

Jacket: 623-967
Title: Transtar II Targets - Printed on Cardboard
Agency: DHS - FLETC
Bid Opening: April 5, 2022 at 2:00pm

Contractor Name	Bid	Terms		Discounted Total
Essence Bottling Company of TX AWARDED	\$229,500.00	1.0%	20 days	\$227,205.00
Interstate Graphics, Inc.	\$245,681.00	0.5%	20 days	\$244,452.60
AMS Industries LLC	\$270,909.50	0.0%	30 days	\$270,909.50

BID OPENING: Bids shall be opened at 2:00pm, prevailing Eastern Standard Time, on April 5, 2022 at the U.S. Government Publishing Office, Atlanta, GA. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this will NOT be a public bid opening.

ISSUE DATE: March 30, 2022

ANY QUESTIONS BEFORE AWARD CONCERNING THESE SPECIFICATIONS, CALL (404) 605-9160, EXT. 7 (BETH NICOLAUS).

SPECIFICATIONS

U.S. Government Publishing Office (GPO)
Atlanta Regional Office
3715 Northside Parkway NW
Suite 4-305
Atlanta, Georgia 30327

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)).

PRODUCT: Consists of proofing, printing, die-cutting, and making distribution of two different cardboard targets.

TITLE: Transtar II Targets – Printed on Cardboard

QUALITY LEVEL: III Quality Assurance Through Attributes (GPO PUB 310.1, effective May 1979 (Rev. 09-19)) applies.

QUANTITY:

- **Item 1:** Transtar II (L2) Target: 15,000 Copies
- **Item 2:** Transtar II Target: 70,000 Copies

TRIM SIZE: 24-1/2 x 40”

PAGES: Face Only

DESCRIPTION:

Specifications apply equally to each Item unless otherwise indicated.

PRINTING REQUIREMENTS: Target prints type, rule, line art, and various screen values (70%, 50%, 40% dashed neck line, 30%, 20% & 10%) on face only in Pantone 293 Blue on White corrugated cardboard. NOTE: Image must be printed directly on the specified substrate and all screen values (ink density) MUST be consistent and adhered to throughout the press run.

NOTE: Targets must be printed via OFFSET or FLEXOGRAPHIC printing. Stochastic printing, screen printing, digital printing, direct imaging (toner) and inkjet printing are not acceptable.

DIE-CUT REQUIREMENTS: Die-cut TWO 1/4"(w) x 1"(l) slots on the 24-1/2" top dimension; center of slots located at 9-3/8" from left and right edges of target; 5-3/4" center to center (per furnished visual/Exhibit A).

EXHIBITS: Exhibit A is provided as reduced visual of printing (screen values) and die-cut requirements.

GOVERNMENT TO FURNISH:

Purchase Order and electronic print files (see "ELECTRONIC MEDIA") will be emailed to contractor at time of award.

ELECTRONIC MEDIA:

- PLATFORM: Unknown

- STORAGE MEDIA: Files will be emailed to contractor immediately upon award of the contract.

- SOFTWARE: Three PDF files (two print files and one screen/die-cut visual) will be provided.

-- NOTE #1: Contractor to produce from files named "L2 – OAO Transtar II Cardboard Target.pdf" (Item 1) and "TRANSTAR II – OCH.pdf" (Item 2).

-- NOTE #2: Additional PDF ("OAO – OCH Cardboard - trans_target2_screenbreakdown_With Die Cuts.pdf" is provided as visual of screen values and die-cut requirements only - see Exhibit A.

- COLOR(s): Identified as Pantone 293 (Printed Image).

- FONTS: All fonts are Embedded and/or Embedded Subset.

- OUTPUT: Minimum 150 line screen output required.

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 file format, the final output must be of the same or higher quality.

- 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 GPO imprint, 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.

- **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.

White, Double-Wall, Corrugated Cardboard 48 ECT "B/E" Flute

NOTE: Image must be printed directly on White side of cardboard. The unprinted side (back) of cardboard may be

Natural Brown or White (contractor's option).

