

U.S. GOVERNMENT PUBLISHING OFFICE

Government Publishing & Print Procurement

GENERAL TERMS, CONDITIONS, AND SPECIFICATIONS

For the Procurement of

Various Mailers

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

Small Business Administration (SBA)
Denver Finance Center

Single Award

TERM OF CONTRACT: The term of this contract is for the period beginning March 1, 2027 and ending February 28, 2028, plus up to four (4) optional 12-month extension period(s) that may be added in accordance with the “OPTION TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE CONTRACT” clause in SECTION 1 of this contract.

BID OPENING: Bids shall be virtually opened at 11:00 a.m., Eastern Time (ET), on November 17, 2026, at the Government Publishing Office. All parties interested in attending the bid opening shall email bids@gpo.gov one (1) hour prior to the bid opening date and time to request a Microsoft Teams live stream link. This must be a separate email from the bid submission. The link will be emailed prior to the bid opening.

BID SUBMISSION: Bidders must email bids to bids@gpo.gov for this solicitation. No other method of bid submission will be accepted at this time. The program number and bid opening date must be specified in the subject line of the emailed bid submission. *Bids received after the bid opening date and time specified above will not be considered for award.*

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

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

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SECTION 1. – GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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

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

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

SUBCONTRACTING: Subcontracting is allowed for the manufacturing of envelopes only.

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

Product Quality Levels:

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

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

- (a) Non-destructive Tests – General Inspection Level I.
- (b) Destructive Tests – Special Inspection Level S-2.

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

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Specified Standard</u>
P-7. Type Quality and Uniformity	Approved Prior to Production Samples/Average type dimension
P-9. Solid and Screen Tint Color Match	Approved Prior to Production Samples/Pantone Matching System

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

OPTION TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE CONTRACT: The Government has the option to extend the term of this contract for a period of 12 months by written notice to the contractor not later than 30 days before the contract expires. If the Government exercises this option, the extended contract shall be considered to include this clause, except, the total duration of the contract may not exceed five (5) years as a result of, and including, any extension(s) added under this clause. Further extension may be negotiated under the “EXTENSION OF CONTRACT TERM” clause. See also “ECONOMIC PRICE ADJUSTMENT” for authorized pricing adjustment(s).

EXTENSION OF CONTRACT TERM: At the request of the Government, the term of any contract resulting from this solicitation may be extended for such period of time as may be mutually agreeable to the GPO and the contractor.

ECONOMIC PRICE ADJUSTMENT: The pricing under this contract shall be adjusted in accordance with this clause, provided that in no event will any pricing adjustment be made that would exceed the maximum permissible under any law in effect at the time of the adjustment. There will be no adjustment for orders placed during the first period specified below. Pricing will thereafter be eligible for adjustment during the second and any succeeding performance period(s). For each performance period after the first, a percentage figure will be calculated as described below and that figure will be the economic price adjustment for that entire next period. Pricing adjustments under this clause are not applicable to reimbursable postage or transportation costs, or to paper, if paper prices are subject to adjustment by separate clause elsewhere in this contract.

For the purpose of this clause, performance under this contract will be divided into successive periods. The first period will extend from March 1, 2027 to February 28, 2028, 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 November 30, 2026, 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 9 - 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 February 2027 will establish the base index.
3. There shall be no price adjustment for the first three 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:

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

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 IV. "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.

SECURITY REQUIREMENTS: Protection of Confidential Information:

- (a) The contractor shall restrict access to all confidential information obtained from the ordering agency in the performance of this contract to those employees and officials who need it to perform the contract. Employees and officials who need access to confidential information for performance of the contract will be determined at the postaward conference between the Contracting Officer and the responsible contractor representative.
- (b) The contractor shall process all confidential information obtained from the ordering agency in the performance of this contract under the immediate supervision and control of authorized personnel and in a manner that will protect the confidentiality of the records in such a way that unauthorized persons cannot retrieve any such records.
- (c) The contractor shall inform all personnel with access to the confidential information obtained from the ordering agency in the performance of this contract of the confidential nature of the information and the safeguards required to protect this information from improper disclosure.
- (d) For knowingly disclosing information in violation of the Privacy Act, the contractor and the contractor employees may be subject to the criminal penalties as set forth in 5 U.S.C Section 552a (i)(1), which is made applicable to contractors by 5 U.S.C. 552a (m)(1) to the same extent as employees of the ordering agency.
- (e) The contractor shall assure that each contractor employee with access to confidential information knows the prescribed rules of conduct and that each contractor employee is aware that he/she may be subject to criminal penalties for violations of the Privacy Act.
- (f) All confidential information obtained from the ordering agency for use in the performance of this contract shall be stored, at all times, in an area that is physically safe from unauthorized access.
- (g) All such information shall be handled as confidential and may not be disclosed without the written permission of the ordering agency and/or the Contracting Officer.
- (h) The Government reserves the right to conduct on-site visits to review the contractor's documentation and in-house procedures for protection of confidential information.

SECURITY WARNING:

The items produced on this contract contain personally identifiable information (PII).

It is the contractor's responsibility to properly safeguard PII from loss, theft, or inadvertent disclosure and to immediately notify the Government of any loss/theft/disclosure of personally identifiable information.

Personally identifiable information is "information which can be used to distinguish or trace an individual's identity, such as their name, social security number, biometric records, etc., alone, or when combined with other personal or identifying information which is linked or linkable to a specific individual, such as date and place of birth, mother's maiden name, etc." (Ref.: OMB Memorandum 07-16.) Other specific examples of PII include, but are not limited to:

- (a) Personal identification numbers, such as Federal employee identification number, passport number, driver's license number, taxpayer identification number, or financial account or credit card number;
- (b) Address information, such as street address or personal email address; and,
- (c) Personal characteristics, including photographic image (especially of face or other distinguishing characteristic), fingerprints, handwriting, or other biometric image or template data (e.g., retina scans, voice signature, facial geometry).

The contractor shall not release or sell, to any person, any data received (including PII) from the Government under the contract; nor shall the contractor use the data/PII for any purpose other than that for which it was provided to the contractor under the terms of the contract.

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

Proper control and handling must be maintained at all times to prevent any information, data, or materials required to produce the products ordered under these specifications from falling into unauthorized hands.

Contractor is cautioned that no Government provided information shall be used for non-Government business. Specifically, no Government information shall be used for the benefit of a third party.

SECURITY PACKAGE:

Contractor Personnel Security Clearance – Unless otherwise specified, all contractor personnel that will be performing on this contract, or in any way, handling PII in conjunction with this contract, shall submit to the ordering agency one (1) fully completed Security Package. The Security Package currently consists of the following items and is subject to change:

- Travel to local USAccess Shared Center to complete fingerprinting.
- Optional Form (OF) 306 – Declaration for Federal Employment.
- Electronic Questionnaires for Investigations Processing (e-QIP): <https://www.opm.gov/investigations/e-qip-application/>.
- SBA Form 1228, Computer Access Clearance/Security Form.
- Statement of Work or Position Description
- Employee's Resume

SBA will complete the following for the Security Package –

- Sign the filled-in SBA Form 1228.
- Form 2, Requisition for Supplies/Services or Budget Code.
- Contractor e-QIP Checklist.

Except to the extent the SBA grants a contract employee a temporary security clearance, the contractor personnel's Security Package must receive a favorable security background clearance from the SBA's Office of Inspector General (OIG) prior to the personnel reporting to their assigned work site. If SBA receives an unsuitable report on any of contractor's employees (making a contractor employee(s) unsuitable or unfit to perform on this contract) after processing the Security Package, the contractor shall be advised that the individual cannot continue to work or be assigned to work under this contract. The contractor shall immediately remove any such individual from performing any work on this contract.

Temporary Security Clearance –

SBA shall have and exercise full and complete control over granting, denying, withholding, or terminating clearance for contractor personnel. The SBA's OIG may, as it deems appropriate, authorize and grant temporary clearance to contractor personnel at the request of the SBA. However, the granting of temporary clearance to any contractor personnel shall not be considered as assurance that full clearance will follow as a result or condition thereof, and the granting of either temporary or full clearance shall in no way prevent, preclude, or bar the withdrawal or termination of any such clearance by the SBA.

SBA shall pay the out-of-pocket cost for security clearances for contractor employees.

Contractor personnel assigned to work on an SBA site will be required to sign a Confidentiality Agreement. Contractor personnel may deal with sensitive, personal, and confidential information in the performance of their duties. Contractor personnel shall not discuss the information they obtain in the course of duty with other individuals (including SBA employees, other contractors, and the public).

For security reasons, work performed pursuant to this contract may not be subcontracted out to another contractor or third-party entity (see "SUBCONTRACTING" specified herein).

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(s)
- 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.

Additionally, the preaward survey will include a review of the contractor's backup facility, security control, and disposal of waste plans as required by this specification (see "PREAWARD PRODUCTION PLANS").

If the Government, during the preaward survey, concludes that the contractor does not or cannot meet all of the requirements as described in this contract, the contractor will be declared non-responsible.

PREAWARD PRODUCTION PLANS: As part of the preaward survey, 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 each of the below activities. If the Government requests additional information after review of the production plans, the contractor must submit updated plans within two (2) workdays of request.

Five (5) additional workdays will be permitted to provide the Security Package as required (see "SECURITY PACKAGE" specified herein). The prospective contractor, at SBA's discretion, may be granted three (3) additional workdays if additional information is required for the Security Package. The workday after notification to submit will be the first day of the schedule.

