CPR #:

METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE – PROCUREMENT COOPERATIVE PURCHASING REQUEST FORM



Rec. Oct. 28, 2021

Purchasing Log #:_

Send an email to <u>PRG@nashville.gov</u> and attach completed form with supporting documentation.

Date Submitted: Originating Agency/Cooperative Entity: **Sourcewell** - (Formerly National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) is a State of Minnesota local government agency and service cooperative created under the laws of the State of Minnesota (Minnesota Statutes Section 123A.21)

Vendor Name: John Deere

Requesting Department:General Services Department Number): Ava Elsaghir - 615-930-6049 Requesting Departmental Contact (Name &

Good(s) or Service(s) to be Procured: Agricultural Tractors with Related Attachments, Accessories, and Supplies - John Deere

STEP:	ATTACH COPIES:	CONFIRM THE FOLLOWING:
Step 1	Executed Contract	\square The contract contains a cooperative purchase provision allowing use by other government agencies.
	Contract Number 110719-JDC	⊠ Valid from 12/30/2019 through 12/30/2023
		\boxtimes I have reviewed the terms and conditions and take no exception.
Step 2	☑ Formal Solicitation (ITB or RFP)	Solicitation was advertised, open and unrestricted
Step 3		Consideration has been given to whether this purchase is in the best interest of the Metropolitan Government including the pricing terms of the contract.*
		*Provide narrative details documenting the above confirmation.
		Solicitation was competitively bid State wide and pricing is acceptable. The equipment needed is no longer available on a SWC. Due to lack of vendor participation and current backlog, use of Sourcewell would ease the burden on Procurement and Fleet staff. This will also provide a greater availability of products. Currently have 2 quotes for purchase if approved.

REQUESTOR SHALL COMPLETE STEPS 1 and 2 AND PROVIDE THE REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION:

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Sign, date and attach all supporting documentation for consideration and approval. Submit this information to PRG@nashville.gov

DocuSigned by:
Colvet Hunter

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10/15/2021 | 1:15 PM CDT

Signature of Requesting Department Head

Date

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To be completed by the Procurement Division		
□ Requires Finance Director's review.		
□ Cooperative Purchase is approved.		
□ Cooperative Purchase is denied.		
PURCHASING AGENT:	Date:	

<u>NOTE:</u> Should this cooperative purchase request be approved, please remember to attach this signed form to your corresponding requisition as the "procurement authorization" within iProcurement when you set up your purchase order. PLEASE BE SURE TO REFERENCE THE COOPERATIVE CONTRACTING ORGANIZATION AND CONTRACT NUMBER IN THE DESCRIPTION.



RFP #110719 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS for

Ag Tractors with Related Attachments, Accessories, and Supplies

Proposal Due Date: November 07, 2019, 4:30 p.m., Central Time

Sourcewell, a State of Minnesota local government agency and service cooperative, is requesting proposals for Ag Tractors with Related Attachments, Accessories, and Supplies to result in a national contracting solution for use by its members. Sourcewell members include thousands of governmental, higher education, K-12 education, not-for-profit, tribal government, and other public agencies located in the United States and Canada. A full copy of the Request for Proposals can be found on the Sourcewell Procurement Portal [https://proportal.sourcewell-mn.gov]. Only proposals submitted through the Sourcewell Procurement Portal will be considered. Proposals are due no later than November 07, 2019, at 4:30 p.m. Central Time, and late proposals will not be considered.

Solicitation Schedule

Public Notice of RFP Published:	September 19, 2019
Pre-proposal Conference:	October 03, 2019, 11:30 a.m., Central Time
Question Submission Deadline:	October 31, 2019, 4:30 p.m., Central Time
Proposal Due Date:	November 07, 2019 , 4:30 p.m., Central Time Late responses will not be considered.
Opening:	November 07, 6:30 p.m., Central Time **
	** SEE RFP SUB-SECTION V. G. "OPENING"

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I. ABOUT SOURCEWELL AND MEMBERS

A. SOURCEWELL

Sourcewell is a State of Minnesota local government agency and service cooperative created under the laws of the State of Minnesota (Minnesota Statutes Section 123A.21) that facilitates a competitive public solicitation and contract award process for the benefit of its 50,000+ members across the United States and Canada. Sourcewell's solicitation process complies with Minnesota law and policies, and results in cooperative contracting solutions from which Sourcewell's members procure equipment, products, and services.

Cooperative contracting provides members and vendors increased administrative efficiencies and the power of combined purchasing volume that result in overall cost savings. At times, Sourcewell also partners with other purchasing cooperatives to combine the purchasing volume of their membership into a single solicitation and contract expanding the reach of contracted vendors potential pool of end users.

Sourcewell uses a website-based platform, the Sourcewell Procurement Portal, through which all proposals to this RFP must be submitted.

B. MEMBERS AND USE OF RESULTING CONTRACTS

Membership in Sourcewell is open to government and non-profit entities across the United States and Canada; such as municipal, state/province, K-12 and higher education, tribal government, and other public entities. Access to contracted equipment, products, or services by Members is typically through a purchase order issued directly to the applicable vendor. A Member may request additional terms or conditions related to a purchase. Use of Sourcewell contracts is voluntary and Members retain the right to obtain similar equipment, products, or services from other sources.

To meet Members' needs, public notice of this RFP has been broadly published, including notification to each state-level procurement departments for possible re-posting. As required by certain states, an Appendix of Members is included in this RFP and can be found in the Sourcewell Procurement Portal. Affidavits of Publication will be available at the conclusion of the solicitation process.

For Canadian entities: This RFP is intended to include municipalities and publicly-funded academic institutions, school boards, health authorities, and social services (MASH sectors); including members of the Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA), and their represented Associations: Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities (SARM), Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association (SUMA), and Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM).

II. EQUIPMENT, PRODUCTS, AND SERVICES

A. SOLUTIONS-BASED SOLICITATION

This RFP and contract award process is a solutions-based solicitation; meaning that Sourcewell is seeking equipment, products, or services that meet the general requirements of the scope of this RFP and that are commonly desired or are required by law or industry standards.

B. <u>REQUESTED EQUIPMENT, PRODUCTS, OR SERVICES</u>

It is expected that Proposers offer a wide array of equipment, products, or services at lower prices and with better value than what they would ordinarily offer to a single government entity, a school district, or a regional cooperative.

1. Sourcewell is seeking proposals for Ag Tractors with Related Attachments, Accessories, and Supplies. A Proposer's offering must include one or more Ag tractor(s) with a published net PTO horsepower rating of at least 100HP. A Proposer's offering may also include related attachments, accessories, and supplies, such as:

Combines, tillage equipment, sprayers, spreaders, planters, seeders, and hay and forage equipment.

A Proposer may elect to offer a materials-only solution, a turn-key solution, or an alternative solution. Generally, a turn-key solution is most desirable to Sourcewell and its Members, however, it is not mandatory or required.

2. The primary focus of this solicitation is on Ag Tractors with Related Attachments, Accessories, and Supplies. This solicitation should NOT be construed to include:

- a. Agriculture Services;
- b. Attachment, accessory, and/or supply only solutions;

This solicitation does not include those equipment, products, or services covered under categories included in contracts currently maintained by Sourcewell:

- 1. RFP #032119 Heavy Construction Equipment with Related Accessories, Attachments, and Supplies
- 2. RFP #040319 Medium Duty and Compact Construction Equipment with Related Attachments, Accessories, and Supplies
- 3. RFP #041719 Portable Construction Equipment with Related Accessories, and Attachments
- 4. RFP #012418 Public Utility Equipment with Related Accessories, and Supplies

- 5. RFP #052417 Roadway Maintenance Equipment with Related Accessories, Attachments, Materials, and Supplies
- 6. RFP #062117 Grounds Maintenance Equipment, Attachments, Accessories, and Related Services

Proposers may include related equipment, accessories, and services to the extent that these solutions are complementary to the equipment, products, or service(s) being proposed.

Generally, the solutions for Sourcewell Members are turn-key solutions, providing a combination of equipment, products and services, delivery, and installation to a properly operating status. However, equipment or products only solutions may be appropriate for situations where Sourcewell Members possess the ability, either in-house or through local third-party contractors, to properly install and bring to operation those equipment/products being proposed.

Sourcewell prefers vendors that provide a sole source of responsibility for the products and services provided under a resulting contract. If Proposer requires the use of dealers, resellers, or subcontractors to provide the products or services, the Proposal should address how the products or services will be provided to Members and describe the network of dealers, resellers, and/or subcontractors that will be available to serve Sourcewell Members under a resulting contract.