INK:

Pantone 293 Blue

MARGINS:

Follow file setup – adequate gripper.

PROOFS:

Deliver the following proofs to the department via email on or before April 12, 2022.

All proofs will be withheld not longer than 1 workday(s) from date of receipt by the Government** to date of proof approval and/or corrections from the ordering agency via email.

**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. Contractor must not print prior to receipt of an "OK to print" via email from the agency.

(*) PDF PROOF (EACH ITEM): One "Press Quality" PDF Proof (for content only) using the same Raster Image Processor (RIP) that will be used to produce the final printed product. Proofs must show die-cuts, color, and contain all crop marks. NOTE: THIS PROOF WILL NOT BE USED/APPROVED FOR COLOR MATCH OR RESOLUTION.

Email PDF proofs to Gina Chipman (gina.chipman@fletc.dhs.gov) and Beth Nicolaus (enicolaus@gpo.gov). NOTE: Contractor must call Gina Chipman (912-267-2305) to confirm receipt.

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.

"For Official Use Only": Contractor must maintain proper control and handling at all times to prevent any information or materials required to produce the product under these specifications from falling into unauthorized hands. Unless otherwise indicated herein, all extra copies, materials, waste, etc., must be destroyed.

BINDING:

- Trim 4 sides.
- Die-cut TWO 1/4"(w) x 1"(l) slots on the 24-1/2" top dimension; center of slots located at 9-3/8" from left and right edges of target; 5-3/4" center to center (per furnished visual/Exhibit A).

PACKING:

- Targets MUST be packed FLAT.
- Targets shall be packed in two (2) stacks of three hundred (300) targets each stack when palletized - total of 600 targets per pallet.
- Each pallet shall be marked with contents/title ("(L2) Transtar II Target" for Item 1 and "Transtar II Target" for Item 2) and target quantity.
- When palletized, all corners of cardboard targets (FULL LENGTH OF ALL EDGES AND ALL CORNERS - top, bottom and sides, running horizontally and vertically) MUST be protected using FULL LENGTH angleboard - to protect the full length of all edges from damage during shipment.
- When palletized, top and bottom targets need to be protected by using an additional cardboard layer.
- ALL edges and sides of the stacked target boxes, shall be even and squared when stacked on pallets.
- Targets MUST be secured to the pallet with six (6) plastic bands total - three (3) lengthwise and three (3) widthwise.
- The entire pallet shall be wrapped in plastic - top, bottom and sides to protect from moisture during shipment and for storage purposes.
- Four (4) 8-1/2 x 11" labels MUST be provided under the plastic wrapping on each side of pallet, to indicate

manufactures address information AND quantity of targets in the stack/pallet.

- For shipping, the vendor MUST adhere (OUTSIDE OF THE PLASTIC WRAPPING) a label that reads "DO NOT STACK ANY OTHER ITEMS ON TOP OF PALLET" to all four (4) sides of the pallet.

SCHEDULE:

Purchase Order and print files will be emailed to the contractor on or before April 8, 2022.

Contractor to email PDF proofs on or before April 12, 2022.

Deliver 15,000 copies of Item 1 and 20,000 copies of Item 2 via traceable means on or before May 13, 2022.

Deliver 25,000 copies of Item 2 via traceable means on or before June 1, 2022.

Deliver 25,000 copies of Item 2 via traceable means on or before August 1, 2022.

DISTRIBUTION (F.O.B. DESTINATION):

Email PDF proofs to Gina Chipman (gina.chipman@fletc.dhs.gov) and Beth Nicolaus (enicolaus@gpo.gov). NOTE: Contractor must call Gina Chipman (912-267-2305) to confirm receipt.

