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I.	PREPRESS:							
(a)	Digital Color Content Proofs per trim/page-size unit	8	\$10.00	\$80.00	\$6.50	\$52.00	NC	\$0.0
(b)	System Timeworkper hour	2	\$60.00	\$120.00	NC	\$0.00	NC	\$0.0
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II.	PRINTING, BINDING, PACKING, AND DISTRIBUTION:							
(a)	Marginally Punched Forms (White Uncoated Text, 50-lb or White Writing, 20-lb)							
	Printing in black ink, including instructionper page							
1	Makeready and/or Setup	592	\$100.00	\$59,200.00	\$75.00	\$44,400.00	\$70.00	\$41,440.0
2	Running Per 1,000 Copies	2370	\$5.00	\$11,850.00	\$2.70	\$6,399.00	\$1.75	\$4,147.5
(b)	Marginally Punched Forms (with Carbonless Forms)							
1	2-Part Sets (CB, CF) Printing in black ink, including instructionper page							
	Makeready and/or Setup	84	\$100.00	\$8,400.00	\$75.00	\$6,300.00	\$70.00	\$5,880.00
	Running Per 1,000 Copies	168	\$5.00	\$840.00	\$2.50	\$420.00	\$1.50	\$252.00
2	3-Part Sets (CB, CFB, CF) Printing in black ink, including instruction per page							
	Makeready and/or Setup	84	\$100.00	\$8,400.00	\$75.00	\$6,300.00	\$70.00	\$5,880.0
	Running Per 1,000 Copies	168	\$5.00	\$840.00	\$2.50	\$420.00	\$1.50	\$252.00
	ADDITIONAL OPERATIONS:							
(a)	Printing on the backper 1,000 pages	168			\$0.50	\$84.00	\$0.25	\$42.0
(a) (b)	Shrink-film wrapping in units of 25 sets with chipboard per 1,000 pages	966	\$0.25	\$241.50	\$0.25	\$241.50	\$0.25	\$144.9
(c)	Shrink-film wrapping in units of 50 sets with chipboard per package	278	\$0.25	\$69.50	\$0.21	\$58.38	\$0.15	\$41.7
(d)	Shrink-film wrapping in units of 100 sets with chipboard per package	268	\$0.25	\$67.00	\$0.18	\$48.24	\$0.15	\$40.2
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IV	<b>PAPER:</b> per 1,000 leaves							
(a)	White Uncoated Text (50-lb)	168	\$10.00	\$1,680.00	\$10.50	\$1,764.00	\$8.75	\$1,470.0
(b)	White Writing (20-lb.)	1244	\$10.00	\$12,440.00	\$10.50	\$13,062.00	\$8.75	\$10,885.0
(c)	White Carbonless Bond, CFB (13-17-lb.)	168	\$20.00	\$3,360.00	\$21.25	\$3,570.00	\$14.00	\$2,352.0
(d)	White Carbonless Bond, CB (13-15-lb.)	168	\$17.00	\$2,856.00	\$18.50	\$3,108.00	\$12.50	\$2,100.0
(e)	White Carbonless Bond, CF (13-15-lb.)	168	\$12.50	\$2,100.00	\$15.00	\$2,520.00	\$11.00	\$1,848.0
	CONTRACTOR SUBTOTOALS (BEFORE PREMIUMS):					\$88,747.12		\$76,775.30
	PAPER:					\$24,024.00		\$18,655.0
	SUBTOTAL MINUS PAPER:					\$64,723.12		\$58,120.3
	ACCELERATED SCHEDULE:	10.00%				\$6,472.31		\$5,812.0
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	CONTRACTOR SUBTOTALS + PERCENTAGE INCREASE:				, ,	\$89,394.35		\$77,356.5
	DISCOUNT:		1.00%		2.00%	\$1,787.89	2.00%	\$1,547.1
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- 1. Change the bid opening date to August 31, 2021.
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And replace with:

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Sincerely,

JOCELYN GOODEN Contracting Officer

Jacelyn M. Mooden

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#### U.S. GOVERNMENT PUBLISHING OFFICE

### Washington, DC

#### GENERAL TERMS, CONDITIONS, AND SPECIFICATIONS

For the Procurement of

# **Multipart Forms**

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

Department of Homeland Security (DHS) U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS)

### Single Award

**TERM OF CONTRACT:** The term of this contract is for the period beginning the October 1, 2021, and ending September 30, 2022, plus up to four (4) optional 12-month extension periods that may be added by the "OPTION TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE CONTRACT" clause in SECTION 1 of this contract.

