

All written communications regarding this solicitation should be addressed to the Contracting Officer and should be directed by e-mail to Reginald Ramdat, Contract Specialist at Reginald.Ramdat@dcsc.gov.

REPRESENTATIONS, CERTIFICATIONS, AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

1. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF AMENDMENTS

The bidder acknowledges receipt of Addenda to the solicitation and related documents numbered and dated as follows:

AMENDMENT NO.	DATE	AMENDMENT NO.	DATE

NOTE: Bidder may acknowledge addendum here or on addendum or both.

2. OFFICERS NOT TO BENEFIT CERTIFICATION

Each Bidder shall check one of the following:

- ___ (a) No person listed in Clause 21 of the District of Columbia Courts General Contract Provisions will benefit from this contract.
- ___ (b) The following person(s) listed in Clause 21 of the District of Columbia Courts General Contract Provisions may benefit from this contract. For each person listed, attach the affidavit required by Clause 21 of the District of Columbia Courts General Contract Provisions.

3. CERTIFICATION OF INDEPENDENT PRICE DETERMINATION

- (a) Each signature on the bid is considered to be a certification by the signatory that:

- (1) The prices in this bid have been arrived at independently, without, for the purpose of restricting competition, any consultation, communication, or agreement with any Bidder or competitor relating to (i) those prices, (ii) the intention to submit a bid, or (iii) the methods or factors used to calculate the prices bid;
 - (2) The prices in this bid have not been and will not be knowingly disclosed by the Bidder, directly or indirectly, to any other Bidder or competitor before bid opening unless otherwise required by law; and
 - (3) No attempt has been made or will be made by the Bidder to induce any other concern to submit or not to submit a bid for the purpose of restricting competition.
- (b) Each signature on the bid is considered to be a certification by the signatory that the signatory;
- (1) Is the person in the Bidder's organization responsible for determining the prices being bided in this bid, and that the signatory has not participated and will not participate in any action contrary to subparagraphs (a) (1) through (a) (3) above; or
 - (2)
 - (i) Has been authorized, in writing, to act as agent for the following principals in certifying that those principals have not participated, and will not participate in any action contrary to subparagraphs (a) (1) through (a) (3) above:

 (insert full name or person(s) in the organization responsible for determining the prices bided in this bid and the title of his or her position in the Bidder's organization);
 - (ii) As an authorized agent, does certify that the principals named in subdivision (b) (2) (1) above have not participated, and will not participate, in any action contrary to subparagraphs (a) (1) through (a) (3) above; and
 - (iii) As an agent, has not participated, and will not participate, in any action contrary to subparagraphs (a) (1) through (a) (3) above.
- (c) If Bidder deletes or modifies subparagraph (a) (2) above, the Bidder must furnish with its bid a signed statement setting forth in detail the circumstances of the disclosure.

4. **TYPE OF BUSINESS ORGANIZATION**

Bidder operates as () an individual, () a partnership, () a nonprofit organization, () a corporation, incorporated under the laws of the State of _____, () a joint venture, () other.

5. **PAYMENT IDENTIFICATION NO.**

The District of Columbia Courts utilizes an automated vendor database. All firms are required to submit their Federal Tax Identification Number. Individuals must submit their social security numbers.

Please list below applicable vendor information:

Federal Tax Identification Number: _____

Or

Social Security Number: _____

Dun and Bradstreet Number: _____

Legal Name of Entity Assigned this Number: _____

Street Address and/or Mailing Address: _____

City, State, and Zip Code: _____

Type of Business: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Fax Number: _____

PAYMENTS UNDER TERMS OF ANY CONTRACT RESULTING FROM THIS SOLICITATION WILL BE HELD IN ABEYANCE PENDING RECEIPT OF A VALID FEDERAL TAX IDENTIFICATION NUMBER OR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER.