Deliver 15,000 copies of Item 1 on or before May 13, 2022 via traceable means to: DHS/FLETC, ATTN: Sherry Norwood (575-746-5810), 1300 West Richey Avenue, Building 75, Artesia, NM 88210. NOTE: INSIDE DELIVERY REQUIRED*. SHIPPING COMPANY MUST CONTACT SHERRY NORWOOD (575-746-5810) AT LEAST 24 HOURS PRIOR TO DELIVERY.

Deliver 20,000 copies of Item 2 on or before May 13, 2022 via traceable means to: DHS/FLETC, ATTN: Edward Coker (301-877-8340), 9000 Commo Road, Building 5, Cheltenham, MD 20623. NOTE: INSIDE DELIVERY REQUIRED*. SHIPPING COMPANY MUST CONTACT EDWARD COKER (301-877-8340) AT LEAST 24 HOURS PRIOR TO DELIVERY.

Deliver 20,000 copies of Item 2 on or before June 1, 2022 via traceable means to: DHS/FLETC, ATTN: Edward Coker (301-877-8340), 9000 Commo Road, Building 5, Cheltenham, MD 20623. NOTE: INSIDE DELIVERY REQUIRED*. SHIPPING COMPANY MUST CONTACT EDWARD COKER (301-877-8340) AT LEAST 24 HOURS PRIOR TO DELIVERY.

Deliver 20,000 copies of Item 2 on or before August 1, 2022 via traceable means to: DHS/FLETC, ATTN: Edward Coker (301-877-8340), 9000 Commo Road, Building 5, Cheltenham, MD 20623. NOTE: INSIDE DELIVERY REQUIRED*. SHIPPING COMPANY MUST CONTACT EDWARD COKER (301-877-8340) AT LEAST 24 HOURS PRIOR TO DELIVERY.

***INSIDE DELIVERY REQUIRED:** DELIVERY LOCATIONS DO NOT HAVE LOADING DOCKS – DELIVERY TRUCK MUST HAVE A LIFT GATE AND PALLET JACK FOR UNLOADING PALLETS.

NOTE: AGENCY MUST RECEIVE TRACKING INFORMATION PRIOR TO SHIPMENT LEAVING THE CONTRACTOR'S PLANT. Contractor must notify the ordering agency on the same day that the product ships via e-mail to Gina Chipman (gina.chipman@fletc.dhs.gov) and GPO Atlanta Regional Office (infoatlanta@gpo.gov). The subject line of this message shall be "Distribution Notice for Jacket 623-967, Req. 2-00132". 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 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 without charge from: U.S. Government Publishing Office, Atlanta Regional Office, 3715 Northside Parkway NW, Suite 4-305, Atlanta, Georgia 30327.

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

Product Quality Levels:

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

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
P-7. Type Quality and Uniformity	File Setup
P-9. Solid or Screen Tints Color Match	Pantone Matching System

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 each additional hundred or thousand copies. 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: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the physical office will NOT be open. Based on this, bidders MUST submit email bids to bidsatlanta@gpo.gov for this solicitation. No other method of bid submission will be accepted at this time.

The Jacket number (623-967) and bid opening date (April 5, 2022) must be specified in the subject line of the emailed bid submission. Bids received after 2:00pm EST on the bid opening date specified above will not be considered for award.

NOTE: The GPO 910 "BID" Form is no longer required. Bidders are to fill out, sign/initial, and return pages 8 and 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.