**BID OPENING:** Bid should be opened at 11: 00 a.m., prevailing Washington, DC Time, on August 26, 2021 at the Government Publishing Office, Washington, DC. (Due to the COVD-19 pandemic, this will NOT be a public bid opening.)

**BID SUBMISSION:** Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the physical office, Washington, DC, will NOT be open to the public. Based on this, bidders must submit email bids for this solicitation to: <a href="mailto:bidsapsdc@gpo.gov">bidsapsdc@gpo.gov</a>. No other method of bid submission will be accepted at this time. The program number and bid opening date must be specified in the subject line of the emailed bid submission.

Bids received after 11:00 a.m. on the bid opening date specified above will not be considered for award.

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

Abstracts of contract prices are available at <a href="https://www.gpo.gov/how-to-work-with-us/vendors/contract-pricing">https://www.gpo.gov/how-to-work-with-us/vendors/contract-pricing</a>.

For information of a technical nature, contact Cecilia Dominguez Castro on (202) 512-0307 or at cdominguezcastro@gpo.gov.

#### **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 Pub. 310.1, effective May 1979 (Rev. 09-19)).

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

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

**SUBCONTRACTING:** The predominant production functions will be printing and binding of the multipart forms. Any contractor who cannot perform the predominant production functions will be declared non-responsible.

**GPO IMPRINT REQUIREMENTS:** The GPO imprint requirement, GPO Contract Terms, Supplemental Specification, No. 9 is waived.

**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.
- (c) Exceptions:

Image position (single part and multipart): The tolerance for image displacement shall be plus or minus 1/32" from the specified position. Displacement shall be measured at its maximum point.

The tolerance for image skewness shall be plus or minus one (1) degree from the specified angle.

Any displacement of skewness exceeding the tolerance is a major defect. A single form may be assigned one major defect for image displacement and one major defect for image skewness.

Performance standards for continuous operation on printers, bursters, decollators and other specified equipment (performance standards are container-related requirements).

The following standard shall apply to containers of multiple-part forms. A container of forms has a defect if it has more than two stoppages due to any manufacturing deficiency.

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

- (a) Form-related attributes and other form-related requirements: General Inspection Level I.
- (b) Container-related requirements (e.g., breaks, splices, warning signals, performance tests) and destructive tests. Special Inspection Level S-3.

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Acceptable Quality Levels (AQL's):

(a) Form-related attributes and other form-related requirements: 1.0 critical defect per 100 forms and 6.5 total defects per 100 forms (total defects equal critical defects plus major defects). One form equals one unit of product.

(b) Container-related requirements: 2.5 performance defects per 100 containers. One container of forms equals one unit of product.

NOTE: Form-related defects shall be accumulated separately from container-related defects. A lot may be unacceptable for form-related defects, for container-related defects, or for both.

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

Attribute

**Specified Standard** 

P-7. Type Quality and Uniformity

O.K. Proofs/Average Type Dimension/ Electronic Media/Camera Copy

**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 added under this clause. Further extension may be negotiated under the "EXTENSION OF CONTRACT TERM" clause. See also "ECONOMIC PRICE ADJUSTMENT" for authorized pricing adjustments(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 October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022, 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 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 June 30, 2021, called the base index. The percentage change (plus or minus) of the variable index from the base index will be the economic price adjustment for the period being considered for adjustment.

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

**PREAWARD SURVEY:** In order to determine the responsibility of the prime contractor or any subcontractor, the Government reserves the right to conduct an on-site preaward survey at the contractor's/subcontractor's facility or to require other evidence of technical, production, managerial, financial, and similar abilities to perform, prior to the award of a contract. As part of the financial determination, the contractor in line for award may be required to provide one or more of the following financial documents:

- 1) Most recent profit and loss statement
- 2) Most recent balance sheet
- 3) Statement of cash flows
- 4) Current official bank statement
- 5) Current lines of credit (with amounts available)
- 6) Letter of commitment from paper supplier(s)
- 7) Letter of commitment from any subcontractor

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

**PREAWARD PRODUCTIONS PLANS:** The contractor shall present, in writing, to the Contracting Officer within five (5) workdays of being notified to do so by the Contracting Officer or his/her representative, detailed plans for the following activities. The workday after notification to submit will be the first day of the schedule.

