

BID OPENING:

Bids shall be opened virtually at 1:00 pm, Eastern Time (ET), on May 4, 2026 at the U.S. Government Publishing Office. All parties interested in attending the bid opening shall email bids@gpo.gov one (1) hour prior to the bid opening date and time to request a Microsoft Teams live stream link. This must be a separate email from the bid submission. The link will be emailed prior to the bid opening.

BID SUBMISSION:

Bidders MUST email bids to bids@gpo.gov for this solicitation. No other method of bid submission will be accepted at this time. The Jacket number (648-168) and bid opening date (**May 4, 2026**) must be specified in the subject line of the emailed bid submission. ***Bids received after the bid opening time/date specified above will not be considered for award.***

ISSUE DATE: April 28, 2026

ANY QUESTIONS BEFORE AWARD CONCERNING THESE SPECIFICATIONS, CALL (404) 605-9160, EXT. 3 (CAREY JOSEPH). NO COLLECT CALLS.

SPECIFICATIONS

U.S. GOVERNMENT PUBLISHING OFFICE
Government Publishing & Print Procurement

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 (revised 09-19)).

***** FIXED PRICE - INDEFINITE QUANTITY CONTRACT *****

This is a fixed-price contract. The offeror submitting a response shall quote the maximum quantity of 9 Items based on the Schedule of Prices listed on page 2, inclusive of all costs that shall be delivered to the Government per the specification requirements for a total of \$331,176.00.

Bids shall include the cost of all materials and operations for the total quantity ordered. Bids shall be prepared in conformance with the Schedule of Prices.

Potential offerors shall submit via Contractor Connect the fixed price of \$331,176.00 plus the quantity (indicate the quantity of copies in the Comment field that their company will produce for the fixed price. Additionally, a cost must be submitted for each additional 100 or 1,000 copies.

DETERMINATION OF AWARD: Award shall be made to the responsible offeror submitting a bid, whose bid specifies the most copies to be delivered to the Government for an all-inclusive, fixed-price total of \$331,176.00 price. In the event of a tie quantity, award shall be determined by the lowest, total per-unit price after application of prompt payment discount and Buy American Act factoring (if applicable). In the event there is still a tie, the contract will be awarded in accordance with the GPO Printing Procurement Regulations, Chapter XII.

If author's alterations are made during the proofing stage, the total quantity may be decreased in accordance with the contractor's submitted additional rate to offset the cost of the author's alterations.

SCHEDULE OF PRICES (broken down by Item).

Price

Item 1:	\$19,870.00 (6%)
Item 2:	\$79,482.00 (24%)
Item 3:	\$26,494.00 (8%)
Item 4:	\$56,300.00 (17%)
Item 5:	\$36,430.00 (11%)
Item 6:	\$56,300.00 (17%)
Item 7:	\$23,182.00 (7%)
Item 8:	\$16,559.00 (5%)
Item 9:	\$16,559.00 (5%)

Total \$331,176 (100%)

PREDOMINANT PRODUCTION FUNCTION: The predominant production function for this procurement is the printing of books.

PRODUCT: Consist of desktop publishing, proofing, printing, binding and/or construction, and shipping to 66 destinations.

QUALITY LEVEL: II Quality Assurance Through Attributes (GPO PUB 310.1, effective May 1979 (Rev. 08-22)) applies.

QUANTITY: Nine (9) Items (see "TITLE" for each Item below) – final quantities to be determined at time of award

TITLE: Learn the Signs. Act Early.

- **Item 1:** CDC's Milestone Tracker App Flyer SET, English & Spanish - Form
- **Item 2:** Milestone Moments Booklet, English - Saddle Stitched Pamphlet
- **Item 3:** Milestone Moments Booklet, Spanish - Saddle Stitched Pamphlet
- **Item 4:** Where is Bear? A Terrific Tale for 2 Year Olds, English - Saddle Stitched Pamphlet
- **Item 5:** Donde esta Osito? Un fantastico cuento para ninos de 2 anos, Spanish - Saddle Stitched Pamphlet
- **Item 6:** Amazing Me It's Busy Being 3, English - Saddle Stitched Pamphlet
- **Item 7:** Soy Maravilloso Hay tanto que hacer a los 3 anos, Spanish - Saddle Stitched Pamphlet
- **Item 8:** Milestones Brochure, English - Form
- **Item 9:** Milestones Brochure, Spanish - Form

PAGES:

