such operations as electronic prepress, printing in four-color process, binding, packing, and distribution.

TITLE: Notice of Inspection Inserts.

FREQUENCY OF ORDERS: Approximately 1 to 3 orders per year.

QUANTITY: Approximately 18,000,000 to 25,000,000 copies per order.

NUMBER OF PAGES: Face and back.

TRIM SIZE: 3-11/16 x 8-1/2”.

GOVERNMENT TO FURNISH:

Electronic media will be furnished as follows –

Platform: Macintosh OSX.

Storage Media: CD-ROM.

Software: Adobe InDesign CS6.

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: All printer and screen fonts will be furnished.

Contractor is cautioned that furnished fonts are the property of the Government and/or its originator. All furnished fonts are to be eliminated from the contractor's archive immediately after completion of the contract.

Additional

Information: Files will be furnished in native application format.

CMYK will be used for color identification.

GPO Form 952 (Desktop Publishing – Disk Information) will be furnished.

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 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.

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.

The contractor shall create or alter any necessary trapping, set proper screen angles and screen frequency, and define file output selection for the imaging device being utilized. Furnished files must be imaged as necessary to meet the assigned quality level.

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.

Prior to making revisions, contractor shall copy the furnished files and make all changes to the copy.

Upon completion of each order, the contractor must furnish final production native application files with the furnished material. The digital deliverables must be an exact representation of the final printed product and shall be returned on the same type of storage media as was originally furnished. 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. NOTE: The Government will accept Adobe Acrobat Portable Document Format (PDF) files as digital deliverables when furnished by the Government.

PROOFS: One (1) Adobe Acrobat (most current version) PDF soft proof of the face and back of the insert. Proofs will be transferred to the agency via EFT. The PDF proof will be evaluated for text flow, image position and color breaks. Proofs will not be used for color match. Proofs must show all margins,

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.

Contractor must not print prior to the receipt of an "O.K. to Print."

STOCK/PAPER: The specifications of all paper furnished must be in accordance with those listed herein or listed for the corresponding JCP Code numbers in the "Government Paper Specification Standards No. 12" dated March 2011.

Government Paper Specification Standards No. 12 – http://www.gpo.gov/pdfs/customers/sfas/vol12/vol_12.pdf.

White Hi-bulk Offset (Return Mailer), basis weight: 70 lbs. per 500 sheets, 25 x 38", equal to JCP Code A95.

PRINTING: Print inserts face and back in four-color process. Printing consists of text and line matter, rule matter, and a fine detailed agency logo. Face of insert prints in English; back prints in Spanish.

NOTE: The Government reserves the right to make changes to the inserts at any time during the term of the contract. Therefore, stockpiling is at the contractor's risk. The Government shall not be required to purchase from the contractor the surplus/inventory of any inserts on hand in excess of what was ordered on a print order if a change is made.

MARGINS: Margins will be as indicated on the print order or furnished electronic media. No bleeds.

BINDING: Trim four sides.

PACKING: Pack 9,000 inserts per shipping container. Place full-sized corrugated board or chipboard vertically between stacks of inserts.

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 the delivery/shipping process.

Pallets are required. Stack 36 containers per pallet. Maximum height of packed pallet (including the pallet itself) must not exceed 50”.

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

Contractor must mark all containers with the job title; requisition, jacket, program, and print order numbers; quantity; and, number of containers per shipment (e.g., 1 of 3, 2 of 3, 3 of 3).

All containers must have a bar code. Contractor to create bar code marking to include container count, pallet count, and pallet sequence, using Uniform Symbology Specification – Code 39 (new standard) bar code system, for non-contact reading, in accordance with ANSI/AIM BCI-1995. The bar code must be positioned in accordance with the Fed. STD. 123.

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 execute a statement furnished by GPO certifying that copies were selected as directed. The random copies constitute a part of the total quantity ordered, and no additional charge will be allowed.

<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 Government-furnished blue label, affixed to each affected container. The container and its contents shall be recorded separately on all shipping documents and sent to: Pueblo Documents Distribution Center, Attn: Charles Manning, 3141 United Avenue, Pueblo, CO 81009.

A copy of the print order/specification and a signed Government-furnished certificate of selection must be included.

A copy of the Government-furnished certificate must accompany the invoice sent to the 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 execute a statement furnished by GPO certifying that copies were selected as directed. 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.

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 copy of the print order must be included.

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: Deliver f.o.b. destination to: Pueblo Documents Distribution Center, Attn: Charles Manning, 3141 United Avenue, Pueblo, CO 81009.

Delivery must be made by traceable means with a signature receipt.

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 610-S, Print Order XXXXX, 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.

Upon completion of each order, contractor must furnish 10 samples, all furnished material, and digital deliverables to: DHS/TSA-29, Attn: Thomas White, 601 South 12th Street, E5-345N, Arlington, VA 22202.

All expenses incidental to picking up and returning materials, 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 must be picked up from and returned to: DHS/TSA-29, Attn: Thomas White, 601 South 12th Street, E5-345N, Arlington, VA 22202.