Option Years: For each option year that may be exercised, the contractor will be required to review their plans and re-submit in writing the below plans detailing any changes and/or revisions that may have occurred. The revised plans are subject to Government approval and must be submitted to the Contracting Officer or his/her representative within five (5) workdays of notification of the option year being exercised.

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

These proposed plans are subject to review and approval by the Government, and award will not be made prior to approval of same. The Government reserves the right to waive some or all of these plans.

Backup Facility – The failure to deliver these notices in a timely manner would have an impact on the daily operations of SBA. Therefore, if for any reason(s) (act of God, labor disagreements, national emergencies, pandemics, etc.), the contractor is unable to perform at said location for a period longer than 24 hours, the contractor must have a backup facility with the capability of producing the notices. The contractor must operate the backup facility.

NOTE: The backup facility must be in excess of a 50-mile radius of the prime facility.

These plans must include the location of the facility to be used, equipment available at the facility, security plans at the facility, and a timetable for the start of production at that facility.

Part of the plans must also include the transportation of Government materials from one facility to another. The contractor must produce items from a test file at the new facility for verification of software prior to producing notices at this facility.

NOTE: All terms and conditions of this contract will apply to the backup facility. Due to the time-sensitive nature of the notices produced on this contract, the contractor must maintain the original schedule set forth in this contract.

Security Control – The contractor shall maintain, in operation, an effective security system where items by these specifications containing PII are produced and/or stored (awaiting distribution or disposal) to assure against theft and/or the product falling into unauthorized hands.

The Government retains the right to conduct security reviews at any time during the term of the contract.

The Security Control plans shall provide in detail, at a minimum:

- How all accountable materials containing PII will be handled throughout all phases of production.
- How the disposal of waste materials containing PII will be handled (see “Disposal of Waste Materials” specified herein).
- How all applicable Government-mandated security/privacy/rules and regulations, as cited in this contract, shall be adhered to by the contractor and/or subcontractor(s) (if applicable).

Disposal of Waste Materials – The contractor is required to demonstrate how all waste materials used in the production of sensitive records containing PII will be definitively destroyed (i.e., burning, pulping, shredding, macerating, or other suitable similar means). Electronic records containing PII must be definitively destroyed in a manner that prevents reconstruction. *Definitively* destroying the records means the material cannot be reassembled and used in an inappropriate manner in violation of law and regulations. *Sensitive* records are records that are exempted from disclosure by statute, including the Privacy Act or regulation. Contractor required to show proof of disposal.

NOTE: Disposal of waste materials is a predominant production function and cannot be subcontracted.

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 Government Publishing Office, Washington, DC, immediately after award. At the Government’s option, the postaward conference may be held via teleconference. Person(s) that the contractor deems necessary for the successful implementation of the contract must be in attendance.

ASSIGNMENT OF JACKETS, PURCHASE, TASK, 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 daily task order for each job placed with the contractor. A print order will be issued bi-weekly and will indicate the quantity that was produced during the previous two weeks and any other information pertinent to the particular order.

ORDERING: Items to be furnished under the contract shall be ordered by the issuance of bi-weekly print orders supplemented by daily task orders by the Government. Orders may be issued under the contract from March 1, 2027 through February 28, 2028 plus for such additional period(s) as the contract is extended. All print orders and task 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 or task order.

Task orders will be “issued” daily for the purpose of the contract and shall detail the daily volume of notices required. A print order shall be “issued” for billing purposes, will be issued bi-weekly, and will cover all daily task orders issued during the previous two weeks. A task order or print order shall be issued upon notification by the Government for purposes of the contract when it is electronically transmitted or otherwise physically furnished to the contractor in conformance with the schedule.

REQUIREMENTS: This is a requirements contract for the items and for the period specified herein. Shipment/delivery of items or performance of work shall be made only as authorized by orders issued in accordance with the clause entitled “ORDERING.” The quantities of items specified herein are estimates only and are not purchased hereby. Except as may be otherwise provided in this contract, if the Government’s requirements for the items set forth herein do not result in orders in the amounts or quantities described as “estimated,” it shall not constitute the basis for an equitable price adjustment under this contract.

Except as otherwise provided in this contract, the Government shall order from the contractor all the items set forth which are required to be purchased by the Government activity identified on page 1.

The Government shall not be required to purchase from the contractor, requirements in excess of the limit on total orders under this contract, if any.

Orders issued during the effective period of this contract and not completed within that time shall be completed by the contractor within the time specified in the order, and the rights and obligations of the contractor and the Government respecting those orders shall be governed by the terms of this contract to the same extent as if completed during the effective period of this contract.

If shipment/delivery of any quantity of an item covered by the contract is required by reason of urgency prior to the earliest date that shipment/delivery may be specified under this contract, and if the contractor will not accept an order providing for the accelerated shipment/delivery, the Government may procure this requirement from another source.

The Government may issue orders which provide for shipment/delivery to or performance at multiple destinations.

Subject to any limitations elsewhere in this contract, the contractor shall furnish to the Government all items set forth herein which are called for by print orders issued in accordance with the "ORDERING" clause of this contract.

PRIVACY ACT NOTIFICATION: This procurement action requires the contractor to do one or more of the following: design, develop, or operate a system of records on individuals to accomplish an agency function in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, Public Law 93-579, December 31, 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a) and applicable agency regulations. Violation of the Act may involve the imposition of criminal penalties as stated in 5 U.S.C. 552a (i)(1) CRIMINAL PENALTIES. It is incumbent upon the contractor to inform its officers and employees of the penalties for improper disclosure imposed by the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. 552a, specifically, 5 U.S.C. 552a (i)(1) CRIMINAL PENALTIES and m(1) GOVERNMENT CONTRACTORS.

PRIVACY ACT

(a) The contractor agrees:

- (1) to comply with the Privacy Act of 1974 and the rules and regulations issued pursuant to the Act in the design, development, or operation of any system of records on individuals in order to accomplish an agency function when the contract specifically identifies (i) the system or systems of records and (ii) the work to be performed by the contractor in terms of any one or combination of the following: (A) design, (B) development, or (C) operation;
- (2) to include the solicitation notification contained in this contract in every solicitation and resulting subcontract and in every subcontract awarded without a solicitation when the statement of work in the proposed subcontract requires the design, development, or operation of a system of records on individuals to accomplish an agency function; and
- (3) to include this clause, including this paragraph (3), in all subcontracts awarded pursuant to this contract which require the design, development, or operation of such a system of records.

(b) In the event of violations of the Act, a civil action may be brought against the agency involved where the violation concerns the design, development, or operation of a system of records on individuals to accomplish an agency function, and criminal penalties may be imposed upon the officers or employees of the agency where the violation concerns the operation of a system of records on individuals to accomplish an agency function. For purposes of the Act when the contract is for the operation of a system of records on individuals to accomplish an agency function, the contractor and any employee of the contractor is considered to be an employee of the agency.

(c) The terms used in this clause have the following meanings:

- (1) "Operation of a system of records" means performance of any of the activities associated with maintaining the system of records including the collection, use, and dissemination of records.

- (2) “Record” means any item, collection or grouping of information about an individual that is maintained by an agency, including, but not limited to, his education, financial transactions, medical history, and criminal or employment history and that contains his name, or the identifying number, symbol, or other identifying particular assigned to the individual, such as a finger or voice print or a photograph.
- (3) “System of records” on individuals means a group of any records under the control of any agency from which information is retrieved by the name of the individual or by some identifying number, symbol, or other identifying particular assigned to the individual.

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

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

PAYMENT: Prior to submitting a billing invoice to GPO for payment, the contractor must submit an itemized billing invoice (along with all supporting documentation) to the ordering agency for verification, approval, and signature. After agency verification/approval, the contractor must submit the signed billing invoice and the print order to the U.S. Government Publishing Office. (Agency contact information to be provided after award.)

NOTE: Print orders for live production and distribution of mailers will be issued bi-weekly. Contractor can submit billing invoices on a bi-weekly basis. Contractor cannot submit a billing invoice prior to receiving the bi-weekly print order for the previous two weeks’ production.

Submitting invoices for payment via the GPO fax gateway (if no samples are required) utilizing the GPO barcode coversheet program application is the most efficient method of receiving payment. Instruction for using this method can be found at the following web address:

<http://winapps.access.gpo.gov/fms/vouchers/barcode/instructions.html>.

Invoices may also be mailed to: U.S. Government Publishing Office, Office of Financial Management, Attn: Comptroller, Stop: FMCE, Washington, DC 20401. For more information about the billing process, refer to the General Information of the Office of Finance web page located at: <https://www.gpo.gov/how-to-work-with-us/vendors/how-to-get-paid>.

Contractor’s billing invoice must be itemized in strict accordance with the items in the “SCHEDULE OF PRICES.”

SECTION 2. – SPECIFICATIONS

SCOPE: These specifications cover the production of various types of mailer packages consisting of notices, Courtesy Return Mail (CRM) envelopes, and mail-out envelopes requiring such operations as electronic prepress, printing, variable imaging, binding, construction, assembly, and distribution.

TITLE: Various Mailers.

OVERVIEW: The Small Business Administration was established to provide support and assistance to small businesses. The SBA Denver Finance Center has a need for print and mail services in support of its loan programs. This contract is for high-volume payment notifications to borrowers and lenders and yearly IRS reporting. Mailing addresses are on a nationwide basis (including U.S. Territories located in the Western Pacific Islands, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands). Mailings may include occasional communications to foreign locations.

