

Delivery is to be made to the location(s) listed in the bid. All bid prices are to include delivery to the specified location(s). (F.O.B. destination).

J. Taxes:

In accordance with Act 1029, effective September 1, 1991, the Lafayette Parish School Board is exempt from Sales Tax on all purchases.

K. Evaluation of Offers:

1. The Lafayette Parish School Board, in making its award, will consider the lowest responsive bidder. The Lafayette Parish School Board reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids.

2. **Bids for All or Part:** With the exception of public works projects, the Board reserves the right to award on an "ALL-OR-NONE" and/or partial basis whichever is in the best interest of the Lafayette Parish School Board. Bidder may restrict his bid to consideration as "ALL-OR-NONE" by so stating, but shall give a unit price for each item; any bid in which the bidder names a total price for all the articles without quoting a price on each item shall be rejected.

3. **Cash Discounts:** Cash Discounts, if offered, will be taken in consideration in determining the low bid. **DISCOUNTS OF LESS THAN THIRTY (30) DAYS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED IN MAKING AN AWARD.** Beginning date of discount period shall be determined by date of invoice or date of delivery of merchandise whichever occurs first.

4. All items listed in this solicitation will be awarded on the basis of a firm fixed price.

5. **Errors in Bids:** Bids containing errors may be withdrawn by the bidder in accordance with L.R.S. 38:3314.C. Erasures or changes in bids must be initialed.

6. **Tie Bids:** Tie bids will be decided on the basis of drawing lots, unless only one instate vendor is involved. In these cases, preference will be given to the instate vendor as provided for in L.R.S. 38.2225.C.

7. **Ability & Experience:** Considerations used for determining bidder responsibility include "financial ability, skill, integrity, business judgement, experience, reputation, quality of previous work on contracts, and any other similar factors bearing on bidders' ability to successfully perform the contract". Each proposal will receive equal consideration and special attention directed to the bidder's qualifications as provided for in L.R.S. 38.2216.C (2) (a).

L. Purchases Without Bid Security, Contracts & Performance (Delivery) Security

1. **Failure to Perform:** In the event a successful bidder fails to perform (deliver) on an awarded bid and no bid security and/or performance securities were required, the Board shall declare the bidder in default. The Board then has the option of excusing the bidder if it determines good cause exists or it may require a penalty as liquidated damages. In the event a penalty is directed, it shall be the Board's option to invoke the following:

a. Payment to the Board in the amount equal to the difference between the unit price bid times the quantity on an item to item basis of that of the successful bidder and the next responsible low bidder(s) and/or

b. If it becomes necessary to re-bid, payment to the Board in the amount equal to the difference between the unit price times the quantity on an item basis of that of the successful bidder on the original bid and that of the lowest responsible bidder(s) on the re-bid.