PDF soft proofs must be emailed to the email address specified on the print order.

No definite schedule for pickup of material can be predetermined.

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

Contractor must complete production and distribution within 45 workdays.

- 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 five (5) workdays from their receipt at the ordering agency until corrections/changes/"O.K. to Print" is furnished (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 time is included in the 45-workday schedule.

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, contractors are to report information regarding each order with date of shipment or delivery, as applicable, in accordance with the contract requirements by contacting 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 the 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.

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

	(1)	(2)
I.	3	63,000
II.	63,000	

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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.

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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 invoice must be itemized in accordance with the line items in the “SCHEDULE OF PRICES.”**

Cost of all required paper must be charged under Item II. “PAPER.”

I. PRINTING, BINDING, PACKING, AND DISTRIBUTION: Prices offered shall include the cost of all required materials and operations (including proofs) necessary for the printing, binding, packing, and distribution of the product listed in accordance with these specifications.

	<u>Makeready and/or Setup</u> (1)	<u>Running Per 1,000 Copies</u> (2)
Per Insert	\$ _____	\$ _____

II. 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(s) ordered. The cost of any paper required for makeready or running spoilage must be included in the prices offered.

Computation of the net number of leaves will be based on the following:

Inserts – Each page-size leaf.

White Hi-bulk Offset (Return Mailer) (70-lb.) per 1,000 leaves\$ _____

(Initials)

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..... _____
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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)

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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 November 30, 2016, 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 August 31, 2015, 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.

PAPER PRICE ADJUSTMENT: Paper prices charged under this contract will be adjusted in accordance with “Table 6 - Producer Price Indexes and Percent Changes for Commodity Groupings and Individual Items” in Producer Price Indexes report, published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), as follows:

1. BLS code 0913-01 for *Offset and Text* will apply to all paper required under this contract.
2. The applicable index figures for the month of November 2015, will establish the base index.
3. There shall be no price adjustment for the first three (3) production months of the contract.
4. Price adjustments may be monthly thereafter, but only if the index varies by an amount (plus or minus) exceeding 5% by comparing the base index to the index for that month which is two months prior to the month being considered for adjustment.
5. Beginning with order placement in the fourth month, index variances will be calculated in accordance with the following formula:

$$\frac{X - \text{base index}}{\text{base index}} \times 100 = \text{ ______ } \%$$

where X = the index for that month which is two months prior to the month being considered for adjustment.

6. The contract adjustment amount, if any, will be the percentage calculated in 5 above less 5%.

7. Adjustments under this clause will be applied to the contractor's bid price(s) for Item II., "PAPER" in the "SCHEDULE OF PRICES" and will be effective on the first day of any month for which prices are to be adjusted.

The Contracting Officer will give written notice to the contractor of any adjustments to be applied to invoices for orders placed during months affected by this clause.

In no event, however, will any price adjustment be made which would exceed the maximum permissible under any law in effect at the time of the adjustment. The adjustment, if any, shall not be based upon the actual change in cost to the contractor, but shall be computed as provided above.

The contractor warrants that the paper prices set forth in this contract do not include any allowance for any contingency to cover anticipated increased costs of paper to the extent such increases are covered by this price adjustment clause.

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 date of award to November 30, 2016, 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", for purposes of the contract, when it is either deposited in the U.S. Postal Service mail or otherwise 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.

SECTION 2. – SPECIFICATIONS

SCOPE: These specifications cover the production of bilingual English/Spanish inserts requiring such operations as electronic prepress, printing in four-color process, binding, packing, and distribution.

TITLE: Notice of Inspection Inserts.

FREQUENCY OF ORDERS: Approximately 1 to 3 orders per year.

QUANTITY: Approximately 18,000,000 to 25,000,000 copies per order.

NUMBER OF PAGES: Face and back.

TRIM SIZE: 3-11/16 x 8-1/2”.

GOVERNMENT TO FURNISH:

Electronic media will be furnished as follows –

Platform: Macintosh OSX.

Storage Media: CD-ROM.

Software: Adobe InDesign CS6.

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: All printer and screen fonts will be furnished.

Contractor is cautioned that furnished fonts are the property of the Government and/or its originator. All furnished fonts are to be eliminated from the contractor's archive immediately after completion of the contract.

Additional

Information: Files will be furnished in native application format.

CMYK will be used for color identification.

GPO Form 952 (Desktop Publishing – Disk Information) will be furnished.

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 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.

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.

The contractor shall create or alter any necessary trapping, set proper screen angles and screen frequency, and define file output selection for the imaging device being utilized. Furnished files must be imaged as necessary to meet the assigned quality level.

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.

Prior to making revisions, contractor shall copy the furnished files and make all changes to the copy.

Upon completion of each order, the contractor must furnish final production native application files with the furnished material. The digital deliverables must be an exact representation of the final printed product and shall be returned on the same type of storage media as was originally furnished. 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. NOTE: The Government will accept Adobe Acrobat Portable Document Format (PDF) files as digital deliverables when furnished by the Government.