During times of “declared” disasters (natural disaster, pandemic, national emergency, etc.), the volume of lending activity is unpredictable. Due to the high variability and unpredictability of lending activity resulting from declared disasters, the workload demands may vary widely.

There may be years with no declared disasters.

FREQUENCY OF ORDERS:

Task orders (e.g., an email) will be issued daily. Task orders may be issued separately from or with the daily transmission of files.

Print orders will be issued bi-weekly (every two weeks) and will indicate the total number of task orders placed and total number of mailers produced during the previous two weeks. The print order will also indicate any other information pertinent to the particular task orders.

A separate print order will be issued for the transmission test and for proofs and prior to production samples. **NOTE:** The transmission test, proofs, and prior to production samples may occur (using “dummy” data) while the security clearances/background checks are being completed.

Live production/distribution of mailers is anticipated to begin in mid-March/early April for the first contract year. Live production and distribution will begin March 1 for any option year exercised. ***NOTE: Contractor must have completed all setup/programming required prior to the transmission test and the start of live production.***

Below is an anticipated transmission schedule. Delays and changes to the schedule may occur. Contractor must be prepared to receive files 24/7/365.

- 1201 Notices to Borrowers: Daily transmissions.
- 1201 Late Notices: Daily or weekly transmissions (as needed).
- 1544 Notices (Messages): Daily transmissions.
- 1078 Notices: Monthly transmissions (files are not always transmitted on the same day each month).
- IRS Forms 1098, 1099-MISC, and 1099-C: Annual transmissions (January – files may or may not transmit on the same day).

NOTE: Unless specifically identified as an IRS Form, all specifications regarding notices will include the IRS Forms. The term “notice” may be used generically throughout these specifications and will cover both notices and forms.

QUANTITY:

The specified quantities in the daily task orders are estimates only and based on current and historical data. Exact quantities will be determined by the contractor from the furnished data. The Government reserves the right to increase or decrease by up to 25% the total number of mailers ordered annually.

<u>Mailer</u>	<u>Approximate Quantity</u>
1201 Notices to Borrowers	600,000 to 700,000 copies/month
1201 Late Notices	75,000 to 85,000 copies/month
1544 Notices (Messages)	70,000 to 80,000 copies/month
1078 Notices	1,500 to 2,500 copies/month
IRS Forms 1098	40,000 to 70,000 copies/year
IRS Forms 1099-MISC	30 to 100 copies/year
IRS Forms 1099-C	400 to 3,000 copies/year

For the purpose of this contract, the term “records” is referring to the number of individual mailers (or copies) required. Up to approximately 200,000 records may be issued per week (i.e., up to 200,000 total mailers may be ordered per week). However, only one file (containing all the records) will be issued per day.

There may be days on which no file (containing records) is furnished.

NOTE: For the 1201 Late Notices, the contractor must save each Late Notice as a PDF file to the contractor-hosted SFTP site at the same time of printing.

NUMBER OF PAGES:

Notices: One or two leaves (face only or face and back).

CRM Envelopes: Face and back (after construction).

Mail-out Envelopes: Face and back (after construction).

TRIM SIZES:

Notices: 8-1/2 x 11”.

CRM Envelopes: 3-7/8 x 8-7/8 (No. 9), plus flap.

Mail-out Envelopes: 4-1/8 x 9-1/2” (No. 10), plus flap.

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

Static Information (Notices, CRM Envelopes, and Mail-out Envelopes) –

Storage Media: Contractor-hosted Secure File Transfer Protocol (SFTP).

Software: Files furnished are created in Microsoft Word or Adobe Acrobat DC (current or near-current versions).

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

Fonts: Printer and screen fonts will NOT be furnished/embedded in the files (see “ELECTRONIC PREPRESS”).

Additional

Information: Files will be furnished in native application and/or PDF format.
All illustrations, line art, and graphics will be included in electronic files.

Variable Data (Notices): Daily transmissions are transmitted electronically via contractor-hosted SFTP. Transmissions will occur between 6:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., Eastern Time (ET). Agency will furnish a batch file (as a text file; see “EXHIBITS”) per day containing all the variable data for the printing of that notice (see “CONTRACTOR TO FURNISH”).

Distribution: ASCII data files will be transmitted electronically via contractor-hosted SFTP. Distribution files will be sent daily. Separate files with distribution records will be sent for each type of mailer.

Samples of each mailer will be furnished either via email or SFTP.

A pre-established payment matrix for the 1201 notices may be furnished as a Microsoft Excel file via contractor-hosted SFTP site prior to the start of each month’s agency billing cycle.

Identification markings such as register marks, commercial identification marks of any kind, etc., except GPO imprint, form number, and revision date, carried in the electronic files, must not print on finished product.

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

Exhibit A: Historical Data of Monthly Volumes (for the first (base) contract year only).

Exhibit B: 1201 Late/1544 Print Specifications

Exhibit C: 1098 Print Specifications

Exhibit D: 1099-MISC Print Specifications

Exhibit E: 1099-C Print Specifications

Exhibit F: 1201 Late Layout with Position Numbers

Exhibit G: 1078 Notice Layout

Exhibit H: 1098 Layout with Position Numbers

Exhibit I: 1099-MISC Layout with Position Numbers

Exhibit J: 1099-C Layout with Position Numbers

Exhibit K: CRM Envelope

Exhibit L: Mail-out Envelope

Exhibit M: IMb Reporting

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.

The contractor must be able to upload and accept files electronically via a contractor-hosted SFTP server. Appropriate log-on instructions and protocol must be provided at time of award. The contractor must provide necessary security for the SFTP, which at a minimum must have a unique user ID and password.

All files will be electronically transmitted to the contractor. Static data is to be sent once at the beginning of the contract and anytime a change is made. Variable data is to be sent with each daily/weekly transmission (See “Variable Data (Notices”). Any programming or other format changes that are needed due to the contractor’s method of production will be the full responsibility of the contractor and must be completed prior to the transmission test and the start of live production (anticipated in mid-March/early April). Any alteration of the notice content in the file is not permitted. The contractor must not merge file dates and mailers (if applicable) during processing, printing/imaging, and mailing.

PRODUCTION MEETINGS: A monthly meeting between SBA and the contractor will be held as needed to review and resolve any issues.

The contractor will be responsible for preparing a meeting agenda to be provided to SBA prior to each monthly meeting. The contractor will be responsible for taking meeting notes during the meeting to be provided to SBA after each monthly meeting.

The monthly meeting will be established and hosted by SBA. At the Government's option, the production meetings may be held via teleconference.

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

NOTE: At some point during the term of the contract, monthly meetings may no longer be needed.

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 individual 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. Contractor will be required to create all bleeds.

Fonts: Fonts will not be furnished or embedded in the furnished electronic files. The contractor is responsible for furnishing all fonts. Contractor to match fonts in the furnished electronic file.

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

TRANSMISSION TEST:

After award but prior to receiving transmission of live production data files, the contractor will be required to perform a transmission test. The Government will determine the date and time of the test. It is anticipated that this test will occur on a workday.

The contractor will be required to receive within one (1) workday up to approximately 100 records for the 1201 notices. These records (consisting of "dummy" data) will be sent concurrently, and the contractor will need to demonstrate their ability to receive them simultaneously. Files will be furnished via the contractor-hosted SFTP site. NOTE: The transmission test is for the notice only. Envelopes will not be required.

The contractor will be required to perform a record count verification within one (1) workday after the complete transmission of all test files.

The contractor will be required to copy the files to their own system and provide the Government with the exact counts received before proceeding with any other production.

The Government will provide verification within one (1) workday of receipt thereof.

PROOFS:

1201 Notices Only: *Proofs will be ordered once at the beginning of the contract and anytime there is a change in format/text to the notices.*

One (1) press quality Adobe Acrobat (most current version) PDF soft proof (for content only – showing all elements) 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.

The contractor will be required to furnish one (1) PDF soft proof (as specified above) for up to approximately 100 different records (names). The PDF soft proof will contain both static and variable data. The ordering agency will provide “dummy” variable data.

All IRS Forms Only (When Ordered): One (1) press quality Adobe Acrobat (most current version) PDF soft proof (for content only – showing all elements) 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.

The contractor will be required to furnish one (1) PDF soft proof (as specified above) for up to approximately 25 different records (names) for each IRS form (1098, 1099-MISC, and 1099-C) (for a total of up to approximately 75 PDF soft proofs). The PDF soft proof will contain both static and variable data. The ordering agency will provide “dummy” variable data.

If any contractor’s errors are serious enough in the opinion of the GPO to require revised proofs, the revised proofs are to be provided at no expense to the Government. No extra time can be allowed for this reproofing; such operations must be accomplished within the original production schedule allotted in the specifications.

The contractor must not print prior to receipt of an “O.K. to Print.”

PRIOR TO PRODUCTION SAMPLES (1201 Notices Only): Prior to production samples of the 1201 Notices will be ordered once at the beginning of the contract and anytime that a change is made to the notice.

Prior to the commencement of production of the contract production quantity of the 1201 Notices, the contractor shall submit not less than 50 total samples of the notice only (envelopes not required). The container and accompanying documentation shall be marked “PREPRODUCTION SAMPLES” and shall include the GPO jacket, purchase order, and program numbers.