- **Item 1:** Face & Back
- **Item 2:** 56 Pages + Wrap-Around Cover
- **Item 3:** 56 Pages + Wrap-Around Cover
- **Item 4:** 20 Pages + Wrap-Around Cover
- **Item 5:** 20 Pages + Wrap-Around Cover
- **Item 6:** 36 Pages + Wrap-Around Cover
- **Item 7:** 36 Pages + Wrap-Around Cover
- **Item 8:** Face & Back
- **Item 9:** Face & Back

TRIM SIZE:

- **Item 1:** 5-1/2 x 8-1/2"
- **Item 2:** 5 x 7"
- **Item 3:** 5 x 7"
- **Item 4:** 9-1/2 x 8"
- **Item 5:** 9-1/2 x 8"
- **Item 6:** 9-1/2 x 8"

- **Item 7:** 9-1/2 x 8"
- **Item 8:** 11 x 8-1/2" Flat; 3-11/16 x 8-1/2" Folded
- **Item 9:** 11 x 8-1/2" Flat; 3-11/16 x 8-1/2" Folded

DESCRIPTION:**- Item 1:**

Form prints full color matter via 4-color process inks on face and back with full and uncommon bleeds. Prints head to head.

- Items 2 and 3:

Covers 1 thru 4 print full color matter via 4-color process inks, with full and/or uncommon bleeds on all dimensions. Some images print to and align across the bind. Flood coat covers 1 thru 4 with a clear, non-yellowing, Gloss Aqueous coating. Prints head to head.

Text prints full color matter via 4-color process inks, with full and/or uncommon bleeds on all dimensions. Prints head to head.

- Items 4 and 5:

Covers 1 & 4 print full bleed, full color matter via 4-color process inks. Covers 2 & 3 are blank. Flood coat Covers 1 & 4 with a clear, non-yellowing Gloss Aqueous coating.

Text prints full color matter via 4-color process with full bleeds on 16 pages, and no bleeds on 4 pages. Prints head to head.

- Items 6 and 7:

Covers 1, 2 & 4 print full color matter via 4-color process with full and uncommon bleeds on covers 1 & 4, no bleeds on cover 2. Cover 3 is blank. Flood coat Covers 1 thru 4 with a clear, non-yellowing Gloss Aqueous coating.

Text prints full color matter via 4-color process with full and uncommon bleeds on 3 pages, cross over (images print to and align across the bind) on 2 pages, no bleeds on remaining pages. Prints head to head.

- Items 8 and 9:

Forms print full color matter via 4-color process inks on face and back with full and uncommon bleeds. Flood coat face and back with a clear, non-yellowing, Satin Aqueous coating. Prints head to head.

NOTE: All Items must be printed via OFFSET printing at 200 minimum line screen. 4-color items must be run on a minimum 4-color press with one single pass. Quality Level 2 must be maintained. Digital printing, direct imaging (toner), and inkjet printing are not acceptable.

GOVERNMENT TO FURNISH:

- Purchase Order and print file (see "ELECTRONIC MEDIA") will be emailed to the contractor or uploaded to the GPO filesharing site for contractor to retrieve upon award.

NOTE: GPO Imprint information does NOT print on any Item for this procurement.

ELECTRONIC MEDIA:

- PLATFORM: Unknown

- SOFTWARE: ADDITIONAL SYSTEM TIME WILL BE REQUIRED. PDF files provided for all items.

NOTE: Contractor to add blank page 36 for Items 6 and 7.

- COLOR: Identified as CMYK.

- FONTS: All fonts are embedded/embedded subset.

- OUTPUT: 200 minimum line screen.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- Contractor must have the ability to edit PDF files (when furnished by the Government).
- Contractor is not to request that electronic files provided be converted to a different format. If contractor wishes to convert files to a different format, the final output must be of the same or higher quality and at no additional cost to the Government.
- The contractor is cautioned that furnished fonts are the property of the Government and/or its originator. All furnished fonts are to be eliminated from the contractor's archive immediately after completion of the contract.
- Identification markings such as register marks, commercial identification marks of any kind, etc., except form number and revision date, carried in the electronic files, must not print on the finished product.
- 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 your contract administrator.
- The contractor shall create/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 PostScript Files are not furnished - prior to making revisions, the contractor shall copy the furnished files and make all changes to the copy.
- Upon completion of this order, the contractor must furnish final production native application files (digital deliverable) and one "press quality" PDF file with the furnished media. Storage media must be MAC/PC compatible. The digital deliverables must be an exact representation of the final product and shall be returned on the same type of storage media as was originally furnished. The Government will not accept, as digital deliverables, PostScript files, Adobe Acrobat Portable Document Format (PDF) files, or any proprietary file formats other than those supplied, unless specified by the Government.

STOCK: 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.

- Item 1:

JCP Code* A262, White, No. 2 Silk Coated Text, Basis Size 25 X 38" Basis Weight 70lb.