PROOFS: One (1) Adobe Acrobat (most current version) PDF soft proof of the face and back of the insert. Proofs will be transferred to the agency via EFT. The PDF proof will be evaluated for text flow, image position and color breaks. Proofs will not be used for color match. Proofs must show all margins,

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.

Contractor must not print prior to the receipt of an "O.K. to Print."

STOCK/PAPER: The specifications of all paper furnished must be in accordance with those listed herein or listed for the corresponding JCP Code numbers in the "Government Paper Specification Standards No. 12" dated March 2011.

Government Paper Specification Standards No. 12 – http://www.gpo.gov/pdfs/customers/sfas/vol12/vol_12.pdf.

White Hi-bulk Offset (Return Mailer), basis weight: 70 lbs. per 500 sheets, 25 x 38", equal to JCP Code A95.

PRINTING: Print inserts face and back in four-color process. Printing consists of text and line matter, rule matter, and a fine detailed agency logo. Face of insert prints in English; back prints in Spanish.

NOTE: The Government reserves the right to make changes to the inserts at any time during the term of the contract. Therefore, stockpiling is at the contractor's risk. The Government shall not be required to purchase from the contractor the surplus/inventory of any inserts on hand in excess of what was ordered on a print order if a change is made.

MARGINS: Margins will be as indicated on the print order or furnished electronic media. No bleeds.

BINDING: Trim four sides.

PACKING: Pack 9,000 inserts per shipping container. Place full-sized corrugated board or chipboard vertically between stacks of inserts.

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 the delivery/shipping process.

Pallets are required. Stack 36 containers per pallet. Maximum height of packed pallet (including the pallet itself) must not exceed 50”.

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

Contractor must mark all containers with the job title; requisition, jacket, program, and print order numbers; quantity; and, number of containers per shipment (e.g., 1 of 3, 2 of 3, 3 of 3).

All containers must have a bar code. Contractor to create bar code marking to include container count, pallet count, and pallet sequence, using Uniform Symbology Specification – Code 39 (new standard) bar code system, for non-contact reading, in accordance with ANSI/AIM BCI-1995. The bar code must be positioned in accordance with the Fed. STD. 123.

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 execute a statement furnished by GPO certifying that copies were selected as directed. The random copies constitute a part of the total quantity ordered, and no additional charge will be allowed.

<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 Government-furnished blue label, affixed to each affected container. The container and its contents shall be recorded separately on all shipping documents and sent to: Pueblo Documents Distribution Center, Attn: Charles Manning, 3141 United Avenue, Pueblo, CO 81009.

A copy of the print order/specification and a signed Government-furnished certificate of selection must be included.

A copy of the Government-furnished certificate must accompany the invoice sent to the 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 execute a statement furnished by GPO certifying that copies were selected as directed. 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.

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 copy of the print order must be included.

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: Deliver f.o.b. destination to: Pueblo Documents Distribution Center, Attn: Charles Manning, 3141 United Avenue, Pueblo, CO 81009.

Delivery must be made by traceable means with a signature receipt.

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 610-S, Print Order XXXXX, 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.

Upon completion of each order, contractor must furnish 10 samples, all furnished material, and digital deliverables to: DHS/TSA-29, Attn: Thomas White, 601 South 12th Street, E5-345N, Arlington, VA 22202.

All expenses incidental to picking up and returning materials, 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 must be picked up from and returned to: DHS/TSA-29, Attn: Thomas White, 601 South 12th Street, E5-345N, Arlington, VA 22202.

PDF soft proofs must be emailed to the email address specified on the print order.

No definite schedule for pickup of material can be predetermined.

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

Contractor must complete production and distribution within 45 workdays.

- 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 five (5) workdays from their receipt at the ordering agency until corrections/changes/"O.K. to Print" is furnished (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 time is included in the 45-workday schedule.

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, contractors are to report information regarding each order with date of shipment or delivery, as applicable, in accordance with the contract requirements by contacting 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 the 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.

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

	(1)	(2)
I.	3	63,000
II.	63,000	

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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 1,000 will be prorated at the per-1,000 rate. **Contractor’s billing invoice must be itemized in accordance with the line items in the “SCHEDULE OF PRICES.”**

Cost of all required paper must be charged under Item II. “PAPER.”

I. PRINTING, BINDING, PACKING, AND DISTRIBUTION: Prices offered shall include the cost of all required materials and operations (including proofs) necessary for the printing, binding, packing, and distribution of the product listed in accordance with these specifications.

	<u>Makeready and/or Setup</u> (1)	<u>Running Per 1,000 Copies</u> (2)
Per Insert	\$ _____	\$ _____

II. 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(s) ordered. The cost of any paper required for makeready or running spoilage must be included in the prices offered.

Computation of the net number of leaves will be based on the following:

Inserts – Each page-size leaf.

White Hi-bulk Offset (Return Mailer) (70-lb.) per 1,000 leaves\$ _____

(Initials)

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)