Sourcewell desires the broadest possible selection of products/equipment and services being proposed over the largest possible geographic area and to the largest possible cross-section of Sourcewell current and potential Members.

C. <u>REQUIREMENTS</u>

It is expected that Proposers have knowledge of all applicable industry standards, laws, and regulations and possess an ability to market and distribute the equipment, products, or services to Members.

- 1. <u>Safety Requirements</u>. All items proposed must comply with current applicable safety or regulatory standards or codes.
- 2. <u>Deviation from Industry Standard</u>. Deviations from industry standards must be identified with an explanation of how the equipment, products, and services will provide equivalent function, coverage, performance, and/or related services.
- 3. <u>New Equipment and Products</u>. Proposed equipment and products must be for new, current model; however, Proposer may offer certain close-out equipment or products if it is specifically noted in the Pricing proposal.
- 4. <u>Delivered and operational</u>. Unless clearly noted in the Proposal, equipment and products must be delivered to the Member as operational.

5. <u>Warranty</u>. All equipment, products, supplies, and services must be covered by a warranty that is the industry standard or better.

D. ANTICIPATED CONTRACT TERM

Sourcewell anticipates that the term of any resulting contract(s) will be four (4) years. An extension may be offered based on the best interests of Sourcewell and its members.

E. ESTIMATED CONTRACT VALUE AND USAGE

Based on past volume of similar contracts, the estimated annual value of all transactions from contracts resulting from this RFP are anticipated to be USD \$30M; therefore, proposers are expected to propose volume pricing. Sourcewell anticipates considerable activity under the contract(s) awarded from this RFP; however, sales and sales volume from any resulting contract are not guaranteed.

F. MARKETING PLAN

Proposer's sales force will be the primary source of communication with Members. The Proposer's Marketing Plan should demonstrate Proposer's ability to deploy a sales force or dealer network to Members, as well as Proposer's sales and service capabilities. It is expected that Proposer will promote and market any contract award.

G. ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 1. Contracts will be awarded to Proposers able to best meet the need of Members. Proposers should submit their complete line of equipment, products, or services that are applicable to the scope of this RFP.
- 2. Proposers should include all relevant information in its proposal. Sourcewell cannot consider information that is not provided in the Proposal. Sourcewell reserves the right to verify Proposer's information and may request clarification from a Proposer, including samples of the proposed equipment or products.
- 3. Depending upon the responses received in a given category, Sourcewell may need to organize responses into subcategories in order to provide the broadest coverage of the requested equipment, products, or services to Members. Awards may be based on a subcategory.
- 4. A Proposer's documented negative past performance with Sourcewell or its Members occurring under a previously awarded Sourcewell contract may be considered in the evaluation of a proposal.

III. <u>PRICING</u>

A. <u>REQUIREMENTS</u>

All proposed pricing must be:

- 1. Either Line-Item Pricing or Percentage Discount from Catalog Pricing, or a combination of these:
 - a. **Line-item Pricing** is pricing based on each individual product or services. Each line must indicate the Vendor's published "List Price," as well as the "Contract Price."
 - b. **Percentage Discount from Catalog or Category** is based on a percentage discount from a catalog or list price, defined as a published Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) for the products or services. Individualized percentage discounts can be applied to any number of defined product groupings. Proposers will be responsible for providing and maintaining current published MSRP with Sourcewell, and this pricing must be included in its proposal and provided throughout the term of any Contract resulting from this RFP.
- 2. The Proposer's ceiling price (Ceiling price means that the proposed pricing will be considered as the highest price for which equipment, products, or services may be billed to a Member). However, it is permissible for vendors to sell at a price that is lower than the contracted price;
- 3. Stated in U.S., and Canadian dollars for Proposers intending to sell in Canada (as applicable); and
- 4. Clearly understood, complete, and fully describe the total cost of acquisition (e.g., the cost of the proposed equipment, products, and services delivered and operational for its intended purpose in the Member's location).

Proposers should clearly identify any costs that are NOT included in the proposed product or service pricing. This may include items such as installation, set up, mandatory training, or initial inspection. Include identification of any parties that impose such costs and their relationship to the Proposer. Additionally, Proposers should clearly describe any unique distribution and/or delivery methods or options offered in the Proposal.

B. ADMINISTRATIVE FEES

Proposers are expected to pay to Sourcewell an administrative fee in exchange for Sourcewell facilitating the resulting contracts. The administrative fee is normally calculated as a percentage of the total sales to Members for all contracted equipment, products, or services made during a calendar quarter, and is typically one percent (1%) to two percent (2%). In some categories, a flat fee may be an acceptable alternative.

IV. <u>CONTRACT</u>

Proposers awarded a contract will be required to execute a contract with Sourcewell. Only those modifications the Proposer indicates in its proposal will be available for discussion. Much of the language in the Contract reflects Minnesota legal requirements and cannot be altered. Sourcewell RFP #110719 Ag Tractors with Related Attachments, Accessories, and Supplies Numerous and/or onerous exceptions that contradict Minnesota law may result in a proposal being disqualified from further review and evaluation.

To request a modification to the Contract terms, conditions, or specifications, a Proposer must complete and submit an Exceptions to Terms, Conditions, or Specifications Form, with all requested modifications, through the Sourcewell Procurement Portal at the time of submitting the Proposer's response.

V. <u>RFP PROCESS</u>

A. <u>PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE</u>

Sourcewell will hold an optional, non-mandatory pre-proposal conference via webcast on the date and time noted on page one of this RFP and on the Sourcewell Procurement Portal. The purpose of this conference is to allow potential Proposers to ask questions regarding this RFP and Sourcewell's competitive contracting process. Information about the webcast will be sent to all entities that requested a copy of this RFP through the Sourcewell Procurement Portal. Pre-proposal conference attendance is optional.

B. QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS RFP AND ORAL COMMUNICATION

Questions regarding this RFP must be submitted through the Sourcewell Procurement Portal. The deadline for submission of questions is found in the Solicitation Schedule and on the Sourcewell Procurement Portal. Answers to questions will be issued through an addendum to this RFP. Repetitive questions will be summarized into a single answer and identifying information will be removed from the submitted questions.

All questions, whether specific to a Proposer or generally related to the RFP, must be submitted using this process. Do not contact individual Sourcewell staff to ask questions or request information as this may disqualify the Proposer from responding to this RFP. Sourcewell will not respond to questions submitted after the deadline.

C. <u>ADDENDA</u>

Sourcewell may modify this RFP at any time prior to the proposal due date by issuing an addendum. Addenda issued by Sourcewell become a part of the RFP and will be delivered to potential Proposers through the Sourcewell Procurement Portal. Sourcewell accepts no liability in connection with the delivery of any addenda.

Before a proposal will be accepted through the Sourcewell Procurement Portal, all addenda, if any, must be acknowledged by the Proposer by checking the box for each addendum. It is the responsibility of the Proposer to check for any addenda that may have been issued up to the time for solicitation closing. If an addendum is issued after a Proposer submitted its proposal, the Sourcewell Procurement Portal will WITHDRAW the submission and change the Proposer's proposal status to INCOMPLETE. The Proposer can view this status change in the "MY BIDS" section of the Sourcewell Procurement Portal Vendor Account. The Proposer is solely responsible to:

- i) make any required adjustments to its proposal;
- ii) acknowledge the addenda; and
- iii) Ensure the re-submitted proposal is RECEIVED through the Sourcewell Procurement Portal no later than the closing time and date shown in the Solicitation Schedule.

D. PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

Proposer's complete proposal must be submitted through the Sourcewell Procurement Portal no later than the date and time specified in the Solicitation Schedule. Any other form of proposal submission, whether electronic, paper, or otherwise, will not be considered by Sourcewell. **Only complete proposals that are timely submitted through the Sourcewell Procurement Portal will be considered. Late proposals will not be considered.** It is the Proposer's sole responsibility to ensure that the proposal is received on time.

All proposals must be received through the Sourcewell Procurement Portal no later than the Proposal Due Date and time noted in the Solicitation Schedule above. It is recommended that Proposers allow sufficient time to upload the proposal and to resolve any issues that may arise. The closing time and date is determined by the Sourcewell Procurement Portal web clock.

In the event of problems with the Sourcewell Procurement Portal, follow the instructions for technical support posted in the portal. It may take up to twenty-four (24) hours to respond to certain issues.

Upon successful submission of a proposal, the Portal will automatically generate a confirmation email to the Proposer. If the Proposer does not receive a confirmation email, contact Sourcewell's support provider at support@bidsandtenders.ca.

To ensure receipt of the latest information and updates via email regarding this solicitation, or if the Proposer has obtained this solicitation document from a third party, the onus is on the Proposer to create a Sourcewell Procurement Portal Vendor Account and register for this solicitation opportunity.

