**Jacket:** 740-301

**Title:** Envelope 205, Courtesy Reply, General Purpose

**Agency:** Treasury, Internal Revenue Service

**Bid Opening:** January 3, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.

**Abstracted by:** TDS January 3, 2023

Verified by: WL

| Contractor Name                 | Bid          | %    | Terms   | Discount Offer | Discounted Total |
|---------------------------------|--------------|------|---------|----------------|------------------|
| *Envelope 1, Inc. 340-30944     | \$115,153.25 | 2.0% | 10 Days | \$2,303.07     | \$115,153.25     |
| The Envelope Printery 210-30941 | \$158,244.68 | 5.0% | 21 Days | \$7,912.23     | \$150,332.45     |
| St Louis Group 240-84144        | \$157,285.20 | 0.0% | Net     |                | \$157,285.20     |
| Printing Resources 340-71367    |              | 0.0% | Net     |                |                  |
|                                 |              | 0.0% | Net     |                |                  |
|                                 |              | 0.5% | Net     |                |                  |
|                                 |              | 0.0% | Net     |                |                  |

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U.S. Government Publishing Office

Columbus, Ohio

General Terms, Conditions, and Specifications

for the procurement of

Envelope 205, Courtesy Reply, General Purpose

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

Department of the Treasury, Internal Revenue Service

## **BID OPENING**

Bids shall be opened at 11:00 AM prevailing Columbus, OH time on January 3, 2023.

# **BID SUBMISSION**

Bidders MUST submit email bids to <a href="mailto:bidsnortheast@gpo.gov">bidsnortheast@gpo.gov</a> for this solicitation. No other method of bid submission will be accepted at this time. The jacket number and bid opening date must be specified in the subject line of the emailed bid submission. Bids received after 11 a.m. prevailing Columbus, Ohio time on the bid opening date specified above will not be considered for award.

## 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.

Any questions before or after award concerning these specifications call Teri Shoffstall at (614) 488-4616, Ext. 6. No collect calls. Email: <a href="mailto:tshoffstall@gpo.gov">tshoffstall@gpo.gov</a>.

## **OFFERS**

Offers must include the cost of all materials and operations, including deliveries for the total quantity ordered in accordance with these specifications. In addition, a price must be submitted for each additional 1,000 copies. The price for 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.

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## **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 Pub. 310.2, effective 12/1/87, Rev. 01-18) and GPO Contract Terms, Quality Assurance Through Attributes Program (GPO Pub. 310.1, effective May 1979, (Rev. 09/19).

GPO Contract Terms (GPO Publication 310.2):

 $\underline{https://www.gpo.gov/docs/default-source/forms-and-standards-files-for-vendors/contractterms 2018.pdf}$ 

GPO QATAP (GPO Publication 310.1):

https://www.gpo.gov/docs/default-source/forms-and-standards-files-for-vendors/qatap-rev-09-19.pdf

# 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 sheets
- 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 (if no samples are required) 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: <a href="http://winapps.access.gpo.gov/fms/vouchers/barcode/instructions.html">http://winapps.access.gpo.gov/fms/vouchers/barcode/instructions.html</a>.

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

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

# PREDOMINANT PRODUCTION FUNCTION

The predominant production function may be either the manufacture of the envelopes or the printing of the envelopes. Bidders who must subcontract both operations may be declared non-responsible.

## **GOVERNMENT IN-PLANT INSPECTIONS**

The Government reserves the right to have Government representative(s) inspect any operation under this contract at the start of its production and at any time during production. In addition to the inspections indicated, the Government reserves the right to inspect all stages of production.

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## **TITLE**

Envelope 205 Courtesy Reply, General Purpose

#### **PRODUCT**

These specifications cover the production of non-standard window envelopes requiring such operations as reproducibles, printing, construction, packing, and distribution.

These envelopes are used in the processing of time sensitive taxpayer correspondence. Complete production and timely delivery, are critical to the mission of the IRS. Failure to receive envelopes on schedule can cause stock outages and excess cost and/or work stoppages or costly work-arounds at IRS processing centers.

#### **QUANTITY**

5,863,200 envelopes, 3 partials of 1,954,400 envelopes.