- Item 2 & 3:

Cover: JCP Code* L12, White, No. 2 Gloss-Coated Cover, Basis Size 20 X 26", Basis Weight 100lb.

Text: JCP Code* A262, White, No. 2 Silk Coated Text, Basis Size 25 X 38" Basis Weight 70lb.

- Items 4, 5, 6 & 7:

Cover: JCP Code* L12, White, No. 2 Gloss-Coated Cover, Basis Size 20 X 26", Basis Weight 100lb.

Text: JCP Code* A262, White, No. 2 Dull-Coated Text, Basis Size 25 X 38" Basis Weight 80lb.

- Items 8 & 9:

Text: JCP Code* A262, White, No. 2 Dull-Coated Text, Basis Size 25 X 38" Basis Weight 80lb.

INK: See "DESCRIPTION" for specific ink colors required for this procurement.

MARGINS: See "DESCRIPTION".

PROOFS:

Deliver the following proofs to the department on or before May 13, 2026. Contractor is responsible for all costs incurred in the delivery and pickup of proofs. All proofs will be withheld not longer than 5 workday(s) from date of receipt by the Government** to date proofs are MADE AVAILABLE FOR PICKUP by the contractor. It is the responsibility of the CONTRACTOR to make the necessary pickup arrangements when notified that the reviewed proofs are available.

An overnight delivery carrier (i.e. UPS or Fed Ex) MUST to be used, contractor MUST include a fully completed return airbill (prepaid by the contractor) with the delivered proofs.

****NOTE:** The date of receipt by the Government is NOT considered the first workday.

Contractor furnished proof approval letters will not be recognized for proof approval/disapproval. Only GPO generated proof letters will be recognized for proof approval/disapproval. Contractor must not print prior to receipt of an "OK to print".

(*) **CONTENT PROOF:** One complete set of digital color CONTENT proofs for Each Item created using the same Raster Image Processor (RIP) that will be used to produce the final printed product. Proofs shall be collated with all elements in proper position (not pasted up), imaged face and back (where applicable), trimmed and folded (where applicable) to the finished size/format of the final product.

(*) **G7 INKJET PROOFS:** One complete set of inkjet proofs for Each Item that are G7 profiled and use pigment-based inks. A proofing RIP that provides an option for high quality color matching (such as Device Links Technology and/or ICC Profiles Technology), and meets or exceeds industry tolerance to ISO 12647-7 Standard for Graphic Technology (as of 3/19/09, and future amendments) must be utilized plus GRACoL 2006 Coated #1 specifications (CGATS TR006) must be achieved. Output must be a minimum of 720 x 720 dpi on a GRACoL or SWOP certified proofing media. Proofs must contain the following color control strip to be evaluated for accuracy: IDEAlliance ISO 12647-7 Control Strip 2009 or 2013(i1).

Proofs must contain color control bars (such as Brunner, GATF, GRETAG, or RIT) for each color of ink on the sheet. Control bars must be placed parallel to the press's ink rollers and must show areas consisting of minimum 1/8 x 1/8" solid color patches; tint patches of 25, 50 and 75%; dot gain scale; and gray balance patches for process color (if applicable). These areas must be repeated consecutively across the sheet.

The make and model number of the proofing system utilized shall be furnished with the proofs. These proofs must contain all elements, be in press configuration, and indicate margins. Proofs will be used for color match on press. Direct to plate must be used to produce the final product with a minimum of 2400 x 2400 dpi.

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.

BINDING:

- **Item 1:** Trim 4 sides.

- **Items 2 & 3:** Saddle Stitch in 2 places on the 7" side. Trim 3 sides. Paper Covers wrap-around, stitch on, trim flush, grain must run parallel to spine, score on folds to prevent cracking.

- **Items 4, 5, 6 & 7:** Saddle Stitch in 2 places on the 8" side. Trim 3 sides. Paper Covers wrap-around, stitch on, trim flush, grain must run parallel to spine, score on folds to prevent cracking.

- **Items 8 & 9:** Trim 4 sides. Letter-fold to 3-11/16 x 8-1/2" with title panel out. Score on folds as necessary to prevent cracking.

PACKING:

Keep each Item separate and identify.

Contractor is responsible for packing and shipping to 66 locations using the agency's FedEx Account. The exact quantity is contingent upon the total quantities offered.

NOTE: All shipping cartons require a carton label. Noncompliance with the labeling and marking specifications on this order may be cause for the Government to reject the shipment at destination and return it to the contractor at his/her expense. The Government may, at its option, relabel and/or remark in accordance with the specifications and charge all costs to the contractor. There will be a minimum charge of \$50.00 per order (per Jacket) for all

labeling and marking corrections that are made by the Government due to the contractor's failure to label/mark all cartons per specifications and Contract Terms.