All proposals must be acknowledged digitally by an authorized representative of the Proposer attesting that the information contained in in the proposal is true and accurate. By submitting a proposal, Proposer warrants that the information provided is true, correct, and reliable for purposes of evaluation for potential contract award. The submission of inaccurate, misleading, or false information is grounds for disqualification from a contract award and may subject the Proposer to remedies available by law.

E. <u>GENERAL PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS</u>

Proposals must be:

- In substantial compliance with the requirements of this RFP or it will be considered nonresponsive and be rejected.
- Complete. A proposal will be rejected if it is conditional or incomplete.
- Submitted in English.
- Valid and irrevocable for ninety (90) days following the Proposal Due Date.

Any and all costs incurred in responding to this RFP will be borne by the Proposer.

F. PROPOSAL WITHDRAWAL

Prior to the proposal deadline, a Proposer may withdraw its proposal.

G. <u>OPENING</u>

The Opening of Proposals will be conducted electronically through the Sourcewell Procurement Portal. A list of all Proposers will be made publicly available in the Sourcewell Procurement Portal after the Proposal Due Date, but no later than the Opening time listed in the Solicitation Schedule.

To view the list of Proposers, verify that the Sourcewell Procurement Portal opportunities list search is set to "All" or "Closed." The solicitation status will automatically change to "Closed" after the Proposal Due Date and Time.

VI. EVALUATION AND AWARD

A. EVALUATION

It is the intent of Sourcewell to award one or more contracts to responsive and responsible Proposer(s) offering the best overall quality, selection of equipment, products, and services, and price that meet the commonly requested specifications of Sourcewell and its Members. The award(s) will be limited to the number of offerors that Sourcewell determines is necessary to meet the needs of Sourcewell members. Factors to be considered in determining the number of contracts to be awarded in any category may include the following:

- The number of and geographic location of:
 - Proposers necessary to offer a comprehensive selection of equipment, products, or services for Members' use.
 - A Proposer's sales and service network to assure availability of product supply and coverage to meet Members' anticipated needs.

- Total evaluation scores.
- The attributes of Proposers, and their equipment, products, or services, to assist Members achieve environmental and social requirements, preferences, and goals. Information submitted as part of a proposal should be as specific as possible when responding to the RFP. Do not assume Sourcewell's knowledge about a specific vendor or product.

B. AWARD(S)

Award(s) will be made to the Proposer(s) whose proposal conforms to all conditions and requirements of the RFP, and consistent with the award criteria defined in this RFP.

Sourcewell may request written clarification of a proposal at any time during the evaluation process.

Proposal evaluation will be based on the following scoring criteria and the Sourcewell Evaluator Scoring Guide (available in the Sourcewell Procurement Portal):

Conformance to RFP Requirements	50
Financial Viability and Marketplace Success	75
Ability to Sell and Deliver Service	100
Marketing Plan	50
Value Added Attributes	75
Warranty	50
Depth and Breadth of Offered Equipment, Products, or Services	200
Pricing	400
TOTAL POINTS	1000

C. PROTESTS OF AWARDS

Any protest made under this RFP by a Proposer must be in writing, addressed to Sourcewell's Executive Director, and delivered to the Sourcewell office located at 202 12th Street NE, P.O. Box 219, Staples, MN 56479. The protest must be received no later than ten (10) calendar days' following Sourcewell's notice of contract award(s) or non-award and must be time stamped by Sourcewell no later than 4:30 p.m., Central Time.

A protest must include the following items:

- The name, address, and telephone number of the protester;
- The original signature of the protester or its representative;
- Identification of the solicitation by RFP number;
- A precise statement of the relevant facts;
- Identification of the issues to be resolved;

- Identification of the legal or factual basis;
- Any additional supporting documentation; and
- Protest bond in the amount of \$20,000.

Protests that do not address these elements will not be reviewed.

D. <u>RIGHTS RESERVED</u>

This RFP does not commit Sourcewell to award any contract and a proposal may be rejected if it is nonresponsive, conditional, incomplete, conflicting, or misleading. Proposals that contain false statements or do not support an attribute or condition stated by the Proposer may be rejected.

Sourcewell reserves the right to:

- Modify or cancel this RFP at any time;
- Reject any and all proposals received;
- Reject proposals that do not comply with the provisions of this RFP;
- Select, for contracts or for discussion, a proposal other than that with the lowest cost;
- Waive or modify any informalities, irregularities, or inconsistencies in the proposals received;
- Discuss any aspect of the proposal with any Proposer and negotiate with more than one Proposer;
- Award a contract if only one responsive proposal is received if it is in the best interest of Members; and
- Award a contract to one or more Proposers if it is in the best interest of Members.

E. DISPOSITION OF PROPOSALS

All materials submitted in response to this RFP will become property of Sourcewell and will become public record in accordance with Minnesota Statutes Section 13.591, after negotiations are complete. Sourcewell determines that negotiations are complete upon execution of the resulting contract. If the Proposer submits information in response to this RFP that it believes to be trade secret materials, as defined by the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Minnesota Statutes Section 13.37, the Proposer must:

- Clearly mark all trade secret materials in its proposal at the time the proposal is submitted;
- Include a statement with its proposal justifying the trade secret designation for each item; and
- Defend any action seeking release of the materials it believes to be trade secret, and indemnify and hold harmless Sourcewell, its agents and employees, from any judgments or damages awarded against Sourcewell in favor of the party requesting the materials, and any and all costs connected with that defense. This indemnification survives

Sourcewell's award of a contract. In submitting a proposal to this RFP, the Proposer agrees that this indemnification survives as long as the trade secret materials are in possession of Sourcewell.

Sourcewell will not consider the prices submitted by the Proposer to be proprietary or trade secret materials. Financial information provided by a Proposer is not considered trade secret under the statutory definition.



9/23/2019

Addendum No. 1 Solicitation Number: RFP 110719 Solicitation Name: Ag Tractors with Related Attachments, Accessories, and Supplies

Consider the following Question and Answer to be part of the above-titled solicitation documents. The remainder of the documents remain unchanged.

Question 1:

What exact tractor and implements are required?

Answer 1:

Sourcewell utilizes a competitive, solutions-based solicitation approach that is not based on detailed specifications or finite quantities for our cooperative contract awards. A respondent is allowed to propose the entire line of products and services falling within the scope of the RFP. Section II. B. of the RFP addresses the requested equipment, products or services for this solicitation

End of Addendum

Acknowledgement of this Addendum to RFP 110719 distributed via email and posted to the Sourcewell Procurement Portal on 9/23/2019, is required at the time of proposal submittal.



10/21/2019

Addendum No. 2 Solicitation Number: RFP 110719 Solicitation Name: Ag Tractors with Related Attachments, Accessories, and Supplies

Consider the following Questions and Answers to be part of the above-titled solicitation documents. The remainder of the documents remain unchanged.

Question 1:

Contract template Section 13 (Pg. 7) - Govt. Data Practices - how does this clause apply to a Sourcewell vendor?

Answer 1: Sourcewell is a government entity based in Minnesota and therefore must follow the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act. Awarded vendors are also subject to the Act, where applicable, as more fully set forth in Minnesota Statutes Chapter 13. For additional clarification, Proposers should seek guidance from their own legal counsel.

Question 2:

Contract template Section 20 (Pg. 9) - B. – if our insurer cannot comply with any requirement, how do I communicate the issue in the bid response?

Answer 2: Any proposed exception to the contract language, must be included in response Table 15, "Exceptions to Terms, Conditions or Specifications Form". Proposer's exceptions and proposed modifications are subject to review and approval of Sourcewell and will not automatically be included in the contract.

Question 3:

Section 23 Federal Requirements when a Sourcewell Member uses federal funds (Pgs. 12-15) - A. EEO - If we cannot comply with a stated requirement, can we propose an exception? If so, will that negatively impact our bid?

Answer 3: Any proposed exception to the contract language, must be included in response Table 15, "Exceptions to Terms, Conditions or Specifications Form". Proposer's exceptions and proposed modifications are subject to review and approval of Sourcewell and will not automatically be included in the contract. All content submitted by a Proposer is subject to evaluation in accordance with the scoring criteria set forth in the RFP.

End of Addendum

Acknowledgement of this Addendum to RFP 110719 posted to the Sourcewell Procurement Portal on 10/17/2019, is required at the time of proposal submittal.



11/01/2019

Addendum No. 3 Solicitation Number: RFP 110719 Solicitation Name: Ag Tractors with Related Attachments, Accessories, and Supplies

Consider the following Questions and Answers to be part of the above-titled solicitation documents. The remainder of the documents remain unchanged.