THESE PROPOSED PLANS ARE SUBJECT TO REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY THE GOVERNMENT, AND AWARD WILL NOT BE MADE PRIOR TO APPROVAL OF THE SAME. THE GOVERNMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO WAIVE ANY OR ALL OF THESE PLANS.

Option Years: For each option year that may be exercised, the contractor will be required to re-submit, in writing, the above plans detailing any changes and/or revisions that may have occurred. The contractor should be prepared to submit these plans to GPO within five (5) workdays of notification of the option year being exercised.

If there are no changes/revisions, the contractor will be required to submit to the Contracting Officer a statement confirming that the current plans are still in effect.

Contingency Plans: The failure to deliver these forms in a timely manner would have an impact on the daily operations of the ordering agency. Therefore, if for any reason(s) (act of God, labor disagreements, national emergency, etc.) the contractor is unable to perform at said location for a period longer than five (5) workdays, the contractor must have a backup facility with the capability of producing the items required under this contract. The backup facility must be operated by the contractor and must be fully operational within five (5) calendar days of the actual incident.

These plans must include the location of the facility to be used and a timetable for the start of production at that facility. These plans must also include the transportation of Government materials from one facility to the other.

NOTE: All terms and conditions of this contract will apply to the backup facility.

**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 Government's option, this 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 October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022 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 the period specified herein. Delivery of items or performance of work shall be made only as authorized by orders issued under 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 above 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 because 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 delivery, the Government may procure this requirement from another source.

The Government may issue orders which provide for 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 under the "ORDERING" clause of this contract.

**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 before bid opening. GPO will use the prevailing time (specified as the local time zone) and the exact time that the email is received by GPO's email server as the official time stamp for bid receipt at the specified location.

**PAYMENT:** Submitting invoices for payment via the GPO fax gateway (if no samples are required) utilizing the GPO barcode coversheet program application is the most efficient method of receiving payment. Instruction for using this method can be found at the following web address: http://winapps.access.gpo.gov/fms/vouchers/barcode/instructions.html.

Invoices may also be mailed to: U.S. Government Publishing Office, Office of Financial Management, attn: Comptroller, Stop: FMCE, Washington, DC 20401.

For more information about the billing process refer to the General Information of the Office of Finance web page located at: <a href="https://www.gpo.gov/how-to-work-with-us/vendors/how-to-get-paid">https://www.gpo.gov/how-to-work-with-us/vendors/how-to-get-paid</a>.

All contractor billing invoices must be itemized under the line items in the "SCHEDULE OF PRICES."

#### **SECTION 2. – SPECIFICATIONS**

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

**TITLE:** Multipart Forms.

**FREQUENCY OF ORDERS:** Approximately 15 to 50 orders per year.

NOTE: Approximately 2 to 5 orders may be placed in the same week requiring the same schedule. The majority of orders placed will be for one (1) item. However, an occasional order may be placed where two (2) items will be ordered on the same print order requiring the same schedule.

**QUANTITY:** Approximately 1,000 to 50,000 copies per order. (NOTE: An occasional order may be placed for up to 500,000 copies.)

**NUMBER OF PAGES:** Approximately 5 to 84 pages per order.

**TRIM SIZE:** 8-1/2 x 11" for the pages/leaves/parts. (NOTE: Forms will have a 1/2", 5/8", or 1" binding stub.)

**NUMBER OF PARTS:** The term "Parts" as used herein is defined as one sheet/leaf of carbonless bond paper. Some forms may have 2 or 3 parts per form unit.

NOTE: Forms may consist of instruction pages and form pages/parts printing face only or face and back, all within the same form unit. Some forms units may contain multiple NCR forms each consisting of 2 or 3 parts within the same form unit.

**GOVERNMENT TO FURNISH:** Electronic media will be furnished on the majority of orders; however, occasionally, camera copy/reprint copy consisting of text and tabular matter to be reproduced same size may be furnished. When furnished, electronic media will be furnished as follows:

Storage Media: Email, CD-R.

