



**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
No. P-2024-014853-JK**

Federal Consulting Services

CLOSING

November 4, 2024, 2024 (3:00 PM, PT)

SUBMITTAL LOCATION

Oregon State University
Procurement, Contracts and Materials Management
644 SW 13th Avenue
Corvallis, Oregon 97333

OSU Procurement, Contracts and Materials Management is staffed Monday through Friday 8:00 am-12:00 noon and 1:00 pm-5:00 pm.
Offices are currently closed to the public.

ELECTRONIC SUBMITTAL ADDRESS

bids@oregonstate.edu

1.0 GENERAL

1.01 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- Issue Date.....October 11, 2024
- Deadline for Requests for Clarification or Change.....October 21, 2024 (5:00 PM, PT)
- Closing.....November 4, 2024 (3:00 PM, PT)

This Schedule of Events is subject to change. Any changes will be made through the issuance of written Addenda.

1.02 PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE

A Pre-Proposal Conference will not be held.

1.03 ISSUING OFFICE

The Procurement, Contracts and Materials Management (PCMM) department of Oregon State University ("OSU") is the issuing office and is the sole point of contact for this Request for Proposal. Address all concerns or questions regarding this Request for Proposal to the Administrative Contact identified below.

1.04 ADMINISTRATIVE CONTACT

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1.05 DEFINITIONS

As used in this Request for Proposal, the terms set forth below are defined as follows:

- a. "Addenda" means an addition to, deletion from, a material change in, or general interest explanation of the Request for Proposal.
- b. "Closing" means the date and time specified in a Request for Proposal as the deadline for submitting offers.
- c. "Days" means calendar days, including weekdays, weekends, and holidays, unless otherwise specified.
- d. "Exhibits" means those documents which are attached to and incorporated as part of the Request for Proposal.
- e. "Proposal" means a binding offer submitted by an entity in response to a request for proposal issued by the university.
- f. "Proposer" means an entity that submits a response to a request for proposal issued by the university.
- g. "Request for Proposal" (RFP) means a Solicitation Document to obtain written, competitive Proposals to be used as a basis for making an acquisition or entering into a Contract when price will not necessarily be the predominant award criteria.
- h. "Responsible" means when an entity has demonstrated their ability to perform satisfactorily under a contract by meeting the applicable standards of responsibility outlined in OSU Standard 03-015, Sec. 5.16.3.i
- i. "Responsive" means when the solicitation response is substantially compliant in all material respects with the criteria outlined in an Invitation to Bid.
- j. "Sealed" means a solicitation response to a solicitation document that has not been opened by the university or a solicitation response delivered by electronic means that has not been distributed beyond university personnel responsible for receiving the electronically submitted solicitation response.
- k. "Signed" means any mark, word, or symbol that is made or adopted by an entity indicating an intent to be bound.
- l. "Solicitation response" means a binding offer submitted by an entity in response to a solicitation document issued by the university.
- m. "Work" means the furnishing of all materials, equipment, labor, transportation, services, and incidentals necessary to successfully complete any individual item or the entire contract and carrying out and completion of all duties and obligations imposed by the contract.

2.0 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

2.01 INTRODUCTION

Procurement, Contracts and Materials Management is seeking Responsive Responsible Proposers to submit Proposals to provide federal consultant services. OSU seeks to enhance its profile within the federal executive branch with the ultimate objective of strengthening OSU's competitive research portfolio.

2.02 BACKGROUND

OSU's Division of Research and Innovation and Government Relations Office seeks to continue to retain services of a qualified consultant to provide government affairs services in support of OSU's Strategic Plan 2024-2030, Prosperity Widely Shared (PWS). PWS identifies three goals, of which the first goal is for OSU to be a university focused on big discoveries that drive big solutions. PWS additionally outlines four areas of research distinction where OSU has clear opportunities to build a global reputation and exert extraordinary impact: climate science and related solutions, robotics, clean energy and related solutions, and integrated health and biotechnology

OSU seeks strategic advice, assistance, and advocacy regarding federal agency budgets, priorities, and personnel in order to expand its extramural research enterprise funding. These requested services are in addition to OSU's current federal relations efforts that are focused primarily on advocacy for federal research funding, student access programs and land-grant capacity programs. Consultants will coordinate efforts with OSU's Vice President of Research and Innovation and OSU's Director of Federal Government Relations.

2.03 OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY

Founded in 1868, Oregon State University is a comprehensive, research-extensive, public university located in Corvallis. Oregon State is one of only two American universities to hold the Land Grant, Sea Grant, Space Grant and Sun Grant designations. Oregon State is also the only Oregon institution to have earned both Carnegie Foundation classifications for Highest Research Activity and Community Engagement, a recognition of the depth and quality of its graduate education and research programs.

Through its centers, institutes, Extension offices and Experiment Stations, Oregon State has a presence in all of Oregon's 36 counties, including its main campus in Corvallis, the Hatfield Marine Sciences Center in Newport and OSU-Cascades Campus in Bend. Oregon State offers undergraduate, master's and doctoral degrees through 11 academic colleges, the Honors College, Graduate School and online Ecampus, enrolling more than 31,000 students from every county in Oregon, every state in the country and more than 110 nations.

3.0 STATEMENT OF WORK / SAMPLE CONTRACT

3.01 SAMPLE CONTRACT

A sample contract containing contractual terms and conditions is included in Exhibit A for reference only. Actual contract is subject to negotiation. OSU anticipates the initial contract term will be for a five (5) year initial term with options to extend for additional years at OSU's discretion.