The notices shall be printed and bound (including perforation) as specified and must be of the size, kind, and quality that the contractor will furnish. The ordering agency will provide “dummy” variable data. Samples must be printed on the required stock/paper as specified herein.

Notice samples will be tested on high-speed scanners.

Contractor to submit samples to the following address: SBA, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

NOTE: On same day of delivery of the prior to production samples, the contractor must furnish a PDF sample file of each of the samples via the contractor-hosted SFTP site.

Contractor must submit the samples within two (2) workdays of receipt of “O.K. to Print” on proofs.

The Government will approve, conditionally approve, or disapprove the samples within three (3) workdays of the receipt thereof. Approval or conditional approval shall not relieve the contractor from complying with the specifications and all other terms and conditions of the contract. A conditional approval shall state any further action required by the contractor. A notice of disapproval shall state the reasons therefore.

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

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

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

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

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 - https://www.gpo.gov/docs/default-source/forms-and-standards-files-for-vendors/vol_13.pdf.

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

Notices – White Uncoated Text, basis weight: 50 lbs. per 500 sheets, 25 x 38", equal to JCP Code A60; or, at contractor's option, White Writing, basis weight: 20 lbs. per 500 sheets, 17 x 22", equal to JCP Code D10.

CRM Envelopes – White Writing Envelope, basis weight: 24 lbs. per 500 sheets, 17 x 22", equal to JCP Code V20.

Mail-out Envelopes – White Writing Envelope, basis weight: 24 lbs. per 500 sheets, 17 x 22", equal to JCP Code V20.

PRINTING AND VARIABLE IMAGING: At contractor's option, product may be produced via conventional offset or digital printing provided that Quality Level IV standards are maintained. Final output must be a minimum of 150-line screen. NOTE: Contractor must produce the entire job either conventional offset or digital printing; split production methods are not acceptable without prior approval.

NOTE: All IRS forms (1098, 1099-MISC, and 1099-C) must be printed and imaged in accordance with IRS specifications which can be found at: www.irs.gov and IRS Publication No. 1179.

Notices – Print face only or face and back, head-to-head, as required, in black and or in an ink color other than black. Printing consists of text and line matter and agency logo. Variable image on the face or back, as required, in black. Variable imaging consists of text and line matter (e.g., name, address, OCR-B scanline/barcode, loan number, dollar amount, due date, last payment date, etc.). Match Pantone number as indicated in furnished file.

The variable addresses for Puerto Rico will be provided in Spanish and are to print in Spanish. However, the static text matter in the notices will be in English.

The scan line placement is specific and must be consistently placed on each notice to meet lockbox processing requirements. The contractor shall ensure scan line quality control (OCR-B required).

CRM Envelopes – Print face and back (after construction) in black ink only. Printing consists of text and line matter.

Face of envelopes to be in COURTESY REPLY FORMAT. Print Facing Identification Marks (FIM) and Intelligent Mail Barcodes (IMb) using the furnished files provided. Contractor is responsible for placing the FIM and IMb on the mailing piece according to the current U.S. Postal Service Domestic Mail Manual.

All CRM envelopes will have a mailing address for one of two different lockboxes that are assigned to each specific loan number (refer to furnished sample).

NOTE: Contractor is responsible for creating the IMb for the CRM envelopes.

Mail-out Envelopes – Print face and back (after construction) in black ink only. Printing consists of text and line matter.

Mail-out envelopes require a security tint (lining is acceptable) printed on the inside (back – before manufacture) in black ink. Contractor may use their own design but must guarantee that the product will ensure complete opacity and prevent show through of any material contained therein.

Printing on all envelopes shall be in accordance with the requirements for the style envelope ordered. All printing shall comply with all applicable U.S. Postal Service regulations. The envelope shall accept printing without feathering or penetrating to the reverse side.

CRM and Mail-out Envelopes - The Government reserves the right to make changes to the format/text of the envelopes at any time during the term of the contract. Notification of a proposed change will be given with sufficient time to the contractor to allow for the change. Therefore, the contractor should not preprint or maintain more than a 90-day surplus/inventory of either of the envelopes required on this contract (not to exceed 150,000 each). The Government shall not be required to purchase from the contractor the surplus/inventory of any envelope remaining on hand in excess of what was authorized when an envelope format/text change is implemented.

MARGINS: Unless otherwise indicated, margins will be as indicated on the furnished electronic media or furnished samples.

BINDING (Notices): Each leaf trims four sides.

Some notices will require a horizontal perforation (slit or slot, with or without ink) across the entire 8-1/2” dimension, approximately 3-5/8” from the bottom of the notice. The perforated stub is part of the notice itself and will be electronically transmitted with the furnished files. When a perforation is required, the fold must fold on the perforation (see “ASSEMBLY”).

CONSTRUCTION (Envelopes):

CRM Envelopes – Envelope must be open side, with gummed, fold-over flap for sealing and contain side seams. Flap depth is at the contractor's option but must meet all USPS requirements. Flap must be coated with suitable remoistenable glue that will securely seal the return envelope for mailing. Adhesive must not adhere to the contents of the envelope.

Mail-out Envelopes – Envelope must be open side, with gummed, fold-over flap for sealing and contain side seams. Flap depth is at the contractor's option but must meet USPS standards. Flap must be coated with a suitable remoistenable glue that will securely seal the envelope without adhering to contents, not permit resealing of the envelope, and permit easy opening by the recipient.

Face of envelope to contain one (1) die-cut, mailing address window (approximately 1-1/2 x 4-1/2" in size) with slightly rounded corners. Window is located approximately 7/8" from left edge of envelope and approximately 1/2" from bottom edge of envelope. NOTE: Size and location of mailing address window can be adjusted; however, the window must align with the location of the mailing address on the letter and only allow visibility of the mailing address on the letter through the mailing address window when folded and inserted into the mail-out envelope. Window is to be covered with a suitable transparent, low-gloss, poly-type material that must be clear of smudges, lines, and distortions. Poly-type material must be securely affixed to the inside of the envelope so as not to interfere with insertion of contents. Poly-type material must meet the current U.S. Postal Service's (USPS) readability standards/requirements.

ASSEMBLY:

All Mailers – Letter-fold the notice with mailing address out and insert into the mail-out envelope with recipient's name and address facing out for visibility through mail-out envelope window.

If required, insert the CRM envelope behind the folded notice.

It is the contractor's responsibility to assure that only the computer-generated address on the notice will be visible through the mailing address window in the mail-out envelope and that only one notice and one CRM envelope (as applicable) are inserted into each mail-out envelope.

Seal all mail-out envelopes.

DISTRIBUTION: Mail f.o.b. contractor's city each individual mailer to both domestic (nationwide, including Alaska, Hawaii, American Territories, and APO/FPO) and foreign addresses. Contractor is responsible for all costs associated with transporting the mailers to the USPS.

All mailing must be made at the First Class rate - *reimbursable*.

Contractor is to apply the appropriate postage to each mailer. Contractor will be reimbursed for all postage charges upon receipt of postal receipts/documentation with contractor's billing invoice. **NOTE: The cost of postage may be significantly greater than the cost to produce the products.**

Contractor is required to sort/process the mail pieces as necessary in order to obtain the maximum postage discount(s) allowed by the USPS, in accordance with the appropriate USPS rules and regulations, in effect at time of mailing.

Contractor shall use such services as Alternate Change Services (ACS) to reduce postage costs for returned mail when possible.

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

Coding Accuracy Support System (CASS) and Intelligent Mail Barcode (IMb) – Contractor is required to process the address files through CASS for address accuracy. If an address fails CASS, the contractor is required to correct the address prior to printing/imaging. An exception indicator may be included in the daily files sent to the contractor. An exception indicator will indicate that no change to a specific address is to be made after the file is processed against the CASS database. The contractor shall have the capability to insert address codes from CASS into a specified barcode format at the top of each address printed on the notices.

Contractor to provide the pre-CASS addresses (furnished files) along with their post-CASS addresses and the contractor-created IMb associated with each address. This information is to be provided in an Excel file via the contractor-hosted SFTP site. (Sample of file layout to be provided after award upon contractor's request.)

Within 30 calendar days of receipt of each file transmission, contractor must delete/scrub all data from their system. All expenses incidental to picking up and returning furnished material (if applicable), submitting proofs and prior to production samples, and furnishing sample copies must be borne by the contractor.

SCHEDULE: Adherence to this schedule must be maintained. Contractor must not start production of any job prior to receipt of the daily electronic task order or print order (GPO Form 2511), as applicable.

Print orders and task orders will be emailed. Furnished materials will be furnished via contractor-hosted SFTP or email.

When required, PDF soft proofs must be furnished via the contractor-hosted SFTP site.

Postaward conference to take place within five (5) workdays of notification of award.

No definite schedule for placement of orders can be predetermined.

Transmission Test Schedule –

- The contractor will be required to receive up to approximately 100 records for the 1201 notices within one (1) workday. (NOTE: These records will be sent simultaneously.)
- The contractor will be required to perform a record count verification within one (1) workday of receipt of complete transmission of all notice test files and furnish the Government with the exact counts.
- The Government will provide verification within one (1) workday of receipt thereof.

Proof and Prior to Production Sample Schedule (1201 Notices Only) –

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.