Question 1:

The stated maximum file upload size is 500 MB. Is that size for all uploaded documents or is 500 MB for each section where documents can be uploaded?

Answer 1:

The reference is to individual file upload size.

Question 2:

Section II. B. of the RFP, states that a Proposer's offering must include one or more Ag tractor(s) with a PTO HP rating of at least 100 HP. Proposer has Ag tractors with PTO HP less than 100 HP. Is it acceptable to include those tractors in our response?

Answer 2:

Each proposer, in its discretion, will propose the equipment, products, and services that it deems to fall within Sourcewell's requested equipment, products, and services as described in RFP Section II. B (Requested Equipment, Products and Services). The offering must include one or more Ag tractor with a published net PTO horsepower rating of at least 100HP.

Question 3:

Section II. B. of RFP, it states may include related "services" that are complementary to the equipment. Would Extended Warranty be an acceptable related service?

Answer 3:

If the proposer's primary offering is described in RFP Section II. B. 1., then it may offer its related equipment, accessories, and services that are complementary to the Requested Equipment, Products and Services. Generally speaking, extended warranty would be considered a complementary, related service to the requested equipment and products.

Question 4:

Will you provide an example of what a 1% or 2% Administrative Fee looks like?

Answer 4:

Refer to RFP Section III. B. – Administrative Fees, for directions on proposing an administrative fee. It is left to the discretion of each proposer to determine and propose an administrative fee that is consistent with its business and industry.

End of Addendum

Acknowledgement of this Addendum to RFP 110719 posted to the Sourcewell Procurement Portal on 11/01/2019, is required at the time of proposal submittal.



Solicitation Number: RFP#110719

CONTRACT

This Contract is between **Sourcewell**, 202 12th Street Northeast, P.O. Box 219, Staples, MN 56479 (Sourcewell) and **Deere & Company**, 2000 John Deere Run, Cary, NC 27513 (Vendor).

Sourcewell is a State of Minnesota local government agency and service cooperative created under the laws of the State of Minnesota (Minnesota Statutes Section 123A.21) that offers cooperative procurement solutions to its members. Participation is open to all levels of governmental entity, higher education, K-12 education, nonprofit, tribal government, and other public entities located in the United States and Canada.

Vendor desires to contract with Sourcewell to provide equipment, products, or services to Sourcewell and its Members (Members).

1. TERM OF CONTRACT

A. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Contract is effective upon the date of the final signature below.

B. EXPIRATION DATE AND EXTENSION. This Contract expires December 30, 2023, unless it is cancelled sooner pursuant to Article 24. This Contract may be extended up to one additional one-year period upon request of Sourcewell and with written agreement by Vendor.

C. SURVIVAL OF TERMS. Articles 11 through 16 survive the expiration or cancellation of this Contract.

2. EQUIPMENT, PRODUCTS, OR SERVICES

A. EQUIPMENT, PRODUCTS, OR SERVICES. Vendor will provide the Equipment, Products, or Services as stated in its Proposal submitted under the Solicitation Number listed above. Vendor's Equipment, Products, or Services Proposal (Proposal) is attached and incorporated into this Contract.

All Equipment and Products provided under this Contract must be new/current model. Vendor may offer close-out or refurbished Equipment or Products if they are clearly indicated in Vendor's product and pricing list. Unless agreed to by the Member in advance, Equipment or Products must be delivered as operational to the Member's site.

This Contract offers an indefinite quantity of sales, and while substantial volume is anticipated, sales and sales volume are not guaranteed.

B. LAWS AND REGULATIONS. All Equipment, Products, or Services must comply fully with applicable federal laws and regulations, and with the laws of the state or province in which the Equipment, Products, or Services are sold.

C. WARRANTY. Vendor warrants that all Equipment, Products, and Services furnished are free from liens and encumbrances, and are free from defects in design, materials, and workmanship. In addition, Vendor warrants the Equipment, Products, and Services are suitable for and will perform in accordance with the ordinary use for which they are intended. Vendor's dealers and distributors must agree to assist the Member in reaching a resolution in any dispute over warranty terms with the manufacturer. Any manufacturer's warranty that is effective past the expiration of the Vendor's warranty will be passed on to the Member.

D. DEALERS AND DISTRIBUTORS. Upon Contract execution, Vendor will make available to Sourcewell a means to validate or authenticate Vendor's authorized Distributors/Dealers relative to the Equipment, Products, and Services related to this Contract. This list may be updated from time-to-time and is incorporated into this Contract by reference. It is the Vendor's responsibility to ensure Sourcewell receives the most current version of this list.

3. PRICING

All Equipment, Products, or Services under this Contract will be priced as stated in Vendor's Proposal.

Regardless of the payment method chosen by the Member, the total cost associated with any purchase option of the Equipment, Products, or Services must always be disclosed in the pricing quote to the applicable Member at the time of purchase.

When providing pricing quotes to Members, all pricing quoted must reflect a Member's total cost of acquisition. This means that the quoted cost is for delivered Equipment, Products, and Services that are operational for their intended purpose, and includes all costs to the Member's requested delivery location.

A. SHIPPING AND SHIPPING COSTS. All delivered Equipment and Products must be properly packaged. Damaged Equipment and Products may be rejected. If the damage is not readily apparent at the time of delivery, Vendor must permit the Equipment and Products to be returned within a reasonable time at no cost to Sourcewell or its Members. Members reserve the right to inspect the Equipment and Products at a reasonable time after delivery where circumstances or conditions prevent effective inspection of the Equipment and Products at the time of delivery.

Vendor must arrange for and pay for the return shipment on Equipment and Products that arrive in a defective or inoperable condition.

Sourcewell may declare the Vendor in breach of this Contract if the Vendor intentionally delivers substandard or inferior Equipment or Products. In the event of the delivery of nonconforming Equipment and Products, the Member will notify the Vendor as soon as possible and the Vendor will replace nonconforming Equipment and Products with conforming Equipment and Products that are acceptable to the Member.

B. SALES TAX. Each Member is responsible for supplying the Vendor with valid tax-exemption certification(s). When ordering, Members must indicate if it is a tax-exempt entity.

C. HOT LIST PRICING. At any time during this Contract, Vendor may offer a specific selection of Equipment, Products, or Services at discounts greater than those listed in the Contract. When Vendor determines it will offer Hot List Pricing, it must be submitted electronically to Sourcewell in a line-item format. Equipment, Products, or Services may be added or removed from the Hot List at any time through a Sourcewell Price and Product Change Form as defined in Article 4 below.

Hot List program and pricing may also be used to discount and liquidate close-out and discontinued Equipment and Products as long as those close-out and discontinued items are clearly identified as such. Current ordering process and administrative fees apply. Hot List Pricing must be published and made available to all Members.

4. PRODUCT AND PRICING CHANGE REQUESTS

Vendor may request Equipment, Product, or Service changes, additions, or deletions at any time. All requests must be made in writing by submitting a signed Sourcewell Price and Product Change Request Form to the assigned Sourcewell Contract Administrator. This form is available from the assigned Sourcewell Contract Administrator. At a minimum, the request must:

- Identify the applicable Sourcewell contract number
- Clearly specify the requested change
- Provide sufficient detail to justify the requested change
- Individually list all Equipment, Products, or Services affected by the requested change, along with the requested change (e.g., addition, deletion, price change)

• Include a complete restatement of pricing documentation in Microsoft Excel with the effective date of the modified pricing, or product addition or deletion. The new pricing restatement must include all Equipment, Products, and Services offered, even for those items where pricing remains unchanged.

A fully executed Sourcewell Price and Product Request Form will be become an amendment to this Contract and be incorporated by reference.

5. MEMBERSHIP, CONTRACT ACCESS, AND MEMBER REQUIREMENTS

A. MEMBERSHIP. Membership in Sourcewell is open to public and nonprofit entities across the United States and Canada; such as municipal, state/province, K-12 and higher education, tribal government, and other public entities.

The benefits of this Contract should be available to all Members that can legally access the Equipment, Products, or Services under this Contract. A Member's authority to access this Contract is determined through its cooperative purchasing, interlocal, or joint powers laws. Any entity accessing benefits of this Contract will be considered a Service Member of Sourcewell during such time of access. Vendor understands that a Member's use of this Contract is at the Member's sole convenience and Members reserve the right to obtain like Equipment, Products, or Services from any other source.

Vendor is responsible for familiarizing its sales and service forces with Sourcewell membership requirements and documentation and will encourage potential members to join Sourcewell. Sourcewell reserves the right to add and remove Members to its roster during the term of this Contract.