3.02 STATEMENT OF WORK

Awarded Proposer will provide support for the university in engagement with federal government/agency offices, including Executive and Legislative Branch offices, to promote federal research funding opportunities. In coordination with the OSU Vice President of Research and Innovation and the Federal Government Relations Director, the successful Proposer will:

- Gain and maintain familiarity with university research strengths in areas with recognized or potential for national scientific leadership and the Division of Research and Innovation strategic research priorities. At a minimum this shall include:
 - At least two (2) campus visits to Corvallis per year to meet with university and college leaders, and research faculty;

- In-person meetings in Washington, DC with visiting OSU faculty or university administrators to engage on a strategic research funding objective;
 - Remote engagement with OSU faculty or university administrators to engage on strategic research objectives; and
 - Routine coordination and collaboration with the university Federal Government Relations Director.
- Enhance the university's familiarity with relevant federal agency strategic priorities, funding announcements, and legislative intent related to appropriated funds for relevant federal agency funding.
 - Priority federal research agencies and government offices of strategic interest include:
 - Department of Defense;
 - Department of Energy;
 - Department of Health and Human Services, including the National Institutes of Health;
 - Office of Management and Budget; and
 - Office of Science and Technology Policy.
 - Other significant federal research agencies of strategic interest include:
 - Department of Commerce, including National Institute of Standards and Technology and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration;
 - Department of Transportation;
 - Department of Agriculture; and the
 - National Science Foundation.
 - Identify strategic objectives for which the consultant will support the university in federal government engagement, including an emphasis on strategic objectives to be advanced through annual appropriations.
 - Objectives to be identified shall reflect university faculty research strengths and needs, as well as the Division of Research and Innovation's strategic priorities. Objectives shall be identified in consideration of federal appropriations and/or federal budget factors.
 - Strategic research objectives may reflect the following areas of university research strengths, though objectives need not be limited to the following research areas:
 - marine engineering; marine energy and technology innovation; energy systems; natural hazards research and infrastructure; ocean, coastal, and atmospheric research; food, agriculture, and natural resource systems; human health and health systems; advanced manufacturing; advanced materials; robotics; and nanotechnology.
 - Develop a federal engagement strategic plan for each identified strategic objective to indicate the following:
 - Intended actions the consultant will take to help advance the identified strategic objectives; and
 - Recommended actions by university principals as part of a proposed strategic plan.
 - Provide general support for university federal engagement on strategic interests, as applicable, including, but not limited to:
 - Assistance with introducing university officials or faculty to federal government office officials and program officers of importance to university research objectives, including priority engagement with:
 - U.S. Departments of Defense, Energy, Health and Human Services, as well as the Office of Management and Budget and the Office of Science and Technology Policy; and

- U.S. Senators and Representatives, with an emphasis on U.S. Congress Committee offices with applicable jurisdictions to identified strategic objectives;
 - Assistance with facilitating and supporting relationship development between university officials or faculty with federal officials and legislative offices of strategic interest;
 - Research marketing support for university faculty to engage effectively with federal funding agencies and program offices to enhance agency or program familiarity with and understanding of university scientific leadership and capacity;
 - Federal research proposal development support, as applicable, to help advance identified strategic research objectives, including counsel, technical assistance, and review;
 - Federal research contract negotiation support, as applicable;
 - Facilitate, build, and maintain relationships on behalf of the university with federal research agencies and offices, as well as the U.S. Congress;
 - Facilitate relationship building and partnership opportunities with federal laboratories and / or the private sector to expand federal research opportunities and strengthen proposals;
 - Engage federal agency officials, administration officials, members of Congress, or legislative staff on behalf of the university in support of strategic objectives for the university;
 - Other activities as determined and agreed to as applicable.
- Provide the Federal Government Relations Director with Quarterly Activity Reports.
- Comply with all federal lobbying and reporting requirements, as applicable.

4.0 PROPOSER QUALIFICATIONS

4.01 MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

In order to qualify as a Responsive Proposer, the Proposer needs to meet the minimum qualifications below.

- a. Demonstrated familiarity with federal research agency missions, strategic plans, personnel, and leadership, including but not limited to U.S. Department of Defense, U.S. Department of Energy, and the National Institutes of Health.
- b. Demonstrated experience working with the US Congress and congressional committees, including Committees on Appropriations.
- c. Demonstrated experience in successfully supporting a public research university in an effort to secure a federal research funding opportunity.

4.02 PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS

OSU will award additional points for Proposers able to meet the preferred qualifications below.

- a. Demonstrated experience working with the Oregon federal delegation to the US Congress
- b. Demonstrated relationships with U.S. DOE National Laboratories, and U.S. DOD laboratories or systems commands, and Federally Funded Research and Development Centers.
- c. Experience working for Pacific Northwest clients, including industry leaders.

5.0 REQUIRED SUBMITTALS

5.01 QUANTITY OF PROPOSALS

Submit one (1) electronic copy via the method detailed in the section below titled SUBMISSION. Proposals should contain original signatures on any pages where a signature is required (in the case of electronic submissions, either electronic signatures or scans of hand-signed pages should be included). Proposals should contain the submittals listed in this section below.

5.02 REQUIRED SUBMITTALS

It is the Proposer's sole responsibility to submit information in fulfillment of the requirements of this Request for Proposal. If submittals are not substantially compliant in all material respects with the criteria outlined in the RFP, it will cause the Proposal to be deemed non-Responsive.

Proposers must submit the following information:

Required Submittals:	Check Off
Description of how the goods or services offered specifically satisfy the Statement of Work in section 3	<input type="checkbox"/>
Detailed information about how the Proposer meets the minimum qualifications in section 4	<input type="checkbox"/>
Detailed information about how the Proposer meets the preferred qualifications in section 4	<input type="checkbox"/>
Complete and itemized pricing of the goods or services requested	<input type="checkbox"/>
Exhibit B: Certifications	<input type="checkbox"/>
Exhibit C: References	<input type="checkbox"/>

6.0 EVALUATION

6.01 EVALUATION

The stages of review and evaluation are as follows:

- a. **Determination of Responsiveness:**
OSU will first review all Proposals to determine Responsiveness. Proposals that do not comply with the instructions, that are materially incomplete, that do not meet the minimum requirements, or that are submitted by Proposers who does not meet minimum qualifications may be deemed non-Responsive. Written notice will be sent to Proposers whose Proposal is deemed non-Responsive identifying the reason. A Proposer has the right to appeal the decision pursuant to OSU Standard 03-010, Sec. 5.17.
- b. **First Stage Evaluation:**
Those Proposals determined to be Responsive will be evaluated using the required submittals. Proposals will be scored based on the evaluation criteria listed below. Scores will be used to determine Proposers within a competitive range. The competitive range will be made of Proposers whose individual scores, when viewed together, form a group of the highest ranked Proposers above a natural break in the scores.