PART I

SECTION B - SUPPLIES OR SERVICES AND PRICE/COST

- B.1 DC Court (Court) is the court of general jurisdiction in Washington, DC and the judicial branch of the District of Columbia government. Its mission is to protect rights and liberties, uphold and interpret the law, and resolve disputes peacefully, fairly and effectively in the Nation's Capital. The Courts' mission and its operations rely heavily on information technology (IT), and the organization's dependence on technology will increase with the adoption of additional services and technologies in the future.
- B.2 The Courts' Judiciary Square campus is comprised of six (6) buildings:
- a. 500 Indiana Avenue N.W. (known as the Moultrie building)
 - b. 515 5th St. N.W. (known as the Building A)
 - c. 510 4th St. N.W. (known as the Building B)
 - d. 410 E St. N.W. (known as the Building C)
 - e. 430 E St. N.W. (known as the Building D)
 - f. 616 H St. N.W. (known as the Gallery Place building)
- B.2.1 There are also five field units in the District of Columbia and a disaster recovery site in Maryland.
- B.3 The Courts' primary data center is currently located in the Moultrie building. Building C has a newly renovated data center that will ultimately become the Courts' primary data center.
- B.4 The focus of this solicitation is the acquisition of Hardware (Cisco ASA, TACACS, 3XXX routers/switches, and Ironport equipment with related software, warranty, and maintenance items) to populate and work in conjunction with the Building C data center and Hardware Deployment (remote integration/training). Reference the **Attachment 1 – IT Security BOM** spreadsheet for the complete list.
- B.5 **The Court intends to award a firm-fixed-price contract as a result of this solicitation to the responsible and responsive bidder whose bid meets all the requirements set forth in this solicitation and is the total lowest bid price.**

- B.6 The Bidder shall submit a price for all the items specified in **Attachment 1 – IT Security BOM Spreadsheets** and in accordance with Section C – Specifications, of this Request For Bids .
- B.7 **All firms submitting proposals in reference to this request shall include a copy of their current GSA Federal Supply Schedule.**

SECTION C - DESCRIPTION/SPECIFICATIONS/WORK STATEMENT

C.1 SPECIFICATIONS:

- C.1.1 The Court is seeking to procure the exact items listed in the **Attachment 1 – IT Security BOM** spreadsheets.

PART 1

SECTION D - PACKAGING AND MARKING

This section is not applicable to this solicitation.

SECTION E - INSPECTION AND ACCEPTANCE

E.1 Inspection Of Services.

- (a) “Services” as used in this clause includes services performed, workmanship, and material furnished or utilized in the performance of services.
- (b) The Contractor shall provide and maintain documentation of all services provided under this contract. Complete records of all services performed by the Contractor shall be maintained and made available to the Courts during contract performance and for as long afterwards as the contract requires.
- (c) The Courts have the right to review all services called for by the contract to the extent practicable during the term of the contract.
- (d) If any of the services do not conform to the contract requirements, the Courts may require the Contractor to perform these services again in conformity with contract requirements, at no increase in contract amount. When the defects in services cannot be corrected by performance, the Courts may require the Contractor to take necessary action to ensure that future performance conforms to contract requirements and reduce the contract price to reflect value of services performed.
- (e) If the Contractor fails to promptly perform the services again or take the necessary action to ensure future performance in conformity to contract requirements, the Courts may (1) by contract or otherwise, perform the services and charge the Contractor any cost incurred by the Courts that is directly related to the performance of such services, or (2) terminate the contract for default.

SECTION F – PERFORMANCE AND DELIVERIES

F.1 **Period of Performance:**

F.1.1 All Hardware (and related software) BOM items shall be delivered within thirty (30) days from the contract award date. The date of award shall be the date the Contracting Officer signs the contract document.

F.1.2 All Hardware Deployment BOM items shall be delivered within one hundred and eighty (180) days from the contract award date. The date of award shall be the date the Contracting Officer signs the contract document.

F.1.3 All Hardware (and related software) Warranty and Maintenance items shall be delivered within 36 months from the Hardware (and related software) delivery.

F.2 **Deliverables:**

F.2.1 **ALL** items specified in **Attachment 1 – IT Security BOM Spreadsheet** shall be delivered in accordance **Clause F.1 – Period of Performance** before the requirements are considered satisfied.

F.2.2 **Delivery Location:**

The hardware (and related software) BOM items shall be delivered to the District of Columbia Courts warehouse located at:

**District of Columbia Courts Warehouse
6217 Columbia Park Rd.
Cheverly, MD 20785
ATTN: Jeff Banks
202-879-4861**

SECTION G -CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION DATA

G.1 Payment/Invoices.

G.1.1 This procurement will be conducted on a firm-fixed-price (FFP) basis. The Contractor will be compensated in the following manner:

Item #	Deliverable	% of Payment	Comments
1	Hardware	100%	Upon complete/accurate delivery of ALL Hardware (and related software) BOM items to the Building C Data Center and the Court acceptance of such deliverables
2	Hardware Deployment	100%	Upon complete/accurate delivery of Hardware Deployment BOM items and the Court acceptance of such deliverables
3	Hardware Warranty and Maintenance, 3 Years	100%	Upon Hardware (and related software) delivery and the Court acceptance of such deliverables

G.1.2 The Contractor shall prepare invoices in duplicate and submit them to the payment office specified in Section G.2, below. The COTR shall review each invoice for certification of receipt of satisfactory services prior to authorization of payment. Payments shall be made within 30 days after receipt and approval of proper invoices.