Software: Adobe Acrobat, Microsoft Word, Adobe Illustrator, Adobe InDesign. All files will be

created in current versions or near current versions of the above-mentioned programs.

NOTE: All Government 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/embedded, as applicable.

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 and/or PDF format.

A visual of the forms will be furnished via email using PostScript. Visual will clearly

show color breaks.

Copies of the current forms being used (to be used as a guide) may be furnished.

Identification markings such as register marks, commercial identification marks of any kind, etc., carried in the electronic files or on furnished copy, 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 product(s) 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 individual listed 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 (digital deliverables) with the furnished material. The digital deliverables must be an exact representation of the final printed product and shall be returned on the same type of storage media as was originally furnished. 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 returned digital deliverable must be clearly labeled with Title, Jacket Number, Program Number 719-S and Print Order Number. The Government will accept PDF files as digital deliverables when furnished by the Government.

#### PROOFS:

For all orders, contractor must submit one "Press Quality" PDF soft proof (for content only) for all items ordered on the print order, 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.

When ordered, one (1) set of digital color content proof of the complete product. Direct to plate must be used to produce the final product with a minimum resolution of 2400 x 2400 dpi. Proofs must be created using the same Raster Image Processor (RIP) that will be used to produce the product. Proofs shall be collated with all elements in proper position (not pasted up), imaged face and back, trimmed, and folded to the finished size of the product, as applicable.

If any contractor's errors are serious enough in the opinion of the Government 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. 13" dated September 2019.

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

All text paper used in each order must be of a uniform shade.

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

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

White Writing, basis weight: 20 lbs. per 500 sheets, 17 x 22, equal to JCP Code D10.

Carbonless Bond, CFB, basis weight: 13-17 lbs. per 500 sheets, 17 x 22", equal to JCP Code O-80.

Carbonless Bond, CF, CB, basis weight: 13-15 lbs. per 500 sheets, 17 x 22", equal to JCP Code O-80.

All carbonless bond paper must be of sufficient density and graded sensitivity to ensure clear, legible copies on all parts when forms are filled in by typewriter or ballpoint pen. Entries made with ball point and felt tip pens shall be clear cut and free from excessive feathering. Carbonless paper must be extra intensive.

NOTE: Some forms may print on two different stocks within the same form unit.

The GPO imprint requirement is waived and must not print on final product.

**PRINTING:** Print face only or head-to-foot, as ordered, in black ink. Printing consists of text and tabular matter, screens, and barcodes. (Some forms print head-to-foot and face only within the same form unit.)

Some orders may require printing on the back of certain parts, but not all parts of the form.

Copy designations (part to part changes) may be ordered printed as part of the base form, at no additional cost to the Government.

NOTE: For forms that require carbonless paper, the printing on each part must be properly aligned so that the printing on each form part will register when the forms parts are gathered into sets. The forms on all parts must register within 1/32".

The Government reserves the right to make changes to the format/text of the items produced on this contract at any time during the term of the contract. Any stockpiling is at the contractor's own risk.

MARGINS: Maintain margins as indicated on the print order, furnished electronic file, or furnished copy.

### **BINDING AND CONSTRUCTION:**

Trims four sides.

When ordered -

- Pasting or gluing: Defined as attaching the sets by means of an adhesive applied in strips approximately 1/8" or more in width or by dots of adhesive approximately 3/16" in diameter and spaced approximately 1/2" to 1" apart.
- Forced gumming: Defined as attaching the sets by adhesive applied to the edge and penetrating between parts after the sets have been assembled.

Marginally punched binding stubs may be 1/2", 5/8", or 1", as ordered. Some binding stubs may have different sized marginally punched holes. Some binding stubs may not require any marginally punched holes.

An occasional order will require blocking out an area between two (2) or more parts to eliminate specific information from printing on various parts of a set.

All sets must provide sufficient strength to guarantee parts will remain together under normal handling and storage, but will permit ready separation without damage to the leaves/parts.

**PACKING:** When ordered, shrink-film wrap in units of 50 or 100 sets, as specified.

Each batch of forms will have an identifier page with the State Name and Batch Number.

The contractor is to pack suitable in shipping containers or as indicated on the print order. Unless otherwise specified, contractor must pack containers not to exceed 45 pounds when fully packed.