- Partial 1: 1,954,400 envelopes due at destination on February 3, 2023
- Partial 2: 1,954,400 envelopes due at destination on February 17, 2023
- Partial 3: 1,954,400 envelopes due at destination on March 3, 2023

## **NUMBER OF PAGES**

Face and Back; head to head before construction.

#### **TRIM SIZE**

3-7/8 x 8-7/8" – #9 Envelope

3-1/2 x 1" window located 3/4" from left edge of envelope and 5/8" from bottom edge of envelope.

## **DESCRIPTION/PRINTING**

Envelope prints text matter and postal markings in black ink on face before construction. Contractor to set all type copy and create postal markings per USPS DMM. Constructed envelope prints face and back, including outside of flap.

Envelope prints opaque security design in black ink on back before construction. Security tint must cover entire inner envelope surface up to the gum line and guarantee complete opacity to prevent show through of any material contained therein. Contractor may use stock design. Proprietary designs and company logos are unacceptable.

# **GOVERNMENT TO FURNISH**

PDF files of the Envelope Specification Sheet, IRS 6153 Shipping Label, and IRS Pallet Specifications. All files to be emailed at time of award, with Purchase Order.

#### **CONTRACTOR TO FURNISH**

All materials and operations, other than those listed under "Government to Furnish", necessary to produce the products in accordance with these specifications.

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# **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 GPO contract administrator immediately.

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

When required by the Government, the contractor shall make minor revisions to the electronic files. It is anticipated that the Government will make all major revisions.

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

Upon completion of the order, the contractor must furnish final production native application files (digital deliverables) with the furnished material. The digital deliverables must be an exact representation of the final printed product and shall be returned on suitable storage media or e-mailed upon request. The Government will not accept, as digital deliverables, PostScript files, Adobe Acrobat Portable Document Format (PDF) files, or any proprietary file formats other than those supplied, unless specified by the Government. NOTE: Government will accept Adobe Acrobat Portable Document Format (PDF) files as digital deliverables when furnished by the Government.

#### **PROOFS**

Contractor to submit one Press Quality PDF soft proof (for content only) 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 print breaks. Email proofs on or before **January 9, 2023**. Contractor must call to confirm receipt. Contact information to be provided after award. Proofs will be held for **1 workday**.

The contractor must not print prior to receipt of an OK to Print.

## STOCK/PAPER

The specifications of all paper furnished must be in accordance with those listed herein or listed for the corresponding JCP Code numbers in the "Government Paper Specification Standards No. 13" dated September 2019. All paper used must be of a uniform shade.

White Writing or Wove, basis weight: 24 lbs. per 500 sheets, basis size: 17 x 22", equal to JCP Code V20.

# **INK/PRINTING**

Black ink, Helvetica (or equal) typeface, follow Envelope Specification Sheets, **Exhibit 1 on page 9** for typeface sizes. All printing shall comply with all applicable U.S. Postal Service regulations.

#### **MARGINS**

Follow margins on the Government furnished Envelope Specification Sheet, Exhibit 1 on page 9.

# **CONSTRUCTION OF ENVELOPES**

Follow margins on the Government furnished specification sheets, see **Exhibit 1 on page 9**.

Envelopes shall be open side, high cut, diagonal or side seam construction with pointed and fully gummed flap. Envelopes with diagonal seams shall be sufficiently high cut so as to prevent the flap adhesive from contacting the envelope contents. The sealed seams shall not adhere to the inside of the envelope. Envelopes shall be free from cuts, folds, tears, machine marks, foreign matter, dirt, ink smears, and adhesive stains.

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# **FLAP ADHESIVE**

Sealing flap must exceed the throat by at least 3/4". Split-gumming is NOT permitted. Flap adhesive shall be a water-activated type of such a consistency to prevent premature sealing of the flap and curling of the envelope after drying.

The flap adhesive shall be uniformly applied and have a minimum thickness of 0.015mm (0.0006 inch). The flap shall be capable of being quickly and securely sealed using finger tips after moistening the adhesive. When opened 15 to 20 seconds after sealing, the flap shall pull fibers from the body of the envelope from not less than 75% of the adhesive area of the flap beyond the throat, up to a maximum width of one-inch gum strip from the edge of the flap.