- When ordered, contractor must submit proofs within two (2) workdays of receipt of notification of the availability of print order and furnished material.
- Proofs will be withheld no more than three (3) workdays from their receipt at the ordering agency until changes/corrections/"O.K. to Print" are furnished via email. (The first workday after receipt of proofs at the ordering agency is day one of the hold time.)
- When ordered, contractor must submit the prior to production samples within two (2) workdays of receipt of "O.K. to Print" on proofs.
- The Government will approve, conditionally approve, or disapprove the samples within three (3) workdays of the receipt thereof.

Production Schedule –

Workday – The term “workday” is defined as Monday through Friday each week, exclusive of the days on which Federal Government holidays are observed. Also excluded are those days on which the Government Publishing Office is not open for the transaction of business, such days of national mourning, hazardous weather, etc.

Federal Government Holidays are as follows: New Year’s Day, Martin Luther King Jr.’s Birthday, Presidents’ Day, Memorial Day, Juneteenth Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.

For all mailer types, the ordering agency will issue daily task orders and bi-weekly print orders for all file transmissions/production during the previous two weeks. Transmissions will occur between 6:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. ET, each calendar day. If not received by 6:00 a.m., contractor to notify the Denver Finance Center immediately (contact information to be provided after award).

The following schedules begin upon receipt of file transmission.

If proofs are not required –

- *Up to and including 50,000 Mailers Per Day* – Complete production and mailing must be made within one (1) workday (by close of business) of receipt of complete transmission of files.
- *Over 50,000 Mailers Per Day* – Complete production and mailing must be made within two (2) workdays (by close of business) of receipt of complete transmission of files.

If proofs are required –

- Contractor must submit proofs within one (1) workday of receipt of complete transmission of files.
- Proofs will be withheld no more than three (3) workdays from their receipt at the ordering agency until changes/corrections/“O.K. to Print” are furnished via email. (The first workday after receipt of proofs at the ordering agency is day one of the hold time.)
- *Up to and including 50,000 Mailers Per Day* – Complete production and mailing must be made within one (1) workday (by close of business) of receipt of “O.K. to Print” on proofs.
- *Over 50,000 Mailers Per Day* – Complete production and mailing must be made within two (2) workdays (by close of business) of receipt of “O.K. to Print” on proofs.

The ship/deliver date indicated on the task order/print order (as applicable) is the date products ordered for mailing f.o.b. contractor’s city must be delivered to the U.S. Postal Service.

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

For compliance reporting purposes, the contractor is to notify the U.S. Government Publishing Office of the date of shipment or delivery. Upon completion of each order, contractor must contact the Shared Support Services Compliance Section via email at compliance@gpo.gov 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 inquiries.

REPORTS:

The contractor shall electronically report the status of mailings on a daily basis to confirm the type of file and the mailer count. These notifications shall be provided by the contractor (via email) to the SBA as verification. (Contact information to be provided after award.)

Reports shall contain the following information, at a minimum:

- *1201 Notices – Processing Summary Report:* This report shall reflect the file batch number, date, and total record count.
- *1201 Late Notices:* This report shall reflect the file batch number, date, and total record count. There are two types of notices printed and mailed weekly.
- *1544 Notices (Messages) – Processing Summary Report:* This report shall reflect the file batch number, date, and total record count.
- *1078 Notices:* This report shall reflect the file batch number, date, and total number of records mailed. This file is sent during one week of each month.
- *Year-End IRS Reporting:* The volume for each reporting type (Forms 1098, 1099-MISC, and 1099-C) provides SBA with the total count of each type of form mailed. When ordered, SBA and the contractor will be in daily contact during the period the data is downloaded, proofed, and mailed. These files are sent to borrowers in January of each calendar year.

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.”

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| I. | 1 |
| | |
| II. (a) | 175 |
| (b) | 1 |
| | |
| III. (a) | 128 |
| (b) | 22,926 |
| (c) | 10,289 |
| (d) | 10,404 |
| | |
| IV. (a) | 11,463 |
| (b) | 10,289 |
| (c) | 10,404 |
| | |
| V. | 9,183 |
| | |
| VI. | 10,404 |

SECTION 4. – SCHEDULE OF PRICES

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

Prices must include the cost of all required materials and operations for each item listed in accordance with these specifications.

Bidder must make an entry in each of the spaces provided. Bids submitted with any obliteration, revision, or alteration of the order and manner of submitting bids may be declared nonresponsive.

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

Bids submitted with NB (No Bid), NA (Not Applicable), or blank spaces for an item may be declared nonresponsive.

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

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

Fractional parts of 1,000 will be prorated at the per-1,000 rate (e.g., if the ordered quantity is for 5,500 copies, the contractor will charge for 5,500 divided by 1,000, and the resulting 5.5 will be multiplied by the contractor's bid price, for each applicable line item).

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

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

I. TRANSMISSION TEST:

Transmission test per test.....\$ _____

II. PROOFS AND PRIOR TO PRODUCTION SAMPLES:

(a) PDF soft proofs per proof.....\$ _____

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

(Initials)

III. PRINTING, IMAGING, BINDING, AND CONSTRUCTION: Prices offered must include the cost of all materials and operations (excluding paper) necessary for the printing, variable imaging, binding, and construction of the products listed in accordance with these specifications.

(a) *Daily makeready/setup charge\$ _____

*Contractor will be allowed only one (1) makeready/setup charge per workday. This combined charge shall include all materials and operations necessary to makeready and/or setup the contractor's equipment for mailers run each workday. Any invoice submitted with more than one makeready/setup charge per workday will be disallowed. NOTE: Workday is Monday through Friday and excludes all Federal Holidays.

(b) Notices:
Printing in one ink color,
and imaging in black,
including binding..... per 1,000 pages\$ _____

(c) CRM Envelopes:
Printing in black ink only,
including construction per 1,000 envelopes.....\$ _____

(d) Mail-out Envelope:
Printing in black ink only,
including construction per 1,000 envelopes.....\$ _____

IV. PAPER: Payment for all paper supplied by the contractor under the terms of these specifications, as ordered on the individual print order, 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:

Notices – A charge will be allowed for each page-size leaf.
All Envelopes – One leaf will be allowed for each envelope.

(a) Notices:
White Uncoated Text (50-lb.);
or, at contractor's option,
White Writing (20-lb.)..... per 1,000 leaves.....\$ _____

(b) CRM Envelopes:
White Writing Envelope (24-lb.)..... per 1,000 leaves.....\$ _____

(c) Mail-out Envelopes:
White Writing Envelope (24-lb.)..... per 1,000 leaves.....\$ _____

V. ADDITIONAL OPERATIONS:

Perforations per 1,000 leaves.....\$ _____

(Initials)

VI. ASSEMBLY AND DISTRIBUTION: Prices offered must include the cost of all required materials and operations necessary for the mailing of the notices including cost of gathering notices (single or multiple leaves), folding to required size for insertion into mail-out envelope, inserting notice and CRM envelope, as required, into the mail-out envelope, CASS verification, and complete distribution, in accordance with these specifications.

Inserting into No. 10 Mail-out Envelope per 1,000 mailers.....\$_____

(Initials)

SHIPMENTS: Shipments will be made from: City _____ State _____.

The city(ies) indicated above will be used for evaluation of transportation charges when shipment f.o.b. contractor's city is specified. If no shipping point is indicated above, it will be deemed that the bidder has selected the city and state shown below in the address block, and the bid will be evaluated and the contract awarded on that basis. If shipment is not made from evaluation point, the contractor will be responsible for any additional shipping costs incurred.

DISCOUNTS: Discounts are offered for payment as follows: _____ Percent _____ Calendar Days. See Article 12 "Discounts" of Solicitations Provisions in GPO Contract Terms (Publication 310.2).

AMENDMENT(S): Bidder hereby acknowledges amendment(s) number(ed) _____.

BID ACCEPTANCE PERIOD: In compliance with the above, the undersigned agree, if this bid is accepted within _____ calendar days (60 calendar days unless a different period is inserted by the bidder) from the date for receipt of bids, to furnish the specified items at the price set opposite each item, delivered at the designated point(s), in exact accordance with specifications. *Failure to provide a 60-day bid acceptance period may result in expiration of the bid prior to award.*

BIDDER'S NAME AND SIGNATURE: Unless specific written exception is taken, the bidder, by signing and submitting a bid, agrees with and accepts responsibility for all certifications and representations as required by the solicitation and GPO Contract Terms – Publication 310.2. When responding by email, fill out and return one copy of all pages in "SECTION 4. – SCHEDULE OF PRICES," including initialing/signing where indicated. Valid electronic signatures will be accepted in accordance with the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act, §2. Electronic signatures must be verifiable of the person authorized by the company to sign bids. *Failure to sign the signature block below may result in the bid being declared non-responsive.*

Bidder _____
(Contractor's Name) (GPO Contractor's Code)

(Street Address)

(City – State – Zip Code)

By _____
(Printed Name, Signature, and Title of Person Authorized to Sign this Bid) (Date)

(Person to be Contacted) (Telephone Number) (Email)

THIS SECTION FOR GPO USE ONLY

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

EXHIBIT A
Historical Data of Monthly Volumes

NOTE: The information provided in the below table is based on current and historical data and is for informational purposes only. There is no guarantee that the quantities ordered on this contract will correspond exactly to the quantities specified in the below table.