G.1.3 At a minimum, to constitute a proper invoice, the Contractor's invoice shall include the following information:

- a. Name and address of the Contractor;
- b. The contract number and Contract Order number;
- c. Invoice date;
- d. Description, quantity, unit of measure, and extended price of the services or supplies actually rendered;
- e. Date the services or supplies were rendered;
- f. Shipping & payment terms;
- g. Name and address of the Contractor official to whom payment is to be sent;
- h. Name, title, phone number, and mailing address of person to be notified in the event of a defective invoice;
- i. The Contractor's Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) routing identification (bank

name and code, account number) or the Contractor's complete remittance or check mailing address, including the name (where practicable), title, phone number, and complete mailing address of responsible official to whom payment is to be sent; and

- j. Signature of a person so authorized to certify that the services or supplies were provided as stated.

G.2 **Payment Office**

- G.2.1 The Contractor shall prepare and submit invoices to:

Accounting Supervisor
Budget and Finance Division
D.C. Courts
616 H Street, N.W., Suite 600
Washington, D.C. 20001
202-879-2813

G.3 **Billing/Payment Certification**

- G.3.1 Payment to the Contractor for services satisfactorily performed shall be made by the Courts once the Contractor's certified invoice has been approved by the **COTR**, or in the case of a dispute, subject to final determination by the Contracting Officer.

G.4 **Audits**

- G.4.1 At any time or times before final payment and three (3) years thereafter, the Contracting Officer may have the Contractor's invoices or vouchers and statements of costs audited. Any payment may be reduced by amounts found by the Contracting Officer not to constitute allowable costs as adjusted for prior overpayment or underpayment. In the event that all payments have been made to the Contractor by the Courts and a discrepancy of overpayment is found, the Courts shall be reimbursed for said overpayment within thirty (30) days after written notification.

G.5 **Contracting Officer and Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR)**

- G.5.1 **Contracting Officer.** The District of Columbia Courts' Contracting Officer who has the appropriate contracting authority is the only Courts official authorized to contractually bind the Courts through signing contract documents. All correspondence to the Contracting Officer shall be forwarded to:

A. Louis W. Parker
Administrative Officer
Administrative Services Division
District of Columbia Courts
616 H Street, N.W., Suite 622
Washington, D.C. 20001

G.5.2 **Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR):** The COTR is responsible for general administration of the contract and advising the Contracting Officer as to the Contractor's performance or non-performance of the contract requirements. In addition, the COTR is responsible for the day-to-day monitoring and supervision of the contract. The COTR shall be:

A. Mr. Clide Cork, Jr.
Project Manager (Infrastructure)
Information Technology Division
410 E St. N.W.
Washington DC, 20001
Telephone Number: 202-879-0037

G.6 **Authorized Representative of the Contracting Officer.**

G.6.1 The COTR will have the responsibility of ensuring that the work conforms to the requirements of the contract and such other responsibilities and authorities as may be specified in this contract. It is understood and agreed that the COTR shall not have authority to make changes in the scope or terms and conditions of the contract.

G.6.2 **THE RESULTANT CONTRACTOR IS HEREBY FOREWARNED THAT ABSENT THE REQUISITE AUTHORITY OF THE COTR TO MAKE ANY SUCH CHANGES, CONTRACTOR MAY BE HELD FULLY RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY CHANGES NOT AUTHORIZED IN ADVANCE, IN WRITING, BY THE CONTRACTING OFFICER, MAY BE DENIED COMPENSATION OR OTHER RELIEF FOR ANY ADDITIONAL WORK PERFORMED THAT IS NOT SO AUTHORIZED, AND MAY BE ALSO BE REQUIRED, AT NO ADDITIONAL COST TO THE COURTS, TO TAKE ALL CORRECTIVE ACTION NECESSITATED BY REASON OF THE UNAUTHORIZED CHANGES.**

SECTION H - SPECIAL CONTRACTS REQUIREMENTS

H.1 Other Contractors

The Contractor shall not commit or permit any act which will interfere with the performance of work done by any other Courts Contractor or by any Courts employee. If another contractor is awarded a future contract for performance of the required services, the original contractor shall cooperate fully with the Courts and the new contractor in any transition activities which the Contracting Officer deems necessary during the term of the contract.