All shipments which fill less than a shipping container must be packaged with materials of sufficient strength and durability and in such a manner which will guarantee that the product will not be damaged and the package will not open nor split during the shipping/delivery process.

Pallets will be required.

NOTE: Deliveries to the Montclair, CA, and Williston, VT, addresses must be shipped on 48 x 40" four-way pallets. Shipping containers must be stacked so that the total height of the shipment (including the pallet) does not exceed 56".

#### **LABELING AND MARKING:**

See Attachments A and B.

Shipping Label Barcode Requirements: Contractor must include the form number (revision date), title, department, requisition number, GPO jacket number, print order number, quantity per package, and quantity per container. (See Attachment A and B.) A fillable file and sample will be provided after award.

Containers must be marked to indicate number of containers to a destination when more than one container is necessary for a single destination (i.e., 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 sublot. Do not choose copies from the same general area in each sublot. 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.

Quantity	Number of
<u>Ordered</u>	<u>Sublots</u>
500 - 3,2	100 50
3,201 - 10,0	000 80
10,001 - 35,0	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 the Montclair, CA, address or the Williston, VT, address, as specified on the 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 Service, for payment. Failure to furnish the certificate may result in delay in processing the invoice.

QUALITY ASSURANCE RANDOM COPIES: 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 sublot. 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:**

Ship/deliver f.o.b. destination approximately 75% of all copies ordered to one (1) address in Montclair, CA, and the balance to one (1) address in Williston, VT. (*Inside delivery is required.*)

An occasional order may require that all copies ordered be delivered to the Montclair, CA address, the Williston, VT address, or one address outside the two Forms Center locations, as specified on the print order.

Complete addresses and quantities will be furnished with the print orders.

For orders requiring shipments to an address other than Montclair, CA, or Williston, VT, contractor is to ship by traceable, most economical means to the Government unless otherwise instructed.

Contractor will be reimbursed for all shipping costs by submitting the shipping receipts with billing invoice for payment.

Upon completion of each order, all furnished materials (if applicable), and five (5) sample copies of each form ordered must be delivered to: DHS/USCIS/DMD/PMB, 5900 Capital Gateway Drive, Mailstop 2300, Camp Springs, MD 20588-0009, attn: Matt Gaines or Angela Owens.

Upon completion of each order, the contractor must notify the ordering agency (on the same day the order ships/delivers) via email to the address indicated on the print order. The subject line of the email shall be "Distribution Notice for Program 719-S, Print Order XXXXX, Jacket Number XXX-XXX." The notice must provide all applicable tracking numbers, shipping/delivery method, and title of the product. Contractor must be able to provide copies of all shipping/delivery receipts upon agency request.

All expenses incidental to picking up and returning furnished materials (if 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).

When applicable, print order and furnished materials must be picked up from and returned to: DHS/USCIS/DMD/PMB, 5900 Capital Gateway Drive, Mailstop 2300, Camp Springs, MD 20588-0009, attn: Matt Gaines or Angela Owens.

PDF soft proofs must be emailed to the ordering agency at the email address indicated on the print order.

When ordered, hard copy proofs must be delivered to and picked up from: DHS/USCIS/DMD/PMB, 5900 Capital Gateway Drive, Mailstop 2300, Camp Springs, MD 20588-0009, attn: Matt Gaines or Angela Owens. If applicable, electronic media and visuals must be returned with proofs.

No definite schedule for pickup of materials/placement of orders can be predetermined.

The following schedules begin the workday after receipt of the print order and furnished materials; the workday after receipt will be the first workday of the schedule.

# Regular Schedule:

- Contractor must complete production and distribution within 15 to 25 workdays from their receipt of the print order and furnished material as specified on the 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 two (2) workdays from their receipt at the ordering agency until they are made available for pickup (hard copy proofs) or until changes/corrections/"O.K. to Print. PDF soft proofs are provided via email. 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 schedule, as specified on the print order.

Accelerated Schedule: Approximately 10% of all orders issued will require an accelerated schedule.