OSU reserves the right to ask follow-up questions of Proposers during first stage evaluations. The questions will be for the purpose of clarification of information already contained in submittals and not be an opportunity to submit additional documentation or change existing documentation.

OSU may award after the first stage evaluation to the highest ranked Proposer without moving on to the second stage evaluation. If this option is selected, written notice of intent to award the Contract to the highest ranked Proposer will be provided to all Responsive Proposers, or an award may be made directly

without notice of intent in those instances of a single Responsive Proposer.

c. Second Stage Evaluation:

If award is not made after the first stage evaluation, OSU may choose any of the following methods in which to proceed:

- i. Issue a written invitation to Proposers within the competitive range requesting an interview, presentation, site visit or any other evaluative method that is relevant to the goods or services solicited in the Request for Proposal. Written invitations will contain the evaluation criteria and scoring that will be used by the evaluation committee.
- ii. Engage in oral or written discussions with and receive best and final Proposals from all Proposers in the competitive range or all Proposers submitting Responsive Proposals. Discussions may be conducted for the following purposes:
 - Informing Proposers of deficiencies in their initial Proposals;
 - Notifying Proposers of parts of their Proposals for which OSU would like additional information; or
 - Otherwise allowing Proposers to develop revised Proposals that will allow OSU to obtain the best Proposal based on the requirements set forth in this Request for Proposal.

The conditions, terms, or price of the Proposal may be altered or otherwise changed during the course of the discussions provided the changes are within the scope of the Request for Proposal. Best and final Proposals will be scored based on the evaluation criteria listed below.

Points awarded in the first stage evaluation will not be carried to the second stage evaluation. If a second stage evaluation of all Proposers does not produce an award that is in OSU's best interest, OSU may return to the first stage evaluation to advance additional Proposers to a second stage evaluation.

d. Additional Stages of Evaluation:

If after completion of the second stage of evaluation, an award is not made, OSU may add another stage of evaluation using any of the methods outlined in the second stage evaluation above.

6.02 EVALUATION CRITERIA

Points will be given in each criteria and a total score will be determined. The maximum points available for each criterion are identified below.

<u>Evaluation Criteria</u>	<u>Points</u>
Proposal relative to the Statement of Work	40
Proposer's qualifications	25
Price of the goods or services	35
Total	100

Pricing Calculation:

The Proposal that contains the lowest price to OSU will receive the maximum number of price points. A Proposal whose price is higher than the lowest submitted price will receive proportionately fewer price points, as demonstrated in the example below.

Proposer A's price is \$450 (the lowest)

Proposer A is awarded 20 price points (the maximum)

Proposer B's price is \$500

Proposer B is awarded 18 price points ($450/500 \times 20$)

In the event of a discrepancy between unit prices and extended (arithmetically calculated) prices, unit prices will

prevail over extended prices.

6.03 NEGOTIATIONS

OSU may commence serial negotiations with the highest ranked Proposer or commence simultaneous negotiations with all Responsive Proposers within the competitive range. OSU may negotiate:

- a. The Statement of Work;
- b. The Contract price as it is affected by negotiating the Statement of Work; and
- c. Any other terms and conditions as determined by OSU.

6.04 INVESTIGATION OF REFERENCES

OSU reserves the right to investigate and to consider the references and the past performance of any Proposer with respect to such things as its performance or provision of similar goods or services, compliance with specifications and contractual obligations, and its lawful payment of suppliers, subcontractors, and workers. OSU may postpone the award or execution of the Contract after the announcement of the notice of intent to award in order to complete its investigation.

6.05 CONTRACT AWARD

Contract will be awarded to the Proposer who, in OSU's opinion, meets the requirements and qualifications of the RFP and whose Proposal is in the best interest of OSU. If a successful Contract cannot be completed after award, OSU may conclude contract negotiations, rescind its award to that Proposer, and return to the most recent RFP evaluation stage to negotiate with another Proposer(s) for award.

7.0 INSTRUCTIONS TO PROPOSERS

7.01 APPLICABLE STATUTES AND RULES

This Request for Proposal is subject to the applicable provisions and requirements of the Oregon Revised Statutes, Oregon Administrative Rules, and OSU Policies and Procedures.

7.02 COMMUNICATIONS DURING RFP PROCESS

In order to ensure a fair and competitive environment, direct communication between OSU employees other than the Administrative Contact or other PCMM representative and any party in a position to create an unfair advantage to Proposer or disadvantage to other Proposers with respect to the RFP process or the award of a Contract is strictly prohibited. This restricted period of communication begins on the issue date of the solicitation and for Proposer(s) not selected for award ends with the conclusion of the appeals period identified in OSU Standard 03-010, Sec. 5.17 and for Proposers(s) selected for award ends with the contract execution. This restriction does not apply to communications to other OSU employees during a Pre-Proposal conference or other situation where the Administrative Contact has expressly authorized direct communications with other staff. A Proposer who intentionally violates this requirement of the RFP process or otherwise deliberately or unintentionally benefits from such a violation by another party may have its Proposal rejected due to failing to comply with all prescribed solicitation procedures. The rules governing rejection of individual solicitation responses and potential appeals of such rejections are at OSU Standard 03-010, Sec. 5.17.

7.03 MANUFACTURER'S NAMES AND APPROVED EQUIVALENTS

Unless qualified by the provision "NO SUBSTITUTE" any manufacturers' names, trade name, brand names, information and/or catalogue numbers listed in a specification are for information and not intended to limit competition. Proposers may offer any brand for which they are an authorized representative, which meets or exceeds the specification for any item(s). If Proposals are based on equivalent products, indicate in the Proposal form the manufacturers' name and number. Proposers shall submit with their Proposal, sketches, and descriptive literature, and/or complete specifications. Reference to literature submitted with a previous Proposal will not satisfy this provision. Proposers shall also explain in detail the reason(s) why the proposed equivalent will meet the specifications and not be considered an exception thereto. Proposals that do not comply with these requirements are subject to rejection. Proposals lacking any written indication of intent to provide an alternate brand will be received and considered in complete compliance with the specification as listed in the RFP.