H.2 Disclosure of Information

H.2.1 Any information made available by the District of Columbia Courts shall be used only for the purposes of carrying out the provisions of this contract, and shall not be divulged nor made known in any manner to any person except as may be necessary in the performance of the contract.

H.2.2. In performance of this Contract, the Contractor agrees to assume responsibility for protection of the confidentiality of Courts records and that all work shall be performed under the supervision of the Contractor or the Contractor's responsible employees.

H.2.3 Each office or employee of the Contractor to whom information may be available or disclosed shall be notified in writing by the Contractor that information disclosed to such officer or employee can be used only for a purpose and to the extent authorized herein, and that further disclosure of any such information, by any means, for a purpose or to an extent unauthorized herein, may subject the offender to criminal sanctions.

H.2.4 No information regarding the Contractor's performance of the contract shall be disclosed by the Contractor to anyone other than the District of Columbia Courts officials unless written approval is obtained in advance from the Contracting Officer.

H.3 Rights in Data

H.3.1 "Data" as used herein, means recorded information, regardless of form or the media on which it may be recorded. The term includes technical data and computer software. The term does not include information incidental to contract administration, such as financial, administrative, cost and pricing, or management information.

H.3.2 The term "Technical Data" as used herein, means recorded information regardless of form or characteristic. It may, for example, document research, experimental, developmental work, or be used to define a design or process to produce, support, maintain, or update material or documentation. The data may be character, graphic or pictorial delineation in media such as drawings or photographs, text, or related design or performance type documentation. Examples of technical data include research data, documentation drafts, lists, specifications, profiles, standards, process sheets, manuals, and technical reports.

H.3.3 The term "Computer Software" as used herein, means all computer programs and relational computer databases, "Computer Programs" as used herein are defined as a series of instructions or statements in a form acceptable to a computer, designed to cause the computer to execute an operation or operations. Computer programs include operating systems, assemblers, compilers, interpreters, database management systems, utility programs, sort/merge programs, and automatic data processing equipment (ADPE) maintenance diagnostic programs.

H.3.4 All data first produced in the performance of any contract resulting from this solicitation process shall be the sole property of the District of Columbia Courts. The Bidder hereby acknowledges that all data produced by the Bidder for the process, are works made for hire and are the sole property of the District of Columbia Courts; but, to the extent any such data may not, by operation of law, be works made for hire, the Contractor shall transfer and assign to the Courts the ownership of copyright in works, whether published or unpublished. Further, the Contractor agrees to give the Courts all assistance reasonably necessary to perfect such rights, including but not limited to the works and supporting documentation and the execution of any instrument required to register copyrights. The Contractor agrees not to assert any rights at common law or in equity in such data. The Contractor shall not publish or reproduce such data in whole or in any manner or form, authorize others to do so, without written consent of the District of Columbia Courts until such time as the Courts may release such data to the public domain. The Courts shall not unreasonably withhold consent to the Bidder's request to publish or reproduce data in professional or public relations trade publications.

H.4 **Security Requirements**

The requirement for Contractor personnel to obtain a security clearance as designated by the Contracting Officer may arise per District of Columbia Courts' security policies and procedures. The District of Columbia Courts will notify the Contractor of all such requirements as soon as practicable.

H.5 **Publicity**

The Contractor shall at all times obtain the prior written approval from the Court's Contracting Officer before it, any of its officers, agents, employees or subcontractors, either during or after expiration or termination of the contract, make any statement or issue any material, for publication through any medium of communication, bearing on the work performed or data collected under this contract.

PART II

SECTION I - CONTRACT CLAUSES

I.1 Applicability of General Provisions Applicable to the D.C. Courts Contracts

The General Provisions Applicable to D.C. Courts Contracts (Attachment J. 1) shall be applicable to the contract resulting from this solicitation.

I.2 Restriction On Disclosure and Use of Data

Bidders who include in their bids data that they do not want disclosed to the public or used by the Courts except for use in the procurement process shall so state in their bid.

I.3 Ethics in Public Contracting

The Bidder shall familiarize itself with the Court's policy entitled "Ethics In Public Contracting". The Bidder shall abide by such provisions in submission of its bid and performance of any contract awarded.

I.4 Disputes

Any dispute arising under or out of this contract is subject to the provisions of Chapter 8 of the Procurement Guidelines of the District of Columbia Courts.

I.5 Laws and Regulations

All applicable laws, Courts rules, procurement guidelines and regulations shall apply to the contract throughout, and they will be considered to be included in the contract the same as though herein written out in full.