B. PUBLIC FACILITIES. Vendor's employees may be required to perform work at governmentowned facilities, including schools. Vendor's employees and agents must conduct themselves in a professional manner while on the premises, and in accordance with Member policies and procedures, and all applicable laws.

6. MEMBER ORDERING AND PURCHASE ORDERS

A. PURCHASE ORDERS AND PAYMENT. To access the contracted Equipment, Products, or Services under this Contract, Member must clearly indicate to Vendor that it intends to access this Contract; however, order flow and procedure will be developed jointly between Sourcewell and Vendor. Typically a Member will issue a purchase order directly to Vendor. Members may use their own forms for purchase orders, but it should clearly note the applicable Sourcewell contract number. Members will be solely responsible for payment and Sourcewell will have no liability for any unpaid invoice of any Member.

B. ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS. Additional terms and conditions to a purchase order may be negotiated between a Member and Vendor, such as job or industry-specific requirements, legal requirements (such as affirmative action or immigration status requirements), or specific local policy requirements. Any negotiated additional terms and conditions must never be less favorable to the Member than what is contained in Vendor's Proposal.

C. PERFORMANCE BOND. If requested by a Member, Vendor will provide a performance bond that meets the requirements set forth in the Member's purchase order.

D. SPECIALIZED SERVICE REQUIREMENTS. In the event that the Member requires service or specialized performance requirements (such as e-commerce specifications, specialized delivery requirements, or other specifications and requirements) not addressed in this Contract, the Member and the Vendor may enter into a separate, standalone agreement, apart from this Contract. Sourcewell, including its agents and employees, will not be made a party to a claim for breach of such agreement.

E. TERMINATION OF PURCHASE ORDERS. Members may terminate a purchase order, in whole or in part, immediately upon notice to Vendor in the event of any of the following events:

1. The Member fails to receive funding or appropriation from its governing body at levels sufficient to pay for the goods to be purchased;

2. Federal or state laws or regulations prohibit the purchase or change the Member's requirements; or

3. Vendor commits any material breach of this Contract or the additional terms agreed to between the Vendor and a Member.

F. GOVERNING LAW AND VENUE. The governing law and venue for any action related to a Member's purchase order will be determined by the Member making the purchase.

7. CUSTOMER SERVICE

A. PRIMARY ACCOUNT REPRESENTATIVE. Vendor will assign an Account Representative to Sourcewell for this Contract and must provide prompt notice to Sourcewell if that person is changed. The Account Representative will be responsible for:

- Maintenance and management of this Contract;
- Timely response to all Sourcewell and Member inquiries; and
- Business reviews to Sourcewell and Members, if applicable.

B. BUSINESS REVIEWS. Vendor must perform a minimum of one business review with Sourcewell per contract year. The business review will cover sales to members, pricing and contract terms, administrative fees, supply issues, customer issues, and any other necessary information.

8. REPORT ON CONTRACT SALES ACTIVITY AND ADMINISTRATIVE FEE PAYMENT

A. CONTRACT SALES ACTIVITY REPORT. Each calendar quarter, Vendor must provide a contract sales activity report (Report) to the Sourcewell Contract Administrator assigned to this Contract. A Report must be provided regardless of the number or amount of sales during that quarter (i.e., if there are no sales, Vendor must submit a report indicating no sales were made).

The Report must contain the following fields:

- Customer Name (e.g., City of Staples Highway Department);
- Customer Physical Street Address;
- Customer City;
- Customer State;
- Customer Zip Code;
- Sourcewell Assigned Entity/Member Number;
- Item Purchased Description;
- Item Purchased Price;
- Sourcewell Administrative Fee Applied; and
- Date Purchase was invoiced/sale was recognized as revenue by Vendor.

B. ADMINISTRATIVE FEE. In consideration for the support and services provided by Sourcewell, the Vendor will pay an administrative fee to Sourcewell on all Equipment, Products, and Services provided to Members. The Vendor will submit a check payable to Sourcewell for the percentage of administrative fee stated in the Proposal multiplied by the total sales of all Equipment, Products, and Services purchased by Members under this Contract during each calendar quarter. Payments should note the Sourcewell-assigned contract number in the memo and must be mailed to the address above "Attn: Accounts Receivable." Payments must be received no later than forty-five (45) calendar days after the end of each calendar quarter.

Vendor agrees to cooperate with Sourcewell in auditing transactions under this Contract to ensure that the administrative fee is paid on all items purchased under this Contract.

In the event the Vendor is delinquent in any undisputed administrative fees, Sourcewell reserves the right to cancel this Contract and reject any proposal submitted by the Vendor in any subsequent solicitation. In the event this Contract is cancelled by either party prior to the Contract's expiration date, the administrative fee payment will be due no more than thirty (30) days from the cancellation date.

9. AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

Sourcewell's Authorized Representative is its Chief Procurement Officer.

Vendor's Authorized Representative is the person named in the Vendor's Proposal. If Vendor's Authorized Representative changes at any time during this Contract, Vendor must promptly notify Sourcewell in writing.

10. ASSIGNMENT, AMENDMENTS, WAIVER, AND CONTRACT COMPLETE

A. ASSIGNMENT. Neither the Vendor nor Sourcewell may assign or transfer any rights or obligations under this Contract without the prior consent of the parties and a fully executed assignment agreement. Such consent will not be unreasonably withheld.

B. AMENDMENTS. Any amendment to this Contract must be in writing and will not be effective until it has been fully executed by the parties.

C. WAIVER. If either party fails to enforce any provision of this Contract, that failure does not waive the provision or the right to enforce it.

D. CONTRACT COMPLETE. This Contract contains all negotiations and agreements between Sourcewell and Vendor. No other understanding regarding this Contract, whether written or oral, may be used to bind either party.

E. RELATIONSHIP OF THE PARTIES. The relationship of the parties is one of independent contractors, each free to exercise judgment and discretion with regard to the conduct of their respective businesses. This Contract does not create a partnership, joint venture, master-servant, principal-agent, or any other relationship.

11. LIABILITY

Vendor must indemnify, save, and hold Sourcewell and its Members, including their agents and employees, harmless from any claims or causes of action, including attorneys' fees, arising out of the performance of this Contract by the Vendor or its agents or employees; this indemnification includes injury or death to person(s) or property alleged to have been caused by some defect in the Equipment, Products, or Services under this Contract to the extent the Equipment, Product, or Service has been used according to its specifications.

12. AUDITS

Sourcewell reserves the right to review the books, records, documents, and accounting procedures and practices of the Vendor relevant to this Contract for a minimum of six (6) years from the end of this Contract. This clause extends to Members as it relates to business conducted by that Member under this Contract.

13. GOVERNMENT DATA PRACTICES

Vendor and Sourcewell must comply with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Minnesota Statutes Chapter 13, as it applies to all data provided by or provided to Sourcewell under this Contract and as it applies to all data created, collected, received, stored, used, maintained, or disseminated by the Vendor under this Contract. If the Vendor receives a request to release the data referred to in this article, the Vendor must immediately notify Sourcewell and Sourcewell will assist with how the Vendor should respond to the request.

14. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

As applicable, Vendor agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Sourcewell and its Members against any and all suits, claims, judgments, and costs instituted or recovered against Sourcewell or Members by any person on account of the use of any Equipment or Products by Sourcewell or its Members supplied by Vendor in violation of applicable patent or copyright laws.

15. PUBLICITY, MARKETING, AND ENDORSEMENT

A. PUBLICITY. Any publicity regarding the subject matter of this Contract must not be released without prior written approval from the Authorized Representatives. Publicity includes notices, informational pamphlets, press releases, research, reports, signs, and similar public notices prepared by or for the Vendor individually or jointly with others, or any subcontractors, with respect to the program, publications, or services provided resulting from this Contract.

B. MARKETING. Any direct advertising, marketing, or offers with Members must be approved by Sourcewell. Materials should be sent to the Sourcewell Contract Administrator assigned to this Contract.

C. ENDORSEMENT. The Vendor must not claim that Sourcewell endorses its Equipment, Products, or Services.

16. GOVERNING LAW, JURISDICTION, AND VENUE

Minnesota law governs this Contract. Venue for all legal proceedings out of this Contract, or its breach, must be in the appropriate state court in Todd County or federal court in Fergus Falls, Minnesota.

17. FORCE MAJEURE

Neither party to this Contract will be held responsible for delay or default caused by acts of God or other conditions that are beyond that party's reasonable control. A party defaulting under this provision must provide the other party prompt written notice of the default.

18. SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this Contract is found to be illegal, unenforceable, or void then both Sourcewell and Vendor will be relieved of all obligations arising under such provisions. If the remainder of this Contract is capable of performance, it will not be affected by such declaration or finding and must be fully performed.