7.04 REQUESTS FOR CLARIFICATION OR CHANGE

Requests for clarification or change of the Request for Proposal must be in writing and received by the Administrative Contact no later than the Deadline for Request for Clarification or Change as specified in the Schedule of Events. Such requests for clarification or change must include the reason for the Proposer's request. OSU will consider all timely requests and, if acceptable to OSU, amend the Request for Proposal by issuing an Addendum. Envelopes, e-mails or faxes containing requests must be clearly marked as a Request for Clarification or Change and include the RFP Number and Title.

7.05 ADDENDA

Only documents issued as written Addenda by PCMM serve to change the Request for Proposal in any way. No other direction received by the Proposer, written or verbal, serves to change the Request for Proposal. Addenda will be publicized on the OSU procurement website. Proposers are advised to consult the OSU procurement website prior to submitting a Proposal in order to ensure that all relevant Addenda have been incorporated into the Proposal. Proposers are not required to submit Addenda with their Proposal. However, Proposers are responsible for obtaining and incorporating any changes made by Addenda into their Proposal. Failure to do so may make the Proposal non-Responsive, which in turn may cause the Proposal to be rejected.

7.06 PREPARATION AND SIGNATURE

All Required Submittals must be written or prepared in ink and signed by an authorized representative with authority to bind the Proposer. Signature certifies that the Proposer has read, fully understands, and agrees to be bound by the Request for Proposal and all Exhibits and Addenda to the Request for Proposal.

7.07 PUBLIC RECORD

Upon completion of the Request for Proposal process, information in all Proposals will become subject records under the Oregon Public Records Law. Only those items considered a "trade secret" under ORS 192.345(2), may be exempt from disclosure. If a Proposal contains what the Proposer considers a "trade secret" the Proposer must mark each sheet of information as such. Only bona fide trade secrets may be exempt and only if public interest does not require disclosure.

7.08 SUBMISSION

Proposals must be received in the PCMM office no later than the Closing; it is the Proposer's responsibility to ensure that the Proposal is received prior to the Closing indicated in this RFP, regardless of the method used to submit the Proposal. Proposals may be submitted via the following method(s):

- 1) Electronic copy in PDF format included as attachment(s) in an e-mail sent to bids@oregonstate.edu. The e-mail subject line should contain the RFP No. and RFP title. Only those Proposals received at this e-mail address by the Closing will be considered Responsive; do not e-mail a copy of the Proposal to any other e-mail address. Proposals submitted directly to the Administrative Contact e-mail address will NOT be considered Responsive. It is highly recommended that the Proposer confirms receipt of the email with the Administrative Contact noted above. The Administrative Contact may open the e-mail to confirm receipt but will NOT verify the integrity of the attachment(s), answer questions related to the content of the Proposal, or address the overall Responsiveness of the Proposal.
- 2) Hard copy in a sealed package or envelope mailed to the submittal location listed on the Request for Proposal cover sheet. The package or envelope should be addressed to the Administrative Contact. It is highly recommended that the Proposer confirms receipt of the Proposal with the Administrative Contact prior to the Closing.

All Proposals, including those submitted through electronic methods (if allowed), must contain written signatures indicating intent to be bound by the offer. If the Proposer submits multiple versions of the Proposal via different methods and does not explicitly direct OSU as to which version to use, OSU will determine which version of the Proposal will be used for evaluation.

7.09 MODIFICATION

Prior to submittal, Proposers should initial modifications or erasures in ink by the person signing the Proposal. After submittal but prior to the Closing, Proposals may be modified by submitting a written notice indicating the

modifications and a statement that the modification amends and supersedes the prior Proposal. After the Closing, Proposers may not modify their Proposal.

7.10 WITHDRAWALS

A Proposer may withdraw their Proposal by submitting a written notice to the Administrative Contact identified in this Request for Proposal prior to the Closing. The written notice must be on the Proposer's letterhead and signed by an authorized representative of the Proposer. The Proposer, or authorized representative of the Proposer, may also withdraw their Proposal in person prior to the Closing, upon presentation of appropriate identification and evidence of authority to withdraw the Proposal satisfactory to OSU.

7.11 LATE SUBMITTALS

Proposals and written notices of modification or withdrawal must be received no later than the Closing (in the case of electronic submissions, the time/date stamp of the email received at the PCMM office must be no later than the Closing). OSU may not accept or consider late Proposals, modifications, or withdrawals except as permitted in OSU Standard 03-015, Sec 5.9. Sole responsibility rests with the Proposer to ensure OSU's receipt of its Proposal prior to the Closing. OSU shall not be responsible for any delays or misdeliveries caused by common carriers or by transmission errors, malfunctions, or electronic delays. Any risks associated with physical delivery or electronic transmission of the Proposal are borne by the Proposer.

7.12 PROPOSAL OPENING

Proposals will be opened immediately following the Closing at the Submittal Location. Proposer may attend the Proposal opening. Only the names of the Proposers submitting Proposals will be announced. No other information regarding the content of the Proposals will be available.

7.13 PROPOSALS ARE OFFERS

The Proposal is the Proposer's offer to enter into a Contract pursuant to the terms and conditions specified in the Request for Proposal, its Exhibits, and Addenda. The offer is binding on the Proposer for one hundred twenty (120) days. OSU's award of the Contract constitutes acceptance of the offer and binds the Proposer. The Proposal must be a complete offer and fully Responsive to the Request for Proposal.

7.14 CONTINGENT PROPOSALS

Proposer shall not make its Proposal contingent upon OSU's acceptance of specifications or contract terms that conflict with or are in addition to those in the Request for Proposal, its Exhibits, or Addenda.