I.6 Non-Discrimination

The Contractor agrees that it will comply with the nondiscrimination requirements set forth in D.C. Code, Section 2-1402.11(2001) which will be incorporated into any contract awarded. The Contractor agrees to comply with requests from the Courts to support the Contractor's adherence to this section.

I.7 Examination of Books and Records

The Contracting Officer or any of the Contracting Officer's duly authorized representatives shall, until three years after final payment, have the right to examine any directly pertinent books, documents, papers and record of the Contractor involving transactions related to the contract.

I.8 Record Keeping

The Contractor shall be expected to maintain complete and accurate records justifying all actual and accrued expenditures. The Contractor's records shall be subject to periodic audit by the Court.

I.9 Subcontracts

None of the Contractor's work or services hereunder may be subcontracted by the Contractor to any subcontractor without the prior, written consent of the Contracting Officer. Any work or service so subcontracted shall be performed pursuant to a subcontract agreement which the Courts shall have the rights to review and approve prior to its execution. Notwithstanding any such subcontractor approved by the Court, the Contractor shall remain liable to the Courts for all contractors' work and services required hereunder.

I.10 Protest

I.10.1 Any aggrieved person may protest this solicitation, award or proposed contract award in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Procurement Guidelines of the District of Columbia Courts. Protest shall be filed in writing, within ten (10) working days after the basis of the protest is known (or should have been known), whichever is earlier with the Contracting Officer at:

Administrative Officer
Administrative Services Division
District of Columbia Courts
616 H Street, N.W., Suite 622
Washington, D.C. 20001
Facsimile Number: (202) 879-2835

I.10.2 A protest shall include the following:

I.10.2.1 Name, address and telephone number of the protester;

I.10.2.2 solicitation or contract number;

- I.10.2.3 Detailed statement of the legal and factual grounds for the protest, including copies of relevant documents;
- I.10.2.4 Request for a ruling by the Contracting Officer; and
- I.10.2.5 Statement as to the form of relief requested.

I.11 Insurance

I.11.1 General Requirements

The Contractor shall procure and maintain, during the entire period of performance under this contract, the types of insurance specified below. The Contractor shall have its insurance broker or insurance company submit a Certificate of Insurance to the Contracting Officer giving the evidence of required coverage prior to commencing work under this contract. In no event shall any work be performed until the required Certificates of Insurance signed by an authorized representative of that insurer(s) have been provided to and accepted by the Contracting Officer. All insurance shall be written with financially responsible companies authorized to do business in the District of Columbia or in the jurisdiction where the work is to be performed; have either an A.M. Best Company rating of A-VIII or higher. **All insurance shall set forth the District of Columbia Courts as an additional insured. The policies of insurance shall provide for at least thirty (30) day written notice to the District of Columbia Courts prior to their termination or material alteration.** The Contractor shall require all subcontractors to carry the same insurance required herein. The Contractor shall ensure that all policies provide that the Contracting Officer shall be given thirty (30) days prior written notice in the event that the stated limits in the declaration page is reduced via endorsement or the policy is cancelled prior to the expiration date shown on the certificate. The Contractor shall provide the Contracting Officer with ten (10) days prior written notice in the event of non-payment of premium.

I.11.2 Automobile Liability Insurance

The Contractor shall provide automobile liability insurance to cover all owned, hired or non-owned motor vehicles used in conjunction with the performance of the contract. The policy shall provide a \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence combined single limit for bodily injury and property damage.

I.11.3 Workers' Compensation Insurance

The Contractor shall provide Workers' Compensation insurance in accordance with the statutory mandates of the District of Columbia or the jurisdiction in which the contract is performed.

I.11.4 Employer's Liability Insurance

The Contractor shall provide employer's liability insurance as follows: \$1 million per accident for injury; \$1 million per employee for disease; and \$1 million for policy disease limit.

I.11.5 Duration

The Contractor shall carry all required insurance until the contract work is accepted by the Courts and shall carry the required General Liability; and any required Employment Practices Liability Insurance for five (5) years following final acceptance of the work performed under this contract.

I.11.6 Liability

These are the required minimum insurance limits required by the Courts.
HOWEVER THE REQUIRED MINIMUM INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS WILL IN NO WAY LIMIT THE CONTRACTOR'S LIABILITY UNDER THIS CONTRACT.

I.11.7 Measure Of Payment

The Courts shall not make any separate measure or payment for the cost of insurance and bonds. The Contractor shall include all of the costs of insurance and bonds in the contract price.