#### **WINDOWS**

Envelopes require one rectangular window, non-standard size and position. Window size is 3-1/2 x 1", located 3/4" from left edge of envelope and 5/8" from bottom edge of envelope.

Windows shall have rounded or slightly rounded corners, shall be the size and location specified on the Envelope Specification Sheet, see **Exhibit 1 on page 9**, and shall comply with all applicable U.S. Postal Service regulations.

The windows shall be covered on the inside with a 1.5 mil transparent polystyrene window material glued securely on all interior edges so as not to interfere with insertion of contents. The transparent polystyrene window material shall be free of conditions which would prevent being machine read by USPS and IRS equipment.

# QUALITY ASSURANCE LEVELS AND STANDARDS

The following levels and standards shall apply to these specifications:

**Product Quality Levels:** 

- (a) Printing Attributes Level IV
- (b) Finishing Attributes Level IV

Inspection Levels (from ANSI/ASQC Zl.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 Approved PDF Proof

#### **PACKING**

Envelopes shall be un-banded with flaps folded down. The shipping container shall be closed/sealed in accordance with GPO Contract Terms.

Envelopes must not be packed in oversized containers. All envelopes shall be securely packed in boxes so as to prevent curling or warping due to excessive space. Spacers or fillers should only be added to the last shipping container to complete an odd order quantity.

Pack envelopes in units of 500 inside close-fitting boxes, 5 boxes per carton.

Cartons shall have a minimum bursting strength of 1 379 kPa (200 pounds per square inch) or a minimum edge crush test (ECT) of 7 700 N per m width (44 pounds per inch width).

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# DEPARTMENTAL RANDOM COPIES (BLUE LABEL/YELLOW LABEL)

Departmental Random Copies are required with each partial delivery. One set must be labeled with the government furnished Blue Label (GPO Form 2678 – Certificate of Selection of Random Copies) and one set must be labeled with a contractor furnished Yellow Label (Blue Label information copied onto yellow paper).

Production quantity is to be divided into 200 equal sublots. A random "Blue Label" copy and a random "Yellow Label" copy must be selected from each sublot. Do not choose copies from the same general area in each sublot.

The contractor will be required to certify that all copies were selected as directed using GPO Form 917 – Certificate of Selection of Random Copies (located on <a href="www.gpo.gov">www.gpo.gov</a>). The GPO Form 917 shall be packaged with the "Blue Label" copies. The random copies constitute a part of the total quantity ordered, and no additional charge will be allowed.

These randomly selected copies must be packed separately and identified by a special label (GPO Form 2678 – Departmental Random Copies (Blue Label)) that must be printed on blue paper for "Blue Label Copies" and yellow paper for "Yellow Label Copies" and affixed to each affected container. Form 2678 can be downloaded from <a href="www.gpo.gov">www.gpo.gov</a>. The container and its contents shall be recorded separately on all shipping documents and sent in accordance with the "Distribution" clause below.

A copy of the purchase order/specification and a signed Certificate of Selection of Random Copies must be included with the "Blue Label" copies.

A copy of the purchase order/specification must be included with the "Yellow Label" copies.

# **LABELING AND MARKING**

Reproduce partially completed carton shipping label, IRS Form 6153 (Rev. 3-2006), from furnished PDF file, fill in the appropriate information contained on the purchase order and Envelope Specification Sheet. Label outside of shipping containers with label. **See Exhibit 2, page 10.** 

#### **PALLETIZING**

Palletizing is required. There shall be no more than one partial pallet per delivery.

Except for size, pallets must conform with Federal Specifications NN-P 71C, and any amendments thereto, as follows: Type III, Group 2 or 3, four way (partial) flush pallet, size L 48" x W 40". Full entry MUST be on the 40" width.

Cartons must be fastened securely to the pallet in a manner that will prevent lateral movement but will permit ready removal without damage to the containers. Corner beads and stretch-wrapping is required.

Pallets shall be stacked with reverse layer pattern to insure acceptance and safe delivery by common carriers. Maximum height (including pallet) 55". See Exhibit 3, page 11. If this is not possible contact GPO Contracting Officer.

Pallets shall be suitably packed so as to insure acceptance and safe delivery by common carrier. Double stacking pallets is not permitted.