7.15 RIGHT TO REJECT

OSU may reject, in whole or in part, any Proposal not in compliance with the Request for Proposal, Exhibits, or Addenda, if upon OSU's written finding that it is in the public interest to do so. OSU may reject all Proposals for good cause, if upon OSU's written finding that it is in the public interest to do so. Notification of rejection of all Proposals, along with the good cause justification and finding of public interest, will be sent to all who submitted a Proposal.

7.16 AWARDS

OSU reserves the right to make award(s) by individual item, group of items, all or none, or any combination thereof. OSU reserves the right to delete any item from the award when deemed to be in the best interest of OSU.

7.17 LEGAL REVIEW

Prior to execution of any Contract resulting from this Request for Proposal, the Contract may be reviewed by a qualified attorney for OSU. Legal review may result in changes to the terms and conditions specified in the Request for Proposal, Exhibits, and Addenda.

7.18 PROPOSAL RESULTS

A written notice of intent to award will be issued to all Proposers. The Proposal file will be available for Proposer's review during the appeal period at the PCMM Department. Proposers must make an appointment with the Administrative Contact to view the Proposal file. After the appeal period, the file will be available by making a Public Records Request to OSU Office of General Counsel.

7.19 PROPOSAL PREPARATION COST

OSU is not liable for costs incurred by the Proposer during the Request for Proposal process.

7.20 PROPOSAL CANCELLATION

If a Request for Proposal is cancelled prior to the Closing, all Proposals that may have already been received will be returned to the Proposers. If a Request for Proposal is cancelled after the Closing or all Proposals are rejected, the Proposals received will be retained and become part of OSU's permanent Proposal file.

7.21 APPEAL OF CONTRACTOR SELECTION, CONTRACT AWARD

Any Proposer who feels adversely affected or aggrieved may submit an appeal within seven (7) business days after OSU issues a notice of intent to award a Contract. The appeal must be clearly identified as an appeal, identify the type and nature of the appeal, and include the Request for Proposal number and title. The rules governing appeals are at OSU Standard 03-010, Sec. 5.17.

EXHIBIT A TERMS AND CONDITIONS / SAMPLE CONTRACT

ACCESS TO RECORDS. Contractor shall maintain books, records, documents, and other evidence and accounting procedures and practices sufficient to reflect properly all costs of whatever nature claimed to have been incurred and anticipated to be incurred in the performance of this Contract. OSU and the federal government and their respective duly authorized representatives shall have access to the books, documents, papers, and records of Contractor which are directly pertinent to this Contract for the purpose of making audit, examination, excerpts, and transcripts. Such books and records shall be maintained by Contractor for three years from the date of contract expiration unless a shorter period is authorized in writing. Contractor is responsible for any audit discrepancies involving deviation from the terms of this Contract and for any commitments or expenditures in excess of amounts authorized by Institution.

ASSIGNMENT. Contractor shall not assign or transfer its interest nor delegate its obligation in this Contract without the express written consent of the Institution.

AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS. Institution certifies that sufficient funds are available and authorized for expenditure to finance costs of this Contract within its current biennial appropriation or expenditure limitation, provided, however, that continuation of the Contract, or any extension, after the end of the fiscal period in which it is written, is contingent upon a new appropriation or limitation for each succeeding fiscal period for the purpose of this Contract.

CAPTIONS. The captions or headings in this Contract are for convenience only and in no way define, limit, or describe the scope or intent of any provisions of this Contract.

COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAW. Contractor agrees to comply with all federal, state, county, and local laws, ordinances, and regulations applicable to the work to be done under this Contract. Contractor specifically agrees to comply with all applicable requirements of federal and state civil rights and rehabilitation statutes, rules, and regulations. Contractor also shall comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (Pub L No. 101-336), ORS 659.425, and all regulations and administrative rules established pursuant to those laws. Failure or neglect on the part of Contractor to comply with any or all such laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations shall not relieve Contractor of these obligations nor of the requirements of this Contract. Contractor further agrees to make payments promptly when due, to all persons supplying to such Contractor, labor or materials for the prosecution of the work provided in this Contract; pay all contributions or amounts due the Industrial Accident Fund from such contractor incurred in the performance of this Contract; not permit any lien or claim to be filed or prosecuted against the state on account of any labor or material furnished; pay to the Department of Revenue all sums withheld from employees pursuant to ORS 316.167. If Contractor fails or refuses to make any such payments required herein, the appropriate Institution official may pay such claim to such payment. Any payment of a claim in the manner authorized in this section shall not relieve the Contractor or Contractor's surety from obligation with respect to any unpaid claims.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST. Contractor covenants that it presently has no interest and shall not acquire any interest, direct or indirect, which would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of its services hereunder. Contractor further covenants that in the performance of this Contract no person having any such interest shall be employed.

DUAL PAYMENT. Contractor shall not be compensated for work performed under this Contract from any other entity of the State of Oregon.

EXECUTION AND COUNTERPARTS. This Contract may be executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be an original, all of which shall constitute but one and the same instrument.

GOVERNING LAW. This Contract shall be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Oregon. Any claim, action, or suit between Institution and Contractor that arises out of or relates to performance of this Contract shall be brought and conducted solely and exclusively within the Circuit Court for Benton County, for the State of Oregon. Provided, however, that if any such claim, action, or suit may be brought only in a federal forum, it shall be brought and conducted solely and exclusively within the United States District Court for the District of Oregon.

HAZARD COMMUNICATION. Contractor shall notify Institution prior to using products containing hazardous chemicals to which Institution employees may be exposed. Products containing hazardous chemicals are those products defined by Oregon Administrative Rules, Chapter 437. Upon Institution's request, Contractor shall immediately provide Material Safety Data Sheets, as required by OAR 437-155-025, for the products subject to this provision.

INDEMNITY, RESPONSIBILITY FOR DAMAGES. Contractor shall be responsible for all damage to property, injury to persons, and loss, expense, inconvenience, and delay which may be caused by, or result from, the conduct of work under this contract, or from any act, omission, or neglect of contractor, its subcontractors, or employees. Contractor shall save, defend, indemnify, and hold harmless OSU and its officers, board members, employees, and agents from all claims, suits, and actions of any nature resulting from or arising out of the activities or omissions of Contractor or its subcontractors, officers, agents, or employees acting under this contract.

INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR STATUS. The service(s) to be rendered under this Contract are those of an independent contractor. Contractor is not to be considered an agent or employee of Institution for any purpose, and neither Contractor nor any of Contractor's agents or employees are entitled to any of the benefits that Institution provides for its employees. Contractor will be solely and entirely responsible for its acts and for the acts of its agents or employees during the performance of this Contract. If Contractor is providing personal services as an **individual**, (a) Contractor: (1) Is engaged as an independent contractor and will be responsible for any Federal or State taxes applicable to this payment; (2) Will not be eligible for any Federal Social Security, State Workers' Compensation, unemployment insurance, or Public Employees Retirement System benefits from this Contract payment; (3) Is not an officer, employee, or agent of the State as these terms are used in ORS 30.265 and will not be under the direction and control of Institution; (4) Is not currently employed by the Federal Government and the amount charged does not exceed his normal charge for the type of service provided if payment is to be charged against Federal funds; (5) Is not a member of the Oregon Public Employees Retirement System; or (6) if a contributing member of the Oregon Public Employees Retirement System for which contributions to the retirement system must be withheld, Contractor's contribution to the retirement system will be withheld and a corresponding Institution contribution made; and (7) Must furnish Form IRS Form 8233 in duplicate with this Contract if Contractor is a non-resident alien and claims exemption from Federal Withholding tax.

INSURANCE. Contractor shall secure at its own expense and keep in effect during the term of this Contract:

- a. General Liability insurance with minimum limits of \$2,000,000 per occurrence and \$4,000,000 aggregate, which can be met through a combination of primary and excess insurance policies. Said policy shall include, or be endorsed to include, "Oregon State University, its trustees, officers, employees, and agents" as additional insured. Said policy shall also include a waiver of subrogation in favor of Oregon State University, its trustees, officers, employees, and agents.

- b. Automobile Liability insurance (when applicable) with "symbol 1" coverage (owned, hired and non-owned vehicles) with minimum limits of \$1,000,000 combined single limit per occurrence or accident.
- c. Professional Liability insurance (when applicable). Coverage limits shall be a minimum of \$2,000,000 per claim and \$2,000,000 aggregate. If the coverage is written on a claims-made basis, the Contractor/Consultant warrants that any retroactive date applicable to coverage under the policy precedes the effective date of this Contract; and that continuous coverage will be maintained or tail coverage will be purchased for a period of two (2) years beginning from the time that work under this contract is completed.
- d. The Contractor, its subcontractors, if any, and all employers providing work, labor or materials under this Contract are subject employers under the Oregon Workers' Compensation law and shall comply with ORS 656.017, which requires them to provide Workers' Compensation coverage that satisfies Oregon law for all their subject workers, unless such employees are exempt under ORS 656.126. Workers' Compensation coverage shall be maintained at all times in accordance with statutory limits and Employer's Liability insurance shall have minimum limits of \$500,000 each accident; \$500,000 disease-each employee; \$500,000 disease-policy limit.

Insurance carried by Contractor shall be primary and non-contributory. Insurance is to be issued by an insurance company authorized to do business in the State of Oregon with an "A.M. Best" rating of not less than A-VII. Contractor or its insurance broker shall notify OSU of any cancellation, suspension, non-renewal of any insurance within seven (7) days of receipt of insurers' notification to that effect. Contractor shall furnish OSU with certificates of insurance and any applicable endorsements as required by this Contract, upon request. In the event that the Contractor hires subcontractors to complete the services under this Contract, the Contractor shall require the subcontractors to meet all the same insurance requirements provided in the INSURANCE section.

NOTICES AND REPRESENTATIVES. All notices, certificates, or communications shall be delivered or mailed postage prepaid to the parties at their respective places of business as identified in the signature block of this Contract, unless otherwise designated in writing. Copies of such correspondence shall also be sent to all other Contract signatories.

OVERDUE PAYMENTS. Any charges claimed by the Contractor for payment of an overdue amount shall be in accordance with the provisions of ORS 293.462.

OWNERSHIP OF WORK PRODUCT. All work products or any form of property originated or prepared by Contractor which result from this Contract are the exclusive property of Institution.

SEVERABILITY. If any term or provision of this Contract is declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be illegal or in conflict with any law, the validity of the remaining terms and provisions shall not be affected, and the rights and obligations of the parties shall be construed and enforced as if the Contract did not contain the particular term or provision held to be invalid.

SUBCONTRACTS AND ASSIGNMENTS. Contractor shall not enter into any subcontracts for any of the work scheduled under this Contract, or assign or transfer any of its interest in this Contract, without obtaining prior written approval from the Institution.

SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST. The provisions of this Contract shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the parties hereto, and their respective successors and assigns.

TERMINATIONS. This Contract may be terminated at any time by mutual consent of both parties, or by either party upon thirty (30) days' notice in writing and delivered by certified mail or in person to the other party. In addition, the Institution may terminate this Contract effective upon delivery of written notice to Contractor, or at such later date as may be established by the Institution, if (a) Federal or state regulations or guidelines are modified, changed, or interpreted in such a way that the services are no longer allowable or appropriate for purchase under this Contract; or (b) Any license or certificate required by law or regulation to be held by the Contractor to provide the services required by this Contract is for any reason denied, revoked, or not renewed. This Contract may also be terminated by Institution for default (including breach of contract) if (a) Contractor fails to provide services or materials called for by this Contract within the time specified; or (b) Contractor fails to perform any of the other provisions of this Contract, or so fails to pursue the work as to endanger performance of this Contract in accordance with its terms, and after receipt of written notice from Institution, fails to correct such failures within ten days. The rights and remedies of Institution provided in the above clause related to defaults (including breach of contract) by Contractor shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Contract.