I.11.8 Notification

The Contractor shall immediately provide the Contracting Officer with written notice in the event its insurance has or will be substantially changed, cancelled or not renewed, and provide an updated Certificate of Insurance to the Contracting Officer.

I.11.9 Certificates Of Insurance

The Contractor shall submit Certificates of Insurance giving evidence of the required insurance coverage as specified in this section prior to commencing work. Evidence of insurance shall be submitted to:

Reginald Ramdat
Contract Specialist
616 H Street, N.W.
Suite 612
Washington, DC 20001
Phone: 202-879-2865
ramdatrn@dcsc.gov

I.11.10 Disclosure Of Information

The Contractor agrees that the Courts may disclose the name and contact information of its insurers to any third party which presents a claim against the Courts for any damages or claims resulting from or arising out of work performed by the Contractor, its agents, employees, servants or subcontractors in the performance of this contract.

PART III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS, EXHIBITS AND OTHER ATTACHMENTS

SECTION J - LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

- 1. General Provisions Applicable to D.C. Courts Contracts (Attachment J.1)**
- 2. Tax Certification Affidavit (Attachment J.2)**
- 3. IT Security BOM Spreadsheet – (Attachment 1)**

PART IV

REPRESENTATIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS

SECTION K - REPRESENTATIONS, CERTIFICATIONS AND OTHER STATEMENTS OF BIDDERS

K.1 Certification Regarding a Drug-Free Workplace

K.1.1 Definitions. As used in this provision:

K.1.1.1 "Controlled substance" means a controlled substance in schedules I through V of section 202 of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C.) and as further defined in regulation at 21 CFR 1308.11 - 1308.15.

K.1.1.2 "Conviction" means a finding of guilt (including a plea of nolo contendere) or imposition of sentence, or both, by any judicial body charged with the responsibility to determine violations of the Federal or State criminal drug statutes.

K.1.1.3 "Criminal drug statute" means a Federal or non-Federal criminal statute involving the manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession or use of any controlled substance.

K.1.1.4 "Drug-free workplace" means the site (s) for the performance of work done by the Contractor in connection with a specific contract at which employees of the Contractor are prohibited from engaging in the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance.

K.1.1.5 "Employee" means an employee of a Contractor directly engaged in the performance of work under a Government contract. "Directly engaged" is defined to include all direct costs employees and any other Contractor employee who has other than a minimal impact or involvement in contract performance.

K.1.1.6 "Individual" means a bidder/contractor that has no more than one employee including the Bidder/contractor.

K.1.2 By submission of its bid, the Bidder, if other than an individual who is making a bid that equals or exceeds \$25,000.00, certifies and agrees, that with respect to all employees of the Bidder to be employed under a contract resulting from this solicitation, it will - no later than 30 calendar days after contract award (unless a

longer period is agreed to in writing), for contracts of 30 calendar days or more performance duration, or as soon as possible for contract of less than 30 calendar days performance duration, but in any case, by a date prior to when performance is expected to be completed.

- K.1.2.1 Publish a statement notifying such employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the Contractor's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violations of such prohibition;
- K.1.2.2 Establish an ongoing drug-free awareness program to inform such employees about -
- (i) The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
 - (ii) The Contractor's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
 - (iii) Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance program; and
 - (iv) The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace.
- K.1.2.3 Provide all employees engaged in performance of the contract with a copy of the statement required by subparagraph K.1.2.1 of this provision;
- K.1.2.4 Notify such employees in writing in the statement required by subparagraph K.1.2.1 of this provision that, as a condition of continued employment on the contract resulting from this solicitation, the employee will
- (i) Abide by the terms of the statement; and
 - (ii) Notify the employer in writing of the employee's conviction under a criminal drug statute for a violation occurring in the workplace no later than 5 calendar days after such conviction;
- K.1.2.5 Notify the Contracting Officer in writing within 10 calendar days after receiving notice under subdivision K.1.2.4 (ii) of this clause, from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction;
- K.1.2.6 The notice shall include the position title of the employee; and