September 2025 – August 2026

September		March	
1201	901,728	1201	626,614
1201Late	93,744	1201Late	201,733
1544	26,340	1544	75,685
1078	543	1078	3,082
IRS Mailings	-	IRS Mailings	-
TOTAL	1,022,355	TOTAL	907,114
October		April	
1201	716,969	1201	874,801
1201Late	39,535	1201Late	193,277
1544	24,179	1544	21,881
1078	506	1078	1,722
IRS Mailings	-	IRS Mailings	-
TOTAL	781,189	TOTAL	1,091,681
November		May	
1201	738,035	1201	741,372
1201Late	63,835	1201Late	93,476
1544	101,831	1544	93,192
1078	535	1078	814
IRS Mailings	-	IRS Mailings	-
TOTAL	904,236	TOTAL	928,854
December		June	
1201	887,674	1201	664,675
1201Late	58,457	1201Late	93,466
1544	90,068	1544	104,105
1078	3,118	1078	607
IRS Mailings	-	IRS Mailings	-
TOTAL	1,039,317	TOTAL	862,853
January		July	
1201	545,497	1201	810,169
1201Late	41,794	1201Late	82,482
1544	126,059	1544	77,084
1078	5,103	1078	665
IRS Mailings	-	IRS Mailings	-
TOTAL	718,453	TOTAL	970,400
February		August	
1201	783,899	1201	382,398
1201Late	35,178	1201Late	-
1544	71,990	1544	58,252
1078	4,739	1078	698
IRS Mailings	67,916	IRS Mailings	-
TOTAL	963,722	TOTAL	441,348

EXHIBIT B **1201 Late/1544 Print Specifications**

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1201 Layout			Loan Notice Layout		
Position	Field	Width	Field	Width	
	1 OfficeNumber		4 OfficeNumber	4	
	5 LoanNumber		10 LoanNumber	10	
	15 LoanStatus		1 LoanStatus	1	
	16 Name		42 Name	42	
	58 Address		40 Address	40	
	98 Address2		40 Address2	40	
	138 City		24 City	24	
	162 State		2 State	2	
	164 Zip10		10 Zip10	10	
	174 ProcessDate		8 ProcessDate	8	
	182 PaymentDueDate		8 PaymentDueDate	8	
	190 LastPaymentDate		8 LastPaymentDate	8	
	198 OfficePhone		12 OfficePhone	12	
	210 S4000Scan		33 S4000Scan	33	
	243 InstallAmount		9 InstallAmount	9	
	252 LastPaymentAmount		11 LastPaymentAmount	10	
	263 AmountNowDue		11 AmountNowDue	11	
	274 AmountToPrincipal		11 AmountToPrincipal	10	
	285 AmountToInstall		11 AmountToInstall	10	
	296 PresentPrincipal		11 PresentPrincipal	11	
	307 LockBox		1 LockBox	1	
	308 Exception		1 Exception	1	
	309 FromAddress1		40 FromAddress1	40	
	349 FromAddress2		40 FromAddress2	40	
	389 FromAddress3		40 FromAddress3	40	
	429 FromAddress4		40 FromAddress4	40	
	469 SOAddr1		40 SOAddr1	40	
	509 SOAddr2		40 SOAddr2	40	
	549 SOAddr3		40 SOAddr3	40	
	589 AcslD		8 ACSID	8	
	597 AcsKey		17 ACSKey	17	
	614 Comments[0]		65 Comments[0]	65	
	679 Comments[1]		65 Comments[1]	65	
	744 Comments[2]		65 Comments[2]	65	
	809 Comments[3]		65 Comments[3]	65	
	874 Comments[4]		65 Comments[4]	65	
	939 Comments[5]		65 Comments[5]	65	
	1004 Comments[6]		65 Comments[6]	65	
	1069 Comments[7]		65 Comments[7]	65	
	1134 Comments[8]		65 Comments[8]	65	
	1199 Customs[0]	65			
	1264 Customs[1]	65			
	1329 Customs[2]	65			
	1394 Customs[3]	65			
	1459 Customs[4]	65			

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1201 Late/1544 Print Specifications

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1524 Customs[5]	65
1589 Customs[6]	65
1654 Customs[7]	65
1719 Customs[8]	65

EXHIBIT C
1098 Print Specifications

Field Name	Start	Width
LoanNum	1	10
SSN	11	9
BorrowName	20	42
AmtReported	62	10
OutstandingPrinc	72	10
OriginationDate	82	8
SameAddressFlag	90	1
StrAddr	91	30
City	121	30
State	151	2
Zip	153	5
Zip4	158	4
AsOfDate	162	8
SbaPhoneNum	170	14
OfficeCode	184	4

EXHIBIT D
1099-MISC Print Specifications

Field Name	Start	Width
SSN	1	9
BORROWNAME	10	42
AMTREPORTED	52	10
STRADDR1	62	30
STRADDR2	92	30
CITY	122	30
ST	152	2
ZIP5	154	5
ZIP4	159	4
LOCCD	163	4
PAYEELOG	167	3
SBAPHONENR	170	12
LOANNR	182	10

EXHIBIT E
1099-C Print Specifications

Field Name	Start	Width
RPT_IND	1	1
LOAN_NR_CK_DIGIT	2	10
SSN_A	12	9
ALPHA	21	5
BORROW_NAME	26	42
LOC_CD	68	4
AMT_REPORTED	72	10
LOAN_TYPE	82	2
LOAN_STATUS	84	1
DIS_HM_BUS	85	1
LN_STATUS_CMT	86	2
CHG_OFF_EFF_DT	88	8
STR_ADDR	96	30
CITY	126	30
ST	156	2
ZIP	158	5
ZIP4	163	4
AS_OF_DT	167	8
PHONE_NR	175	12
DEBT_CANCL_CD	187	1
TIN_IND	188	1

EXHIBIT F

1201 Late Notice Layout with Position Numbers



U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

LOAN NUMBER:

LoanNumber (5-14)

Name (16-57)

STATEMENT DATE
ProcessDate
(174-181)

PAYMENT DUE DATE	INSTALLMENT AMOUNT	AMOUNT NOW DUE
Payment	Install	Amount
DueDate (182-189)	Amount (243-251)	Now Due (263-273)

DATE OF LAST PAYMENT	AMOUNT OF LAST PAYMENT	AMOUNT TO PRINCIPAL	AMOUNT TO INTEREST	PRESENT PRINCIPAL BALANCE
Last Payment	Last Payment	Amount To	Amount To	Present
Date (190-197)	Amount (252-262)	Principal (274-284)	Installment (285-295)	Principal (296-306)

MAKE YOUR PAYMENT ON-LINE:

1. Go to - <https://www.pay.gov>
2. Search for 1201 Borrower Payments Form
3. Submit payment using 1201 Borrower Payments Form

Payment Mailing Address

FromAddress1 (309-348)
FromAddress2 (349-388)
FromAddress3 (389-428)
FromAddress4 (429-468)

Loan Service Center

Direct questions and correspondence to this address.
Payments mailed to this address may be returned.

SOAddr1 (469-508)
SOAddr2 (509-548)
SOAddr3 (549-588)
Service Office Phone: OfficePhone (198-209)

COMMENTS (614-1198)

CUSTOM (1199-1783)

✚ Detach here and return lower portion with your remittance. Save upper portion for your records. ✚



- MAKE PAYABLE TO: SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
- IF MAILING YOUR PAYMENT SEND TO THE PAYMENT MAILING ADDRESS LISTED ABOVE
- PLEASE RETURN THIS PORTION OF STATEMENT WITH YOUR PAYMENT
- PUT FULL 10-DIGIT LOAN NUMBER ON ALL PAYMENTS TO ENSURE YOUR ACCOUNT IS CREDITED PROPERLY
- DO NOT SEND CASH
- DO NOT USE TAPE, PAPER CLIPS OR STAPLES

Process Date
(174-181)

LOAN NUMBER	DUE DATE	INSTALLMENT AMOUNT	AMOUNT NOW DUE	AMOUNT ENCLOSED
LoanNumber (5-14)	Payment Due Date	Install Amount (243-251)	Amount Now Due (263-273)	
	(182-189)			

- ☐ PLEASE CHECK HERE AND COMPLETE THE BACK OF THIS FORM IF YOUR ADDRESS HAS CHANGED.
- ☐ PLEASE CHECK HERE IF YOUR PHONE NUMBER HAS CHANGED AND CONTACT YOUR LOAN SERVICE CENTER LISTED ABOVE.