TERMINATION DUE TO NONAPPROPRIATION OF FUNDS. If sufficient funds are not provided in future legislatively approved budgets of Institution (or from applicable Federal, state, or other sources) to permit Institution in the exercise of its reasonable administrative discretion to continue this Contract, or if Institution or program for which this Contract was executed is abolished, the Institution may terminate this Contract without further liability by giving Contractor not less than thirty (30) days notice. In determining the availability of funds from the Oregon Legislature for this Contract, Institution may use the budget adopted for it by the Joint Ways and Means Committee of the Oregon Legislative Assembly.

FOREIGN CONTRACTOR. If Contractor is not domiciled in or registered to do business in the State of Oregon, Contractor shall promptly provide to the Oregon Department of Revenue and the Secretary of State, Corporation Division, all information required by those agencies relative to this Contract. Contractor shall demonstrate its legal capacity to perform these services in the State of Oregon prior to entering into this Contract.

FORCE MAJEURE. Neither Institution nor Contractor shall be held responsible for delay or default caused by fire, riot, pandemic, epidemic or other health emergency as declared by the health authority, acts of God, or war where such cause was beyond, respectively, Institution's or Contractor's reasonable control. Contractor shall, however, make all reasonable efforts to remove or eliminate such a cause of delay or default and shall, upon the cessation of the cause, diligently pursue performance of its obligations under this Contract.

WAIVER. The failure of Institution to enforce any provision of this Contract shall not constitute a waiver by Institution of that or any other provision.

APPROVALS. In some instances, another state agency may be required to approve this Contract before any work may commence under this Contract.

RECYCLED PRODUCTS: Contractors will use recycled products, as defined in ORS 279A.010(1)(ii), to the maximum extent economically feasible in the performance of the Contract.

TRAVEL EXPENSES. Unless otherwise stated in the scope of work, Contractor shall make and pay for their travel arrangements in performance of the Contract. For all contract travel itineraries, Contractor shall obtain pre-approval by OSU prior to execution of travel. Contractor's travel expenses must be reasonable and economical in order to maximize the contract value. Any air transportation to, from, between, or within a country other than the United States must be in accordance with the Fly America Act (49 USC 40118). Travel expenses are included in the sum not-to-exceed amount indicated in this Contract. Unauthorized travel expenses or those not included in the sum not-to-exceed amount will not be reimbursed. Travel expense receipts are

not required with invoices. Travel expenses must be included collectively as a separate line item on invoices. Receipts must be retained by Contractor and available for audit at any time during the term of the contract and for three years from the date of Contract expiration. Contractor's request for reimbursement of expenses must be submitted on an invoice within 90 days after the date the travel has been completed. Expenses submitted after the 90 days will not be reimbursed.

FEDERALLY REQUIRED PROVISIONS

ANTI-KICKBACK ACT (40 U.S.C. 3145). Contractor certifies compliance with the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act (40 U.S.C. 3145), as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 3, "Contractors and Subcontractors on Public Building or Public Work Financed in Whole or in Part by Loans or Grants from the United States"). The Act provides that each Contractor or Subcontractor must be prohibited from inducing, by any means, any person employed in the construction, completion, or repair of public work, to give up any part of the compensation to which he or she is otherwise entitled. The Contractor must report all suspected or reported violations to OSU.

BYRD ANTI-LOBBYING AMENDMENT (31 U.S.C. 1352). Contractors that apply or bid for a contract of \$100,000 or more, must file the required certification that it will not and has not used Federally appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any Federal contract, grant or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. 1352. Contractor must require any subcontractor who applies or bids for subcontract of \$100,000 or more to provide a similar certification to the next higher tier (Contractor or subcontractor as applicable). Each tier must also disclose any lobbying with non-Federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any Federal award. Contractor or subcontractor must forward any disclosures from tier to tier up to OSU.

CLEAN AIR ACT (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q.) AND THE FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT (33 U.S.C. 1251-1387), AS AMENDED. If this Contract provides for payments in excess of \$150,000, Contractor must comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q.) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251-1387). Violations shall be reported to the Federal awarding agency and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

CONTRACT WORK HOURS AND SAFETY STANDARDS ACT (40 U.S.C. 3701-3708). For all contracts awarded in excess of \$100,000 that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers, the Contractor must comply with 40 U.S.C. 3702 and 3704, as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5). Under 40 U.S.C. 3702 of the Act, each Contractor must be required to compute the wages of every mechanic and laborer on the basis of a standard work week of 40 hours. Work in excess of the standard work week is permissible provided that the worker is compensated at a rate of not less than one and a half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in the work week. The requirements of 40 U.S.C. 3704 are applicable to construction work and provide that no laborer or mechanic must be required to work in surroundings or under working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous. These requirements do not apply to the purchases of supplies or materials or articles ordinarily available on the open market, or contracts for transportation or transmission of intelligence.

COVERED TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT OR SERVICES. Pursuant to 2 CFR 200.216 and 2 CFR 200.471, which implement Section 889 of the NDAA (Public Law 115-232), OSU is prohibited from obligating or expending grant funds to procure equipment, services or systems that use **covered telecommunications equipment or services** as a substantial or essential component of any system, or critical technology as part of any system. Contractor represents and warrants that in performing under this contract it will not provide or use covered telecommunications equipment or services as defined by Public Law 115-232, Section 889(f). <https://www.congress.gov/115/plaws/publ232/PLAW-115publ232.pdf>

DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION EXECUTIVE ORDERS 12549 AND 12689. A contract award (see 2 CFR 180.220) must not be made to parties listed on the government-wide Excluded Parties List System in the System for Award Management (SAM), in accordance with the OMB guidelines at 2 CFR 180 that implement Executive Orders 12549 (3 CFR part 1986 Comp., p. 189) and 12689 (3 CFR part 1989 Comp., p. 235), "Debarment and Suspension." The Excluded Parties List System in SAM contains the names of parties debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded by agencies, as well as parties declared ineligible under statutory or regulatory authority other than Executive Order 12549. Before a contract award of \$25,000 or more is made, verification is required that the intended awarded party is not on the government-wide exclusions in the SAM. Required verification must be made by checking the SAM Exclusions. Compliance with Subpart C of 2 CFR Part 180 by checking that the intended awarded party is not listed on the SAM Exclusions, before making a contract award, will flow down from tier to tier for contract awards of \$25,000 or more. Contractor must include a term or condition similar to this term, in any subsequent lower tier contract awards of \$25,000 or more. Contractor hereby certifies they are not listed on the government-wide exclusions in the SAM.