- Contractor must complete production and distribution within 10 workdays of receipt of the 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 two (2) workdays from their receipt at the ordering agency until they are made available for pickup (hard copy proofs) or until changes/corrections/"O.K. to Print. PDF soft proofs are provided via email. The first workday after receipt of proofs at the ordering agency is day one (1) of the hold time.
- For orders requiring the accelerated schedule, the statement "Accelerated Schedule Authorized" MUST be specified on the print order for the contractor to receive the premium payment. If an order placed requiring the accelerated schedule does not have "Accelerated Schedule Authorized" specified on the print order, the contractor is to notify both the USCIS and the GPO immediately for further instruction.
- All proof and transit time is included in the 10 workday schedule.

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

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

For compliance reporting purposes, the contractor is to notify the U.S. Government Publishing Offices of the date of shipment or delivery. Upon completion of each order, contractor must contact the Shared Support Services

Compliance Section via email at <a href="mailto:compliance@gpo.gov">compliance@gpo.gov</a> or via telephone at (202) 512-0520. Personnel receiving email or call will be unable to respond to questions of a technical nature or to transfer any inquires.

#### **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 for the regular schedule and will be 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 for Accelerated Schedule orders, when authorized, will apply to all items except item IV., "PAPER" in the "SCHEDULE OF PRICES."

For orders placed with an accelerated schedule, 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 their billing invoice.

It is estimated that 10% of all orders placed on this contract will require an accelerated schedule. Premium payments for an accelerated schedule will be evaluated for award. Evaluation will be affected by applying the percentage increase, offered for the accelerated schedule in the "SCHEDULE OF PRICES" (Item V.), to 10% of the prices offered for all items, except Item IV., "PAPER."

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

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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), NA (Not Applicable), or blank spaces for an item may be declared non-responsive.

The Contracting Officer reserves the right to reject any offer that contains prices for individual items of production (whether or not such items are included in the "DETERMINATION OF AWARD") that are inconsistent or unrealistic in regard to other prices in the same offer or to GPO prices for the same operation if such action would be in the best interest of the Government.

All invoices submitted to the GPO shall be based on the most economical method of production.

Fractional parts of 1,000 will be prorated at the per-1,000 rate.

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 IV., "PAPER."

I.	<b>PREPRESS:</b> Prices offered shall include the cost of all required materials and operations, in accordance with these specifications.				
	(a) Digital Color Content Proofsper trim/page-size unit	\$			
	(b) System Timeworkper hour	\$			

Electronic prepress operations that 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.(b).

**II. PRINTING, BINDING, PACKING, AND DISTRIBUTION:** Prices offered must be all inclusive, as applicable and must include the cost of all required materials and operations necessary (including PDF soft proofs) for the printing, binding, packing, and distribution in accordance with these specifications.

NOTE: The cost of printing on back of carbonless parts for line items II.(b)1. and 2., as applicable, is to be charged under line Item III.(a).

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			Makeready and/or Setup (1)	Running Per 1,000 copies (2)
	(a)	Marginally Punched Forms (White Uncoated Text, 50-lb or White Writing, 20lb) Printing in black ink, including instructionper page	\$	\$
	(b)	Marginally Punched Forms (With Carbonless Forms)		
		2-part set (CB, CF)     Printing in black ink, including instructionper page	\$	\$
		2. 3-part set (CB, CFB, CF) Printing in black ink, including instructionper page	\$	\$
Ш		<b>DITIONAL OPERATIONS:</b> Prices offered must include the cost of a essary to produce the items listed below, in accordance with these speci	•	s and operations
	(a)	Printing on the back	. per 1,000 pages	\$
	(b)	Shrink-film wrapping in units of 50 or 100 sets	per package	\$
IV	on 1	<b>PER:</b> Payment for all paper supplied by the contractor under the terms the individual print order, will be based on the net number of leaves for cost of any paper required for makeready or running spoilage must be	irnished for the pro	duct(s) ordered.
	Cor	nputation of the net number of leaves will be based on the following:		
	For	ms - Each page-size leaf/part.		
			]	Per 1,000 leaves
	(a)	White Uncoated Text (50-lb)		\$
	(b)	White Writing (20-lb.)		\$
	(c)	White Carbonless Bond, CFB (13-17-lb.)		\$
	(d)	White Carbonless Bond, CB (13-15-lb.)		\$
	(e)	White Carbonless Bond, CF (13-15-lb.)		\$
V.		EMIUM PAYMENTS: Premium payments, when authorized, will app be added to all orders which require an Accelerated Schedule.	ly to all items. Perc	entage increase,
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# ATTACHMENT A

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