NAME (16-57) OfficeNumber (1-4)
Address (58-97)
Address2 (98-137)
City (138-161) State (162-163) Zip (164-173)

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(210-242)

EXHIBIT G

1078 Notice Layout

U.S. Small Business Administration Notice of Forthcoming Maturity on Guaranty Loan

Borrower's Name & Address

LINE1
LINE2
LINE3, CHAR 1-45
LINE4

SBA Loan Number

LINE3, CHAR
71-88

Maturity Date

LINE3, CHAR
89-96

Participating Institution's Name and Address

LINE5
LINE6
LINE7
LINE8

Reminder: The SBA guaranty terminates if a Lender fails to request SBA to purchase the guaranty within 180 days after loan maturity unless the Lender is conducting liquidation or debt collection litigation for a loan that has matured, in which case the SBA guaranty terminates if a Lender fails to request SBA to purchase the guaranty within 180 days after completing the liquidation or debt collection litigation



SBA FORM 1078(2-91) PREVIOUS EDITION OBSOLETE

U.S. Small Business Administration Notice of Forthcoming Maturity on Guaranty Loan

Borrower's Name & Address

SBA Loan Number

Maturity Date

Participating Institution's Name and Address

Reminder: The SBA guaranty terminates if a Lender fails to request SBA to purchase the guaranty within 180 days after loan maturity unless the Lender is conducting liquidation or debt collection litigation for a loan that has matured, in which case the SBA guaranty terminates if a Lender fails to request SBA to purchase the guaranty within 180 days after completing the liquidation or debt collection litigation



SBA FORM 1078(2-91) PREVIOUS EDITION OBSOLETE

EXHIBIT H **1098 Layout with Position Numbers**

☐ CORRECTED (if checked)

RECIPIENT'S/LENDER'S name, street address, city or town, state or province, country, ZIP or foreign postal code, and telephone no. U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION PROGRAMATIC ACCOUNTING DIVISION DENVER, COLORADO 80259 <SBAPhoneNum> (170-183)		Caution: The amount shown may not be fully deductible by you. Limits based on the loan amount and the cost and value of the D secured property may apply. Also, you may only deduct interest to the extent it was incurred by you, actually paid by you, and not reimbursed by another person.		OMB No. 1545-1380 Form 1098 (Rev. April 2025) For calendar year _____	Mortgage Interest Statement
		1 Mortgage interest received from payer(s)/borrower(s)* \$ <AmtReported> (62-71)		Copy B For Payer/Borrower: The information in boxes 1 through 9 and 11 is important tax information and is being furnished to the IRS. If you are required to file a return, a negligence penalty or other sanction may be imposed on you if the IRS determines that an underpayment of tax results because you overstated a deduction for this mortgage interest or for these points, reported in boxes 1 and 6; or because you didn't report the refund of interest (box 4); or because you claimed a nondeductible item.	
RECIPIENT'S/LENDER'S TIN 53-0215587	PAYER'S/BORROWER'S TIN <SSN>(11-19)	2 Outstanding mortgage principal \$ <OutstandingPrinc>(72-81)	3 Mortgage origination date <OriginationDate>(82-89)		
PAYER'S/BORROWER'S name <BorrowerName> (20-61) <OfficeCode> (184-187)		4 Refund of overpaid interest \$	5 Mortgage insurance premiums \$		
Street address (including apt. no.) <StrAddr> (91-120)		6 Points paid on purchase of principal residence \$			
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code <City>(121-150) <State>(151-152) <Zip>(153-161)		7 ☒ If address of property securing mortgage is the same as PAYER'S/BORROWER'S address, the box is checked, or the address or description is entered in box 8. <X if in <SameAddressFlag>> (90)			
9 Number of properties securing the mortgage	10 Other	8 Address or description of property securing mortgage			
Account number (see instructions) <LoanNmb> (1-10)					
				11 Mortgage acquisition date	

EXHIBIT I
1099-MISC Layout with Position Numbers

☐ VOID ☐ CORRECTED			
PAYER'S name U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION PROGRAMMATIC ACCOUNTING DIVISION		1 Rents \$	OMB No. 1545-0115 Form 1099-MISC (Rev. December 2026) For calendar year
Street address	Room or suite no.	2 Royalties \$	Miscellaneous Information Copy 1 For State Tax Department
City or town DENVER	Telephone number <SBAPhoneNR>	3 Other income \$ AmtReported>(52-61)	
State or province CO	Country	4 Federal income tax withheld \$	
	ZIP or foreign postal code 80259	5 Fishing boat proceeds \$	
PAYER'S TIN 53-0215587	RECIPIENT'S TIN <SSN>(1-9)	6 Medical and health care payments \$	
RECIPIENT'S name <BorrowerName> (10-51)		7 Payer made direct sales totaling \$5,000 or more of consumer products to recipient for resale: ☐	8 Substitute payments in lieu of dividends or interest \$
Street address <StrAddr1> (62-91)<StrAddr2>(92-121)		Apt. no.	9 Crop insurance proceeds \$
City or town <City>(122-151)		11 Fish purchased for resale \$	10 Gross proceeds paid to an attorney \$
State or province ST	Country	ZIP or foreign postal code <Zip> (154-162)	12 Section 409A deferrals \$
		13a Cash tips \$	13b TTOC \$
		14 Overtime compensation \$	15 Nonqualified deferred compensation \$
Account number (see instructions) <LOCCD> (163-166)		FATCA filing requirement ☐	16 State tax withheld \$
		17 State/Payer's state no. \$	18 State income \$
Form 1099-MISC (Rev. 12-2026)		www.irs.gov/Form1099MISC	Department of the Treasury - Internal Revenue Service

EXHIBIT J
1099-C Layout with Position Numbers

☐ CORRECTED (if checked)

<small>CREDITOR'S name, street address, city or town, state or province, country, ZIP or foreign postal code, and telephone no.</small> U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION PROGRAMMATIC ACCOUNTING DIVISION DENVER, COLORADO 80259 866-722-4357		1 Date of identifiable event <chg_off_eff_dt> (88-95)	OMB No. 1545-1424 Form 1099-C (Rev. April 2025)	Cancellation of Debt
		2 Amount of debt discharged \$ Amt_Reported > (72-81)	For calendar year	
		3 Interest, if included in box 2 \$	_____	
<small>CREDITOR'S TIN</small> 53-0215587	<small>DEBTOR'S TIN</small> <SSN_A> (12	4 Debt description <TIN_IND> (188)		Copy B For Debtor <small>This is important tax information and is being furnished to the IRS. If you are required to file a return, a negligence penalty or other sanction may be imposed on you if taxable income results from this transaction and the IRS determines that it has not been reported.</small>
<small>DEBTOR'S name</small> <Borrow_Name> (26-67) <LOC_CD> (68-71)		5 If checked, the debtor was personally liable for repayment of the debt ☐		
<small>Street address (including apt. no.)</small> <STR_Addr> (96-125) <small>City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code</small> <City> (126-155) <ST> (156-157) <Zip> (158-166)				
<small>Account number (see instructions)</small> <Loan_NR_Digit> (2-11)		6 Identifiable event code <DEBT_CANCL_CD> (187)	7 Fair market value of property \$	

Form **1099-C** (Rev. 4-2025) (keep for your records) www.irs.gov/Form1099C Department of the Treasury - Internal Revenue Service

EXHIBIT K CRM Envelope

Courtesy Reply Mail

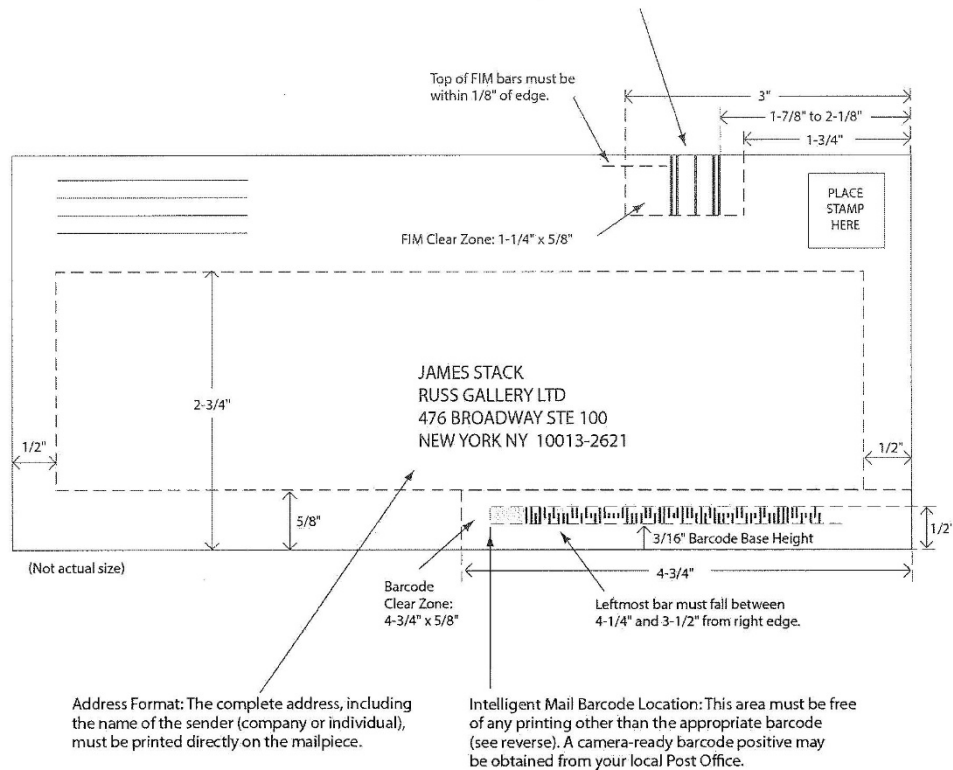
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Quick Service
Guide

Courtesy Reply Mail Layout Guidelines

Facing Identification Mark (FIM): Use FIM A on all courtesy reply mail postcards and letter-size mailpieces with the appropriate Intelligent Mail barcode. This permits computerized cancellation equipment to align, postmark, and direct the mailpiece properly.

FIM Location: The FIM clear zone must contain no printed matter other than the FIM A pattern. FIM bars must be between 1/2 and 3/4 inch high and 0.03125 (1/32 inch) (± 0.008 inch) wide.



Dimensions: Between 3-1/2 by 5 inches and 6-1/8 by 11-1/2 inches. To qualify for the card price, cards must be between 3-1/2 by 5 inches and 4-1/4 by 6 inches. Larger postcard sizes are available, but they are charged at the regular First-Class Mail letter price. Postcard thickness must be between 0.007 and 0.016 inch.