DOMESTIC PREFERENCE. In accordance with 2 CFR 200.322, as appropriate and to the extent consistent with law, Contractor should, to the greatest extent practicable under this contract, provide a preference for the purchase, acquisition, or use of goods, products, or materials produced in the United States (including but not limited to iron, aluminum, steel, cement, and other manufactured products). The requirements of this section must be included in all subcontracts including purchase orders for work or products under this award.

ENERGY POLICY AND CONSERVATION ACT. Contractor agrees to comply with mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency which are contained in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6201).

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY. Contractor must comply with Executive Order 11246, "Equal Employment Opportunity" (30 FR 12319, 12935, 3 CFR Part, 1964-1965 Comp., p. 339), as amended by Executive Order 11375, "Amending Executive Order 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity," and implementing regulations at 41 CFR part 60, "Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor."

REMEDIES FOR CONTRACTOR'S DEFAULT. In the event Contractor is in default (which includes without limitation, incomplete services), OSU may, at its option, pursue any or all of the remedies available to it under this Contract and at law or in equity, including, but not limited to: (a) rejection of the services, (b) requiring Contractor to correct any defects without charge, (c) negotiation with Contractor to sell the services to OSU at a reduced price, (d) termination of the Contract, (e) withholding all moneys due for the services Contractor has failed to deliver within any scheduled completion dates or has performed inadequately or defectively, (f) initiation of an action or proceedings for damages, specific performance, or declaratory or injunctive relief, or (g)

exercise of its right of set off. These remedies are cumulative to the extent the remedies are not inconsistent, and OSU may pursue any remedy or remedies singly, collectively, successively, or in any order whatsoever.

RIGHTS TO INVENTIONS MADE UNDER A CONTRACT OR AGREEMENT. If this Contract is for the performance of experimental, developmental, or research work, the Federal Government and OSU have rights in any resulting invention in accordance with 37 CFR part 401, "Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements," and any implementing regulations issued by the awarding agency.

MERGER. THIS CONTRACT CONSTITUTES THE ENTIRE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PARTIES. THERE ARE NO UNDERSTANDINGS, AGREEMENTS, OR REPRESENTATIONS, ORAL OR WRITTEN, NOT SPECIFIED HEREIN REGARDING THIS CONTRACT. NO AMENDMENT, CONSENT, OR WAIVER OF TERMS OF THIS CONTRACT SHALL BIND EITHER PARTY UNLESS IN WRITING AND SIGNED BY ALL PARTIES. ANY SUCH AMENDMENT, CONSENT, OR WAIVER SHALL BE EFFECTIVE ONLY IN THE SPECIFIC INSTANCE AND FOR THE SPECIFIC PURPOSE GIVEN. CONTRACTOR, BY THE SIGNATURE HERETO OF ITS AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE, ACKNOWLEDGES HAVING READ AND UNDERSTOOD THE CONTRACT AND CONTRACTOR AGREES TO BE BOUND BY ITS TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

SAMPLE

**EXHIBIT B
CERTIFICATIONS**

By signature on this certification the undersigned certifies that they are authorized to act on behalf of the Proposer and that under penalty of perjury the undersigned will comply with the following:

SECTION I. OREGON TAX LAWS

The undersigned hereby certifies under penalty of perjury that the Proposer, to the best of the undersigned's knowledge, is not in violation of any tax laws described in ORS 305.380(4).

SECTION II. COMPLIANCE WITH SOLICITATION

The undersigned agrees and certifies that they:

1. Have read, fully understands and agrees to be bound by the Request for Proposal and all Exhibits and Addenda to the Request for Proposal; and
2. Are an authorized representative of the Proposer, that the information provided is true and accurate, and that providing incorrect or incomplete information may be cause for rejection of the Proposal or Contract termination; and
3. Will furnish the designated item(s) and/or service(s) in accordance with the Request for Proposal and the Contract; and
4. Has provided a correct Federal Employer Identification Number or Social Security Number with the Proposal.

SECTION III. PERMISSIVE COOPERATIVE PROCUREMENTS

If Proposer is awarded a contract from this Request for Proposal, Proposer hereby (check one)

☐ agrees

☐ disagrees

to offer the resulting contractual terms and prices to other public institutions.

Authorized Signature: _____

Date: _____

Name (Type or Print): _____

Telephone: (____) _____

Title: _____

Fax: (____) _____

FEIN ID# or SSN# (required): _____

Email: _____

Company: _____

Address, City, State, Zip: _____

Construction Contractors Board (CCB) License Number (if applicable): _____

Business Designation (check one):

☐ Corporation

☐ Partnership

☐ LLC

☐ Sole Proprietorship

☐ Non-Profit

EXHIBIT C REFERENCES

REFERENCE 1

COMPANY:	_____	CONTACT NAME:	_____
ADDRESS:	_____	PHONE NUMBER:	_____
CITY, STATE ZIP:	_____	FAX NUMBER:	_____
WEBSITE:	_____	E-MAIL:	_____
GOODS OR SERVICES PROVIDED: _____			

REFERENCE 2

COMPANY:	_____	CONTACT NAME:	_____
ADDRESS:	_____	PHONE NUMBER:	_____
CITY, STATE ZIP:	_____	FAX NUMBER:	_____
WEBSITE:	_____	E-MAIL:	_____
GOODS OR SERVICES PROVIDED: _____			

REFERENCE 3

COMPANY:	_____	CONTACT NAME:	_____
ADDRESS:	_____	PHONE NUMBER:	_____
CITY, STATE ZIP:	_____	FAX NUMBER:	_____
WEBSITE:	_____	E-MAIL:	_____
GOODS OR SERVICES PROVIDED: _____			