- K.1.2.7 Within 30 calendar days after receiving notice under subdivision K.1.2.4 (ii) of this provision of a conviction, take one of the following actions with respect to any employee who is convicted of a drug abuse violation occurring in the workplace:
- (i) Take appropriate personnel action against such employee, up to and including termination; or
 - (ii) Require such employee to satisfactorily participate in drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal, State, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency.
- K.1.2.8 Make a good faith effort to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of subparagraphs K.1.2.1 through K.1.2.6 of this provision.
- K.1.3 By submission of its bid, the Bidder, if an individual who is making a bid of any dollar value, certifies and agrees that the Bidder will not engage in the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance in the performance of the contract resulting from this solicitation.
- K.1.4 Failure of the Bidder to provide the certification required by paragraphs K.1.2 or K.1.3 of this provision, renders the Bidder unqualified and ineligible for award. (See FAR 9.104-1(g) and 19-602-1(a)(2) (i) and (ii).
- K.1.5 In addition to other remedies available to the Government, the certification in paragraphs K.1.2 or K.1.3 of this provision concerns a matter within the jurisdiction of an agency of the United States and the making of a false, fictitious, or fraudulent certification may render the maker subject to prosecution under Title 18, United States Code, Section 1001.

K.1.6 **CERTIFICATION REGARDING A DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE**

 Print Name of Authorized
 Representative

 Title

 Signature of Authorized
 Representative

PART V

REPRESENTATIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS

SECTION L - INSTRUCTIONS, CONDITIONS AND NOTICES TO BIDDERS

L.1 Bid Submission and Identification

L.1.1 The District of Columbia Courts will not accept a facsimile copy of a bid as an original. Unless specifically authorized in the solicitation, the District of Columbia Courts shall not accept telegraphic bids.

L.1.2 Bids shall be submitted in a sealed bid package. The Bidder shall conspicuously mark on the outside of the bid package the name and address of the Bidder and the following:

Solicitation Number: DCSC-12-FS-0046

Caption: "IT Security Equipment & Software"

Bid Due Date & Time: August 13, 2012 No later than 2:00 P.M.

L.2 Bidders may submit Bids either by mail or by hand delivery/courier services.

L.2.1 Bidders submitting their bids by mail must mail their bids to the following address:

District of Columbia Courts
Administrative Services Division
Procurement and Contracts Branch
Attn: Reginald Ramdat, Contract Specialist
616 H Street, N.W., Suite 612
Washington, D.C. 20001

L.2.2 Bidders submitting their bids by hand delivery/courier services must hand deliver their bids to the following address:

District of Columbia Courts
Administrative Services Division
Procurement and Contracts Branch
Attn: Reginald Ramdat, Contract Specialist
701 7th Street, N.W., Suite 612
Washington, D.C. 20001

- L.3 Bid Submission Date and Time, Late Submission, Modifications and Withdrawals**
- L.3.1 Bids shall be submitted no later than the date and time specified in the solicitation. Bids, modifications to bids, or requests for withdrawal that are received in the designated Courts office after the exact local time specified above, are "late" and shall be considered only if they are received before the award is made and one (1) or more of the following circumstances apply:
- L.3.1.1 The bid or modification was sent by registered or certified mail no later than the fifth (5th) calendar day before the date specified for receipt of bids;
- L.3.1.2 The bid or modification was sent by mail and it is determined by the Contracting Officer that the late receipt at the location specified in the solicitation was caused by mishandling by the Courts after receipt; or
- L.3.1.3 The bid is the only bid received.
- L.3.2 The only acceptable evidence to establish the date of a late bid, late modification or late withdrawal sent either by registered or certified mail shall be a U.S. or Canadian Postal Service postmark on the wrapper or on the original receipt from the U.S. or Canadian Postal Service. If neither postmark shows a legible date, the bid, modification or withdrawal shall be deemed to have been mailed late. When the postmark shows the date but not the hour, the time is presumed to be the last minute of the date shown. If no date is shown in the postmark, the bid shall be considered late unless the Bidder can furnish evidence from the postal authorities of timely mailing.
- L.3.3 A late bid, late request for modification or late request for withdrawal shall not be considered, except as provided in this section.
- L.3.4 A late modification of a successful bid which makes its terms more favorable to the Courts shall be considered at any time it is received and may be accepted.
- L.3.5 A late bid, late modification or late withdrawal of bid that is not considered shall be held unopened, unless opened for identification, until after award and then retained with unsuccessful bids resulting from this solicitation.

L.4 **Questions**

L.4.1 Questions concerning this Request For Bids must be directed by **e-mail** to:

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L.5 **Explanation to Prospective Bidders**

L.5.1 **Any prospective Bidder desiring an explanation or interpretation of this solicitation must request it by email to the Contract Specialist no later than August 6, 2012 by 2:00 p.m.** Any substantive information given to a prospective Bidder concerning a solicitation will be furnished promptly to all other prospective Bidders as an amendment to the solicitation, if that information is necessary in submitting bids or if the lack of it would be prejudicial to any other prospective Bidders. Oral explanations or instructions given before the award of the contract will not be binding.