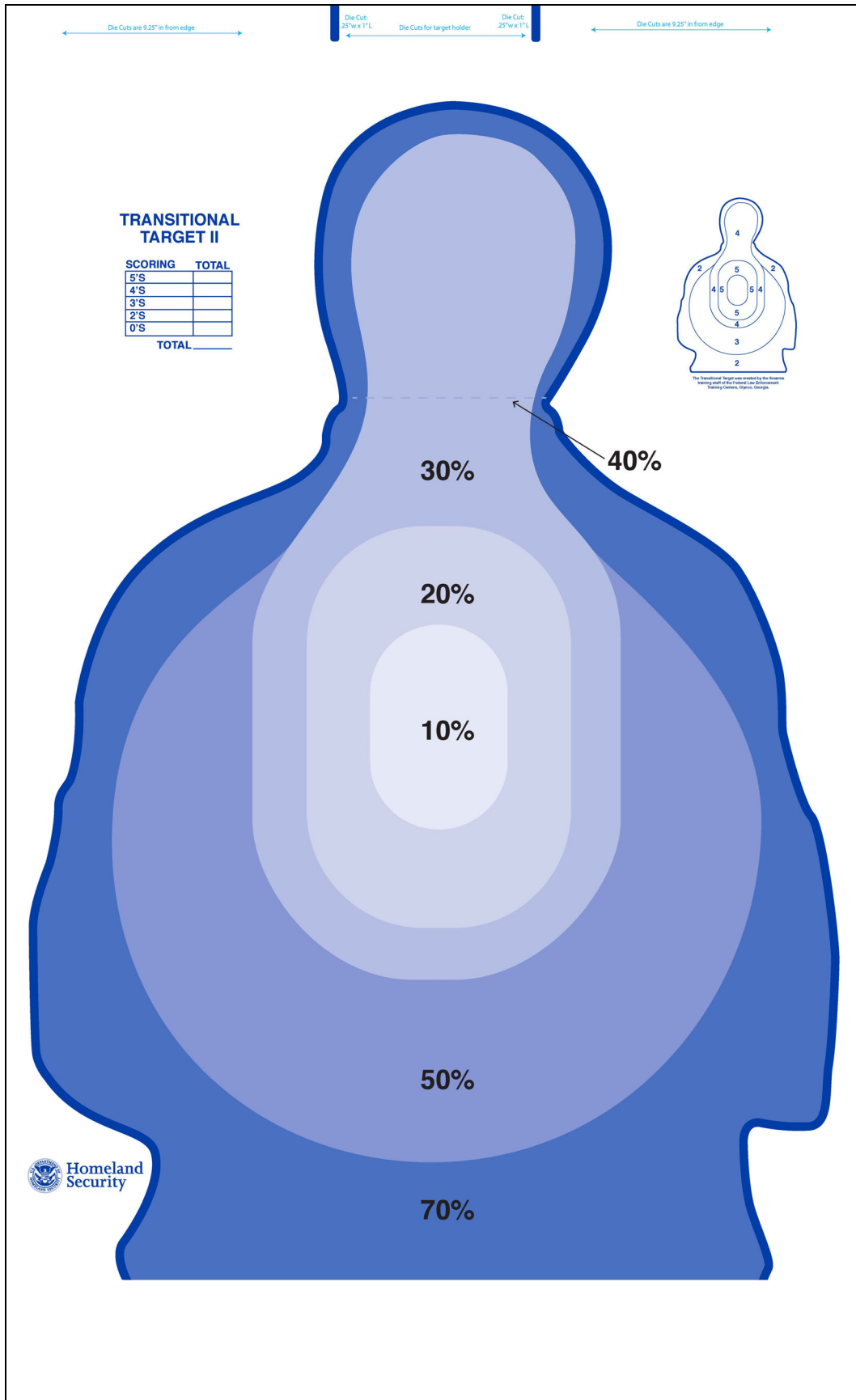
PAYMENT: Submitting invoices for payment via the GPO fax gateway utilizing the GPO barcode coversheet program application is the most efficient method of invoicing. Instruction for using this method can be found at the following web address: <http://winapps.access.gpo.gov/fms/vouchers/barcode/instructions.html>.

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>.

EXHIBIT A



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: _____

Additional Rate per M: _____

(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).

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 points(s), in exact accordance with specifications.

NOTE: Failure to provide a 60-day bid acceptance period may result in expiration of the bid prior to award.

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

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 completed copy of all applicable pages that include the Jacket Number, Bid Price, Additional Rate, Discounts, Amendments, Bid Acceptance Period, and Bidder's Name and Signature, including 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)

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)