19. PERFORMANCE, DEFAULT, AND REMEDIES

A. PERFORMANCE. During the term of this Contract, the parties will monitor performance and address unresolved contract issues as follows:

1. *Notification.* The parties must promptly notify each other of any known dispute and work in good faith to resolve such dispute within a reasonable period of time. If necessary, Sourcewell and the Vendor will jointly develop a short briefing document that describes the issue(s), relevant impact, and positions of both parties.

2. *Escalation.* If parties are unable to resolve the issue in a timely manner, as specified above, either Sourcewell or Vendor may escalate the resolution of the issue to a higher level of management. The Vendor will have thirty (30) calendar days to cure an outstanding issue.

3. *Performance while Dispute is Pending*. Notwithstanding the existence of a dispute, the Vendor must continue without delay to carry out all of its responsibilities under the Contract that are not affected by the dispute. If the Vendor fails to continue without delay to perform its responsibilities under the Contract, in the accomplishment of all undisputed work, any additional costs incurred by Sourcewell and/or its Members as a result of such failure to proceed will be borne by the Vendor.

B. DEFAULT AND REMEDIES. Either of the following constitutes cause to declare this Contract, or any Member order under this Contract, in default:

- 1. Nonperformance of contractual requirements, or
- 2. A material breach of any term or condition of this Contract.

Written notice of default and a reasonable opportunity to cure must be issued by the party claiming default. Time allowed for cure will not diminish or eliminate any liability for liquidated or other damages. If the default remains after the opportunity for cure, the non-defaulting party may:

• Exercise any remedy provided by law or equity, or

• Terminate the Contract or any portion thereof, including any orders issued against the Contract.

20. INSURANCE

A. REQUIREMENTS. At its own expense, Vendor must maintain insurance policy(ies) in effect at all times during the performance of this Contract with insurance company(ies) licensed or authorized to do business in the State of Minnesota having an "AM BEST" rating of A- or better, with coverage and limits of insurance not less than the following:

1. Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability.

Workers' Compensation: As required by any applicable law or regulation.

Employer's Liability Insurance: must be provided in amounts not less than listed below: Minimum limits:

\$500,000 each accident for bodily injury by accident \$500,000 policy limit for bodily injury by disease \$500,000 each employee for bodily injury by disease

2. Commercial General Liability Insurance. Vendor will maintain insurance covering its operations, with coverage on an occurrence basis, and must be subject to terms no less broad than the Insurance Services Office ("ISO") Commercial General Liability Form CG0001 (2001 or newer edition). At a minimum, coverage must include liability arising from premises, operations, bodily injury and property damage, independent contractors, products-completed operations including construction defect, contractual liability, blanket contractual liability, and personal injury and advertising injury. All required limits, terms and conditions of coverage must be maintained during the term of this Contract.

Minimum Limits:

\$1,000,000 each occurrence Bodily Injury and Property Damage

\$1,000,000 Personal and Advertising Injury

\$2,000,000 aggregate for Products-Completed operations

\$2,000,000 general aggregate

3. *Commercial Automobile Liability Insurance.* During the term of this Contract, Vendor will maintain insurance covering all owned, hired, and non-owned automobiles in limits of liability not less than indicated below. The coverage must be subject to terms no less broad than ISO Business Auto Coverage Form CA 0001 (2010 edition or newer).

Minimum Limits:

\$1,000,000 each accident, combined single limit

4. *Umbrella Insurance*. During the term of this Contract, Vendor will maintain umbrella coverage over Workers' Compensation, Commercial General Liability, and Commercial Automobile.

Minimum Limits: \$2,000,000

Failure of Vendor to maintain the required insurance will constitute a material breach entitling Sourcewell to immediately terminate this Contract for default.

B. CERTIFICATES OF INSURANCE. Prior to commencing under this Contract, Vendor must furnish to Sourcewell a certificate of insurance, as evidence of the insurance required under this Contract. Prior to expiration of the policy(ies), renewal certificates must be mailed to Sourcewell, 202 12th Street Northeast, P.O. Box 219, Staples, MN 56479 or sent to the Sourcewell Contract Administrator assigned to this Contract.

Failure to request certificates of insurance by Sourcewell, or failure of Vendor to provide certificates of insurance, in no way limits or relieves Vendor of its duties and responsibilities in this Contract.

C. ADDITIONAL INSURED ENDORSEMENT AND PRIMARY AND NON-CONTRIBUTORY INSURANCE CLAUSE. Vendor agrees to name Sourcewell and its Members, including their officers, agents, and employees, as an additional insured under the Vendor's commercial general liability insurance policy with respect to liability arising out of activities, "operations," or "work" performed by or on behalf of Vendor, and products and completed operations of Vendor. The policy provision(s) or endorsement(s) must further provide that coverage is primary and not excess over or contributory with any other valid, applicable, and collectible insurance or self-insurance in force for the additional insureds.

D. WAIVER OF SUBROGATION. Vendor waives and must require (by endorsement or otherwise) all its insurers to waive subrogation rights against Sourcewell and other additional insureds for losses paid under the insurance policies required by this Contract or other insurance applicable to the Vendor or its subcontractors. The waiver must apply to all deductibles and/or self-insured retentions applicable to the required or any other insurance maintained by the Vendor or its subcontractors. Where permitted by law, Vendor must require similar written express waivers of subrogation and insurance clauses from each of its subcontractors.

E. UMBRELLA/EXCESS LIABILITY. The limits required by this Contract can be met by either providing a primary policy or in combination with umbrella/excess liability policy(ies).

F. SELF-INSURED RETENTIONS. Any self-insured retention in excess of \$10,000 is subject to Sourcewell's approval.

21. COMPLIANCE

A. LAWS AND REGULATIONS. All Equipment, Products, or Services provided under this Contract must comply fully with applicable federal laws and regulations, and with the laws in the states and provinces in which the Equipment, Products, or Services are sold.

B. LICENSES. Vendor must maintain a valid status on all required federal, state, and local licenses, bonds, and permits required for the operation of the business that the Vendor conducts with Sourcewell and Members.

22. BANKRUPTCY, DEBARMENT, OR SUSPENSION CERTIFICATION

Vendor certifies and warrants that it is not in bankruptcy or that it has previously disclosed in writing certain information to Sourcewell related to bankruptcy actions. If at any time during this Contract Vendor declares bankruptcy, Vendor must immediately notify Sourcewell in writing.

Vendor certifies and warrants that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from programs operated by the State of Minnesota, the United States federal government, or any Member. Vendor certifies and warrants that neither it nor its principals have been convicted of a criminal offense related to the subject matter of this Contract. Vendor further warrants that it will provide immediate written notice to Sourcewell if this certification changes at any time.

23. PROVISIONS FOR NON-UNITED STATES FEDERAL ENTITY PROCUREMENTS UNDER UNITED STATES FEDERAL AWARDS OR OTHER AWARDS

Members that use United States federal grant or FEMA funds to purchase goods or services from this Contract may be subject to additional requirements including the procurement standards of the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, 2 C.F.R. § 200. Members may also require additional requirements based on specific funding specifications. Within this Article, all references to "federal" should be interpreted to mean the United States federal government. The following list only applies when a Member accesses Vendor's Equipment, Products, or Services with United States federal funds.

A. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY. Except as otherwise provided under 41 C.F.R. § 60, all contracts that meet the definition of "federally assisted construction contract" in 41 C.F.R. § 60-1.3 must include the equal opportunity clause provided under 41 C.F.R. §60-1.4(b), in accordance with Executive Order 11246, "Equal Employment Opportunity" (30 FR 12319, 12935, 3 C.F.R. §, 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 C.F.R. § 60, "Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor." The equal opportunity clause is incorporated herein by reference.

B. DAVIS-BACON ACT, AS AMENDED (40 U.S.C. § 3141-3148). When required by federal program legislation, all prime construction contracts in excess of \$2,000 awarded by non-federal entities must include a provision for compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. § 3141-3144, and 3146-3148) as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 C.F.R. § 5, "Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Covering Federally Financed and Assisted Construction"). In accordance with the statute, contractors must be required to pay wages to laborers and mechanics at a rate not less than the prevailing wages specified in a wage determination made by the Secretary of Labor. In addition, contractors must be required to pay

wages not less than once a week. The non-federal entity must place a copy of the current prevailing wage determination issued by the Department of Labor in each solicitation. The decision to award a contract or subcontract must be conditioned upon the acceptance of the wage determination. The non-federal entity must report all suspected or reported violations to the federal awarding agency. The contracts must also include a provision for compliance with the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act (40 U.S.C. § 3145), as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 C.F.R. § 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 subrecipient 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 non-federal entity must report all suspected or reported violations to the federal awarding agency. Vendor must be in compliance with all applicable Davis-Bacon Act provisions.