Strict adherence to these dimensions is necessary to meet requirements of IRS storage facilities. Receipt of incorrect pallet construction may result in a charge assessed against the contractor for each incorrect pallet. This charge will cover costs incurred by the Government in re-palletizing the shipment onto correct pallets.

#### **SCHEDULE**

Adherence to this schedule must be maintained. See "Notice of Compliance with Schedules", in GPO Pub. 310.2, Rev. 1-18. Purchase Order and furnished material will be e-mailed from U.S. Government Publishing Office, by **January 5**, **2023.** 

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Unscheduled material such as shipping documents, receipts or instructions, delivery lists, labels, etc., will be furnished with the 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.

#### **DELIVERY DATE**

3 partial deliveries of 1,954,400 envelopes required:

Partial 1: 1,954,400 envelopes due at destination on February 3, 2023
Partial 2: 1,954,400 envelopes due at destination on February 17, 2023
Partial 3: 1,954,400 envelopes due at destination on March 3, 2023

#### RECEIPT FOR DELIVERY

As applicable, the contractor must furnish their own receipts for deliveries. These receipts must include the GPO jacket number; total quantity delivered number of cartons, and quantity per carton; date delivery made; and signature of the Government agent accepting delivery. The original copies of these receipts must accompany the contractor's invoice for payment.

## **DISTRIBUTION**

Deliver f.o.b. destination 3 partial deliveries of **1,954,400 envelopes** each (includes Blue and Yellow Labels) to:

CPS-West Warehouse Business Depot Ogden 112 North 700 West, Bldg. 4B Ogden, UT 84404

Ship all destinations by traceable means. All expenses incidental to picking up and returning materials and samples must be borne by the contractor.

Due to high security at IRS Facilities, detailed information may be required from delivery carriers to confirm the identity of the driver and equipment used for delivery. Additionally, 24 to 48 hour advance notice of intended deliveries may be required to schedule availability of loading/unloading docks.

At same time bulk delivery is shipped, **10 printed samples** from the start of production must be banded with a copy of the purchase order wrapped around or attached to the front of the envelopes. Sample packages are to be delivered to:

IRS ATTN: Carl Matt Slater M/S 8100 1160 West 1200 South Ogden, UT 84404

Only small package carrier shipments accepted, no USPS mail.

On the same day that the product ships, the contractor must notify the ordering agency via e-mail (address provided after award) of the distribution. The subject line of the message shall be "Distribution Notice for Jacket (enter applicable Jacket Number) and Requisition (enter applicable Requisition Number)". The e-mail must provide all applicable tracking numbers, shipping method, and program title. Contractor must provide copies of all delivery, mailing, and shipping receipts (as applicable) upon agency request.

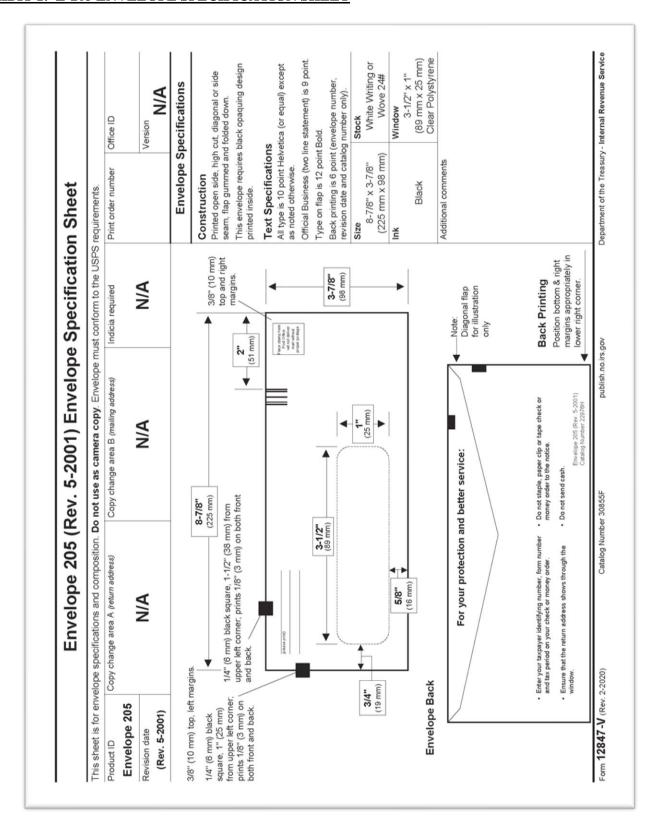
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# **BID OFFER**