- If letter mail is more than 4-1/4 inches high or more than 6 inches long, it must be at least 0.009 inch thick.
- A surcharge is assessed for nonmachinable letter-size mailpieces (201.2.1).

Ink/paper Colors and Type Styles:

Not all colors of paper and/or ink and type styles are compatible with automated equipment. Contact your local Post Office for guidance.

All letter-size reply cards and envelopes (Business Reply Mail, Courtesy Reply Mail, and meter reply mail) provided as enclosures in First-Class Mail, Periodicals, and USPS Marketing Mail must meet the standards in 201.3.18.

EXHIBIT L
Mail-out Envelope (Face – Before Manufacturing)

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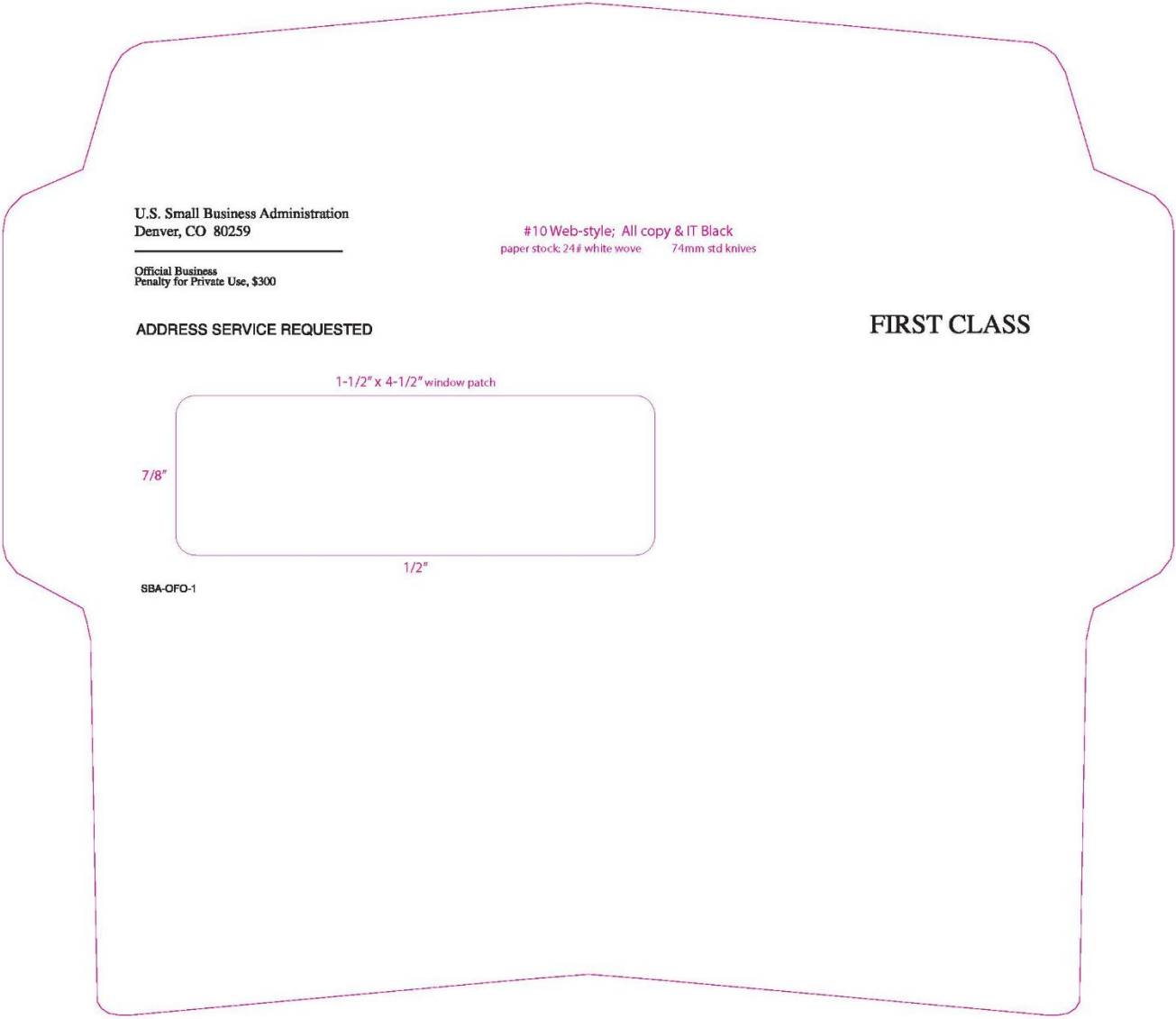


EXHIBIT L
Mail-out Envelope (Back- Before Manufacturing)

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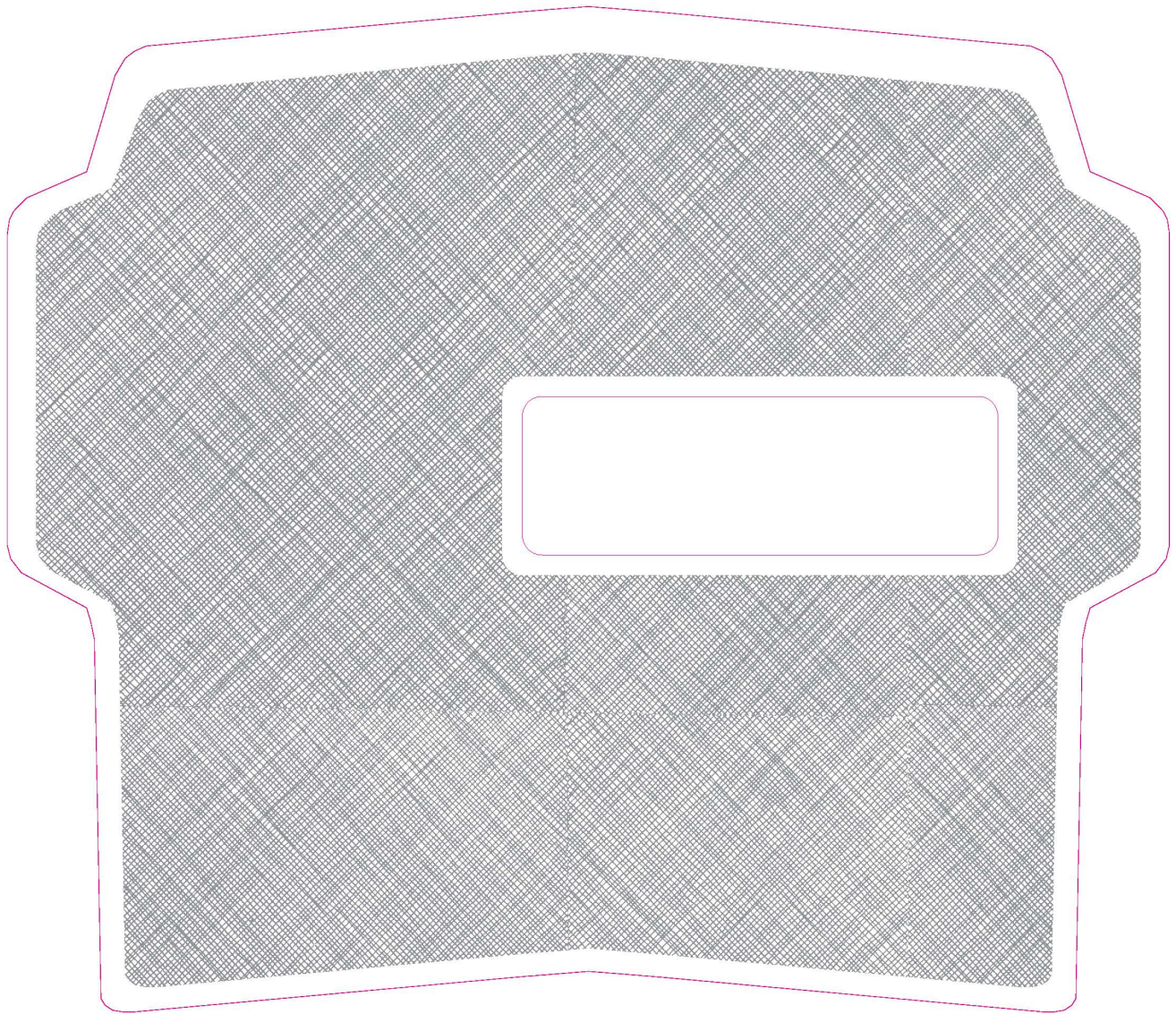


EXHIBIT M

IMB Reporting

We currently receive two IMB files from the vendor, 1201 and 1544. The files consist of a header record and a series of one or more data records. All fields are tab delimited with the following layout.

header record field names (IMB, MailDate, LoanNmb, Mailpiece Type, Addressee Name, PreCass Address, PreCass Address 2, PreCass City, PreCass State, PreCass Zip, PostCass Address, PostCass Address 2, PostCass City, PostCass State, PostCass Zip)

data record(s)

imb_serial_nmb	Character 31
maildt	Date, format mm/dd/yyyy
sba_loannmb	Character 10
notice_type	Character 4 (1201 or 1544)
borrowernm	Character 50
precass_address	Character 50
precass_address2	Character 50
precass_city	Character 26
precass_state_cd	Character 2
precass_zip	Character 10
postcass_address	Character 50
postcass_address2	Character 50
postcass_city	Character 26
postcass_state_cd	Character 2
postcass_zip	Character 10