C. CONTRACT WORK HOURS AND SAFETY STANDARDS ACT (40 U.S.C. § 3701-3708). Where applicable, all contracts awarded by the non-federal entity in excess of \$100,000 that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers must include a provision for compliance with 40 U.S.C. § 3702 and 3704, as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 C.F.R. § 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. This provision is hereby incorporated by reference into this Contract. Vendor certifies that during the term of an award for all contracts by Sourcewell resulting from this procurement process, Vendor must comply with applicable requirements as referenced above.

D. RIGHTS TO INVENTIONS MADE UNDER A CONTRACT OR AGREEMENT. If the federal award meets the definition of "funding agreement" under 37 C.F.R. § 401.2(a) and the recipient or subrecipient wishes to enter into a contract with a small business firm or nonprofit organization regarding the substitution of parties, assignment or performance of experimental, developmental, or research work under that "funding agreement," the recipient or subrecipient must comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 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. Vendor certifies that during the term of an award for all contracts by Sourcewell resulting from this procurement process, Vendor must comply with applicable requirements as referenced above.

E. CLEAN AIR ACT (42 U.S.C. § 7401-7671Q.) AND THE FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT (33 U.S.C. § 1251-1387). Contracts and subgrants of amounts in excess of \$150,000 require

the non-federal award to agree to 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 must be reported to the Federal awarding agency and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Vendor certifies that during the term of this Contract will comply with applicable requirements as referenced above.

F. DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION (EXECUTIVE ORDERS 12549 AND 12689). A contract award (see 2 C.F.R. § 180.220) must not be made to parties listed on the government wide exclusions in the System for Award Management (SAM), in accordance with the OMB guidelines at 2 C.F.R. §180 that implement Executive Orders 12549 (3 C.F.R. § 1986 Comp., p. 189) and 12689 (3 C.F.R. § 1989 Comp., p. 235), "Debarment and Suspension." SAM Exclusions 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. Vendor certifies that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation by any federal department or agency.

G. BYRD ANTI-LOBBYING AMENDMENT, AS AMENDED (31 U.S.C. § 1352). Vendors must file any required certifications. Vendors must not have used federal 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. Vendors must disclose any lobbying with non-federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the non-federal award. Vendors must file all certifications and disclosures required by, and otherwise comply with, the Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. § 1352).

H. RECORD RETENTION REQUIREMENTS. To the extent applicable, Vendor must comply with the record retention requirements detailed in 2 C.F.R. § 200.333. The Vendor further certifies that it will retain all records as required by 2 C.F.R. § 200.333 for a period of three (3) years after grantees or subgrantees submit final expenditure reports or quarterly or annual financial reports, as applicable, and all other pending matters are closed.

I. ENERGY POLICY AND CONSERVATION ACT COMPLIANCE. To the extent applicable, Vendor must comply with the 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.

J. BUY AMERICAN PROVISIONS COMPLIANCE. To the extent applicable, Vendor must comply with all applicable provisions of the Buy American Act. Purchases made in accordance with the Buy American Act must follow the applicable procurement rules calling for free and open competition. K. ACCESS TO RECORDS (2 C.F.R. § 200.336). Vendor agrees that duly authorized representatives of a federal agency must have access to any books, documents, papers and records of Vendor that are directly pertinent to Vendor's discharge of its obligations under this Contract for the purpose of making audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcriptions. The right also includes timely and reasonable access to Vendor's personnel for the purpose of interview and discussion relating to such documents.

L. PROCUREMENT OF RECOVERED MATERIALS (2 C.F.R. § 200.322). A non-federal entity that is a state agency or agency of a political subdivision of a state and its contractors must comply with Section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. The requirements of Section 6002 include procuring only items designated in guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at 40 C.F.R. § 247 that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable, consistent with maintaining a satisfactory level of competition, where the purchase price of the item exceeds \$10,000 or the value of the quantity acquired during the preceding fiscal year exceeded \$10,000; procuring solid waste management services in a manner that maximizes energy and resource recovery; and establishing an affirmative procurement program for procurement of recovered materials identified in the EPA guidelines.

24. CANCELLATION

Sourcewell or Vendor may cancel this Contract at any time, with or without cause, upon sixty (60) days' written notice to the other party. However, Sourcewell may cancel this Contract immediately upon discovery of a material defect in any certification made in Vendor's Proposal. Termination of this Contract does not relieve either party of financial, product, or service obligations incurred or accrued prior to termination.

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Specifications

Table 1: Proposer Identit	& Authorized Representatives
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Line Item	Question	Response *	
1	Proposer Legal Name (and applicable d/b/a, if any):	Deere & Company	*
2	Proposer Address:	2000 John Deere Run Cary, NC 27513	*
3	Proposer website address:	www.johndeere.com	*
4	phone) (The representative must have	Andrew Roman - Contract Administrator 2000 John Deere Run, Cary, NC 27513 GovContractSupport@JohnDeere.com 800-358-5010 Ext. 2285	*
5	Proposer's primary contact for this proposal (name, title, address, email address & phone):	Andrew Roman - Contract Administrator 2000 John Deere Run, Cary, NC 27513 GovContractSupport@JohnDeere.com 800-358-5010 Ext. 2285	*
6	Proposer's other contacts for this proposal, if any (name, title, address, email address & phone):	Michael Garrette - Government Business Manager 19695 Embers Avenue, Farmington, MN 55024 GarretteRobertM@JohnDeere.com 908-442-3455	

Table 2: Company Information and Financial Strength

Line Item	Question	Response *
7	Provide a brief history of your company, including your company's core values, business philosophy, and industry longevity related to the requested equipment, products or services.	Deere & Company, founded in 1837 (collectively called John Deere), began as a simple one- man blacksmith shop. Today it's grown into corporation that does business around the world and employs over 74,000 people worldwide. The company is guided by the same core values established by its founder: integrity, quality, commitment and innovation. John Deere is the world's leading provider of advanced products and services for agriculture and forestry and a major provider of advanced products and services for construction and lawn & turf. John Deere also provides financial services worldwide and manufactures and markets engines used in heavy equipment. Deere & Company is a global company with offices and factories throughout the U.S. and overseas in countries such as China, India, Poland, Russia and Germany just to name a few. John Deere has been involved with the manufacturing of tractors since 1918.
8	Provide a detailed description of the products and services that you are offering in your proposal.	John Deere will offer its complete product offering for ag tractors, implements and related equipr include: 1. Small, Mid and Large frame ag attachments 2. Material handling attachments (tractor loaders, flail mowers, scrapers, shredders, b 4. Combines 5. Cotton 6. Hay & Forage (balers, disk mowers, etc.) 7. Tillage (plows, harrows, etc.) 8. Planting & Seeding (planters, drills, air seeders) 9. Self propelled sprayers 10. Ag Management Solutions 11. Frontier implements and attachments
9	What are your company's expectations in the event of an award?	John Deere will be able to offer a wide array of products that fall within the scope of this RFP that will meet and exceed the needs of all Sourcewell members.
10	Demonstrate your financial strength and stability with meaningful data. This could include such items as financial statements, SEC filings, credit and bond ratings, letters of credit, and detailed reference letters. Upload supporting documents (as applicable) in the document upload section of your response.	Our 2018 Annual Report has been uploaded as part of our proposal.
11	What is your US market share for the solutions that you are proposing?	John Deere considers its market share data to be proprietary information.
12	What is your Canadian market share, if any?	John Deere considers its market share data to be proprietary information.
13	Has your business ever petitioned for bankruptcy protection? If so, explain in detail.	No.