| SHIPMENT(S): Shipme  | ent(s) will be m   | nade f.o.b. destination  | n from: City   |  | , State  |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| JACKET NO:   | 740-301  |  |  |  |  |
| BID PRICE:   | \$   |  |  |  |  |
| ADDITIONAL RATE:   | \$   | per  |  |  |  |
| <b>DISCOUNTS:</b> Discount Article 12 "Discounts" of   |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Failure to provide a 60-da   | ay bid acceptan  | ce period may resul  | t in expiration of   | the bid prior to   | award.   |
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| (Person to be Cor  | ntacted)   | (Telepho   | ne Number)   |  | (Email)  |
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# **EXHIBIT 1: E-205 ENVELOPE SPECIFICATION SHEET**



#### **EXHIBIT 2: IRS FORM 6153 SHIPPING LABEL**

# Read Prior to Producing or Labeling Cartons

Labels MUST be generated from the PDF file provided. Handwritten updates are not allowed on any label. If these instructions are not followed, the Contractor will be held responsible for all re-labeling charges.

#### Section I - Prior to Producing Label

- 1) Contact the IRS for a new carton label if any of the following fields are blank when the label is received:
  (a) Catalog number, (b) Revision, (c) Requisition number, (d) Product number, or (e) Product title.
- 2) Fields for Contractor to Update Electronically: (a) Carton # of # (see number Section I, 3 below); (b) From address; (c) To address (see exception under Section II, 2, Cartons via Small Package Carrier (SPC) below); and (d) Carton quantity (if carton quantity is blank, it must be updated with the correct packing quantity).
- 3) Automated Carton # of # fields: To print the correct number of labels for each address with sequential carton numbers, input the total number of cartons in second # field and press "Print Labels" button. Warning: Once the print button is pressed, printing cannot be canceled. Be sure all information is correct prior to printing.
- 4) Printing: Labels must be produced same-size in black ink on white paper.
- 5) Proof: An electronic proof of the label may be required if indicated on the contract or print order.

#### Section II - Labeling for Shipment

- 1) Cartons: All cartons must have IRS shipping label affixed to one end of the carton only (never on top, long-side, or bottom).
- 2) Cartons via Small Package Carrier (SPC): Affix SPC label to top of carton on edge nearest to IRS label. If shipping via SPC to the IRS National Distribution Center, leave the "To (Consignee)" address field blank.
- 3) Small SPC packages/boxes/envelopes via SPC: Affix IRS label to front of package and SPC label to the back. This includes advance distributions and IRS samples.

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# **Carton Shipping Label**

| Department of the Treasu | Department of the Treasury Publishing anal |                      | lyst   | Phone number              | Carton #             | of # |  |
|--------------------------|--|----------------------|--|---------------------------|----------------------|------|--|
| Internal Reven           | ue Service                                 | Carl N               | <b>Iatt Slater</b>   | 469-801-0745              |                      | 1    |  |
| GPO Jacket number        |  | Print order num      | nber   | Program number            | Contractor order no. |      |  |
| From (Contractor name a  | nd address)                                |                      | To (Consignee) CPS-West Whse. Business Depot Ogde 112 North 700 West, Ogden UT 84404 |                           |                      |      |  |
| Catalog number 22976H    | Revision (YYY) 2001-                       | -05-00               | *22976H2001-05-00*   |                           |                      |      |  |
| Product number (Form, D  | ocument, Publicati                         | ion, etc)            | Product title  |                           |                      |      |  |
| Envelope 205             |  |                      | Courtesy reply, G  | eneral purpose, Tri-fold, | Left window          |      |  |
| Carton quantity 2,500    |  | mber (YY-nnnnn) 2338 | *250023-02338*   |                           |                      |      |  |

# **EXHIBIT 3: IRS PALLET SPECIFICATIONS**