SCHEDULE:

Furnished material will be available for pickup on May 7, 2026.

Deliver proofs on or before May 13, 2026.

F.O.B. Contractor City: Ship all copies on/before July 17, 2026.

DISTRIBUTION:

Deliver proofs to: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 3719 N Peachtree Rd, Bldg. 100, Dock #3, Attn: Karnesha Slaughter (404-498-1461), MS S106-4, Cubicle 4116.14, Atlanta GA 30341.

Contractor is responsible for packing and shipping to 66 locations using the agency's FedEx Account. The exact quantity is contingent upon the total quantities offered. Customer will provide locations after award.

NOTE: Contractor must notify the ordering agency on the same day that the product ships/delivers with tracking for each location via e-mail sent to Nate Brown (wti5@cdc.gov) and Karnesha Slaughter (lio8@cdc.gov) and GPO Compliance Section (compliance@gpo.gov). The subject line of this message shall be "Distribution Notice for Jacket 648-168, Requisition No: 5-500516". The notice must provide all applicable tracking numbers, shipping method, and Title. Contractor must be able to provide copies of all delivery, mailing, and shipping receipts upon agency request.

QUALITY ASSURANCE RANDOM COPIES: The contractor will be required to complete a "Certificate of Selection" furnished by GPO certifying that the copies were selected as directed. Business Reply Mail labels will be furnished for mailing the QARC copies. The copies are to be mailed at the same time as the first scheduled shipment. A copy of the Purchase Order must be furnished along with the QARC's and Certificate of Selection. A U.S. Postal Service approved Certificate of Mailing, identified by Jacket, must be furnished with billing as evidence of mailing.

QUALITY ASSURANCE THROUGH ATTRIBUTES: The bidder agrees that any contract resulting from bidder's offer under these specifications shall be subject to the terms and conditions of GPO Pub. 310.1 "Quality Assurance Through Attributes – Contract Terms" in effect on the date of issuance of the invitation for bid. GPO Pub 310.1 is available at <https://www.gpo.gov/docs/default-source/forms-and-standards-files-for-vendors/qatap-rev-09-19.pdf>

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

Product Quality Levels:

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

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

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

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

ATTRIBUTE	SPECIFIED STANDARD	ALTERNATE STANDARD*
P-7. Type Quality and Uniformity	Approved Proofs	File Setup
P-10. Process Color Match	Approved Proofs	File Setup

*In the event that the Specified Standard is waived, the Alternate Standard will serve as its replacement.

OFFERS: Offers must include the cost of all materials and operations for the total quantity ordered in accordance with these specifications. In addition, a price must be submitted for additional copies (per each, per hundred, or per thousand). The price of the additional quantities must be based on a continuing run, exclusive of all basic or preliminary charges and will NOT be a factor for determination of award.

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 Jacket number 648-168 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.*

NOTE: BIDDERS ARE TO FILL OUT, SIGN/INITIAL, AND RETURN PAGES 8-9.

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.

PRE-AWARD 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.

PAYMENT: Submitting invoices for payment via the GPO fax gateway utilizing the GPO barcode coversheet program application is the most efficient method of invoicing. 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.

NOTE: Vendors are expected to submit invoices within 30 days of job shipping/delivery.

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 NAME: _____

SHIPMENT(S): 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.

Bid Amount: \$331,176.00

	<u>Price</u>	<u>Additional rates per C/M</u>	<u>Quantity Offered</u>
Item 1:	\$19,870.00	_____	_____
Item 2:	\$79,482.00	_____	_____
Item 3:	\$26,494.00	_____	_____
Item 4:	\$56,300.00	_____	_____
Item 5:	\$36,430.00	_____	_____
Item 6:	\$56,300.00	_____	_____
Item 7:	\$23,182.00	_____	_____
Item 8:	\$16,559.00	_____	_____
Item 9:	\$16,559.00	_____	_____

(Contractor’s Initials)

(COMPLETE AND SUBMIT THIS PAGE WITH YOUR BID)

DISCOUNTS: Discounts are offered for payment as follows: _____ Percent, _____ calendar days. See Article 12 "Discounts" of Solicitation 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 Name) (GPO Contractor's Code)

(Street Address)

(City – State – Zip Code)

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

(Person to be Contacted) (Telephone Number)

(Email) (Fax Number)

THIS SECTION FOR GPO USE ONLY

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

(Contractor's Initials)

(COMPLETE AND SUBMIT THIS PAGE WITH YOUR BID)