L.6 **Changes to the BID**

L.6.1 The terms and conditions of this BID may only be modified by written addenda issued by the Contracting Officer, any oral representations to the contrary notwithstanding.

L.7 **Contract Award**

L.7.1 **A contract will be awarded to the responsible and responsive bidder whose bid meets all the requirements set forth in this solicitation and is the total lowest bid price.**

L.8.1 **Official Bid**

L.8.1 Bids signed by an agent shall be accompanied by evidence of that agent's authority unless that evidence has been previously furnished to the Contracting Officer.

L.9 **Retention of Bids**

L.10.1 All bid documents shall be the property of the District of Columbia Courts and retained by the Courts, and therefore will not be returned to the Bidders. One (1) copy of each bid shall be retained for official files and will become a public record after the award and open to public inspection. It is understood that the bid will become a part of the official file on this matter without obligation on the part of the Courts except as to the disclosure restrictions contained in Section L.1.3.

L.10 **Public Disclosure under FOIA**

L.10.1 Trade secrets or proprietary information submitted by a bidder in connection with procurement shall not be subject to public disclosure under the District of Columbia Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). This Act is not applicable to the Court. However, the Bidder must invoke the protection of this section prior to or upon submission of the data or other materials; must identify the specific area or scope of data or other materials to be protected; and state the reasons why protection is necessary. A blanket proscription that the Bidder's entire bid is proprietary will have no effect whatsoever.

L.11 **Examination of Solicitation**

L.11.1 Bidders are expected to examine the Statement of Work and all instructions and attachments in this solicitation. Failure to do so will be at the Bidder's risk.

L.12 **Acknowledgment of Amendments**

L.12.1 Bidders shall acknowledge receipt of any amendment to this solicitation by (a) signing and returning the amendment; (b) identifying the amendment number and date in the bid; or (c) letter. The District of Columbia Courts must receive the acknowledgment by the date and time specified for receipt of bids. Bidder's failure to acknowledge an amendment may result in rejection of the bid.

L.13 **Right to Reject Bids**

L.13.1 The Courts reserve the right to reject, in whole or in part, any and all bids received as the result of this solicitation.

L.14 **Bid Preparation Costs**

L.14.1 Each Bidder shall bear all costs it incurs in providing responses to this BID and for providing any additional information required by the Courts to facilitate the

evaluation process. The successful Bidder shall also bear all costs incurred in conjunction with contract development and negotiation.

L.15 Prime Contractor's Responsibilities

L.15.1 Each Bidder may propose services that are provided by others, but any service(s) proposed must meet all of the requirements of this solicitation.

L.15.2 If the Bidder's bid includes services provided by others, the Bidder will be required to act as the prime Contractor for all such items and must assume full responsibility for the procurement, delivery and quality of such services. The Contractor will be considered the sole point of contact with regard to all stipulations, including payment of all charges and the meeting of all requirements of this solicitation.

L.16 Contract Type

L.16.1 This is a Firm-Fixed-Price type contract.

L.17 Signing Bids and Certifications

L.17.1 Each bid must provide a full business address and telephone number of the Bidder and **BE SIGNED BY THE PERSON OR PERSONS LEGALLY AUTHORIZED TO SIGN CONTRACTS**. All correspondence concerning the bid or resulting contract will be mailed to the address shown above on the bid in the absence of written instructions from the Bidder or contractor to the contrary. Any bid submitted by a partnership must be signed with the partnership name by a general partner with authority to bind the partnership. Any bid submitted by a corporation must include the signature and title of the person having authority to sign for the corporation. Upon request, a bidder shall provide to the Courts satisfactory evidence of authority of the person signing on behalf of the corporation. If an agent signs a bid, the Bidder shall submit to the Contracting Officer, the agent's authority to bind the Bidder. Bidder shall complete and sign all Representations and Acknowledgments, as appropriate. Failure to do so may result in the bid being rejected.

L.18 Errors in Bids

L.18.1 Bidders shall fully inform themselves as to all information and requirements contained in the solicitation. Failure to do so will be at the Bidder's risk. In the event of a discrepancy between the unit price and the extended price, the unit price shall govern.

L.19 **Acceptance Period**

L.19.1 The Bidder agrees keep its bid open for one hundred twenty (120) days from the date specified in this solicitation for the submission of bids.