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14	How is your organization best described: is it a mar John Deere is a manufacturer. a. John Deere has a nationwide dealer network. The dealer net your written authorization to act as a distributor/deal operated businesses. b. John Deere partners with independently owned John Deere dealers tha with your sales and service force and with your deal being offered in the RFP.		
			*
15	If applicable, provide a detailed explanation outlining the licenses and certifications that are both required to be held, and actually held, by your organization (including third parties and subcontractors that you use) in pursuit of the business contemplated by this RFP.	To the best of our knowledge, Deere & Company maintains all licenses and certifications necessary to conduct its business (e.g. its sale of agricultural equipment) in the United States.	*
16	Provide all "Suspension or Disbarment" information that has applied to your organization during the past ten years.	Not applicable.	*
17	Within this RFP category there may be subcategories of solutions. List subcategory titles that best describe your products and services.	List of subcategory products and services John Deere will offer within this RFP include: 1. Material handling attachments (tractor loaders, flail mowers, scrapers, shredders, backhoes) 2. Rotary cutters 3. Combines 4. Cotton 5. Hay & Forage (balers, disk mowers, etc.) 6. Tillage (plows, harrows, etc.) 7. Planting & Seeding (planters, drills, air seeders) 8. Self propelled sprayers 9. Ag Management Solutions 10. Frontier implements and attachments	*

Table 3: Industry Recognition & Marketplace Success

Line Item	Question	Response *	
18	Describe any relevant industry awards or recognition that your company has received in the past five years	2018 Best Global Brand - Interbrand World's Most Ethical Companies - Ethisphere Institute (12th Year) Top 10 Innovative Company - American Innovation Index Corporate Partner of the Year - National Society of Black Engineers	
		2017 World's Most Admired Companies - Fortune Magazine # 50 50 Best Places to Work in the US - Indeed.com US Chamber of Commerce Foundation Citizens Award Company of the Year - Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers	
		2016 2016 Good Design Award - Good Design is one of the oldest, prestigious and most recognized program for design excellence worldwide.	
		2015 Gold Status Pillar of the Industry Award - Association of Equipment Manufacturers	
		2014 Deere & Company has been selected 16th on the 2014 Global Top Companies for Leaders list – a comprehensive study that recognizes best-in-class management practices, especially in the area of leadership development.	
19	What percentage of your sales are to the governmental sector in the past three years	Due to proprietary information, we would prefer not to provide the sales volume history of government agencies. We can assure you that we are a partner who is fully aligned with governmental customer purchase requirements. With a dedicated governmental sales department that works solely with public agencies and our dealer network, we continue to increase our sales volume in this key segment.	
20	What percentage of your sales are to the education sector in the past three years	Due to proprietary information, we would prefer not to provide the sales volume history of education agencies. We can assure you that we are a partner who is fully aligned with educational customer purchase requirements. With a dedicated governmental sales department that works solely with public agencies and our dealer network, we continue to increase our sales volume in this key segment.	*
21	List any state or cooperative purchasing contracts that you hold. What is the annual sales volume for each of these contracts over the past three years?	John Deere currently holds over 110 government contracts consisting of federal, state, county and cooperative contracts. The state, county and cooperative sales volumes are combined. The sales volumes over the past three years are as follows: 2018 - \$305.5M 2017 - \$295.5M 2016 - \$279.6M	*
22	List any GSA contracts that you hold. What is the annual sales volume for each of these contracts over the past three years?	John Deere currently holds the following GSA Contracts: Ag Tractor Contract #GS-30F-0007T UV Contract #GS-07F-9670S L&G Contract #GS-06F-0083S	*
		The total sales volume for the GSA contracts over the past three years are as follows: 2019 = \$21.0M 2018 - \$15.3M 2017 - \$17.1M	

Table 4: References/Testimonials

Line Item 23. Supply reference information from three customers who are eligible for Sourcewell membership.

Entity Name *	Contact Name *	Phone Number *	
lowa Department of Transportation	Jennifer Monserud	515-239-1607	*
Mt. San Antonio College, Walnut CA	Sandi Horn	909-274-5509	*
Anne Arundel County, Maryland	Dale Eutsler	410-222-7665	*
State of Indiana - Sourcewell Participating Addendum	Stephanie Nelson	317-234-0963	
State of Arkansas - Sourcewell Participating Addendum	John Leverett	501-683-2222	

Table 5: Top Five Government or Education Customers

Line Item 24. Provide a list of your top five government, education, or non-profit customers (entity name is optional), including entity type, the state or province the entity is located in, scope of the project(s), size of transaction(s), and dollar volumes from the past three years.

Entity Name	Entity Type *	State / Province *	Scope of Work *	Size of Transactions *	Dollar Volume Past Three Years *
Coop - Buyboard Grounds Maintenance Contract	Government	Texas - TX	Complete Price Page Contract for all John Deere product categories.	Varies	FY19 = \$11.5M FY18 = \$10.4M FY17 = \$13.0M
MI - Ag, Grounds and Roadside Equipment Contract	Government	Michigan - MI	Complete Price Page Contract for all John Deere product categories.	Varies	FY19 = \$8.1M FY18 = \$8.6M FY17 = \$11.0M
OH - Ag Machinery, Mowers & Tractors Contract	Government	Ohio - OH	Complete Price Page Contract for all John Deere product categories.	Varies	FY19 = \$12.8M FY18 = \$20.7M FY17 = \$17.4M
OK - Agriculture, Trees & Brush Maintenance Equipment Contract	Government	Oklahoma - OK	John Deere Ag Tractors and Related Equipment	Varies	FY19 = \$11.5M FY18 = \$10.3M FY17 = \$7.0M
PA - Ag and Grounds Keeping Power Equipment Contract	Government	Pennsylvania - PA	Complete Price Page Contract for all John Deere product categories.	Varies	FY19 = \$9.2M FY18 = \$9.8M FY17 = \$8.3M

Table 6: Ability to Sell and Deliver Service

Describe your company's capability to meet the needs of Sourcewell Members across the US, and Canada if applicable. Your response should address in detail at least the following areas: locations of your network of sales and service providers, the number of workers (full-time equivalents) involved in each sector, whether these workers are your direct employees (or employees of a third party), and any overlap between the sales and service functions.

Line Item	Question	Response *	
25	Sales force.	John Deere has dedicated governmental sales department, based out of Cary, NC, that focuses 100% of their time on the sales and processing of agricultural and turf equipment to governmental and other public agencies. We have a total of 6 Government Business Managers, one of which is dedicated strictly to federal sales. The 5 remaining Government Business Managers are ultimately responsible for state governmental sales in their respective geographies, dedicating 100% of their time to growing the John Deere governmental sales business. The government business managers develop relationships and understand the equipment needs of federal purchasing agents, state purchasing agents and state fleet administrators, i.e. Department of Transportation, Department of Natural Resources. The government business managers also work with John Deere dealer is ultimately responsible for delivering and supporting the selling process. The John Deere dealer is ultimately responsible for delivering and supporting the equipment. In relation to the potential Sourcewell Ag Tractors with Related Attachment Contract, the government business managers would promote the contract to state purchasing agents and state fleet administrators, who either do not have their own state purchasing contract or have product gaps in their contracts.	*
26	Dealer network or other distribution methods.	John Deere has a nationwide independent dealer network offering best-in-class parts, service, and support. We know the government customer and make everything easy, from the initial purchase to service and support. Our dealer network, with over 1,700 locations nationwide, would be responsible for delivering and servicing the equipment sold to end users using this contract. John Deere dealers offer a combination of after-hours service (varies by dealer) and online support (online parts ordering system), which gives end-users the service needed to avoid costly downtime. The John Deere parts ordering system is available for all dealers and gives them access to over 800,000 unique parts which are ready to ship overnight, if needed. Most dealers also offer some form of mobile maintenance service, which provides on-site service. Dealer technicians are factory-trained on the service and support of the products offered in this RFP.	*
27	Service force.	John Deere has a nationwide independent dealer network offering best-in-class parts, service, and support. We know the government customer and make everything easy, from the initial purchase to service and support. Our dealer network, with over 1,700 locations nationwide, would be responsible for delivering and servicing the equipment sold to end users using this contract. John Deere dealers offer a combination of after-hours service (varies by dealer) and online support (online parts ordering system), which gives end-users the service needed to avoid costly downtime. The John Deere parts ordering system is available for all dealers and gives them access to over 800,000 unique parts which are ready to ship overnight, if needed. Most dealers also offer some form of mobile maintenance service, which provides on-site service. Dealer technicians are factory-trained on the service and support of the products offered in this RFP.	*
28	Describe in detail the process and procedure of your customer service program, if applicable. Include your response-time capabilities and commitments, as well as any incentives that help your providers meet your stated service goals or promises.	The support of the equipment ultimately takes place through the John Deere dealer network. While customer service inevitably varies within the dealer network, the consistent training that is offered by John Deere Company to dealer technicians and parts personnel helps provide each agency with a similar customer experience. Should there be a need for equipment service, it will be the Sourcewell member's responsibility to contact the delivering dealer for service. The member can also work with other dealers if necessary, as warranty and service work can be performed by any authorized John Deere dealer. In the event of service issues that cannot be solved by the John Deere dealer, the dealer works with John Deere Company's dealer technical assistance center for elevated support. As far as the John Deere Government Sales Department, we have an entire department of approximately 30 people dedicated to government sales. This includes an Order Management Team, that within an average of 7 days of submission, audits and processes every PO to verify contract pricing and verify the items quoted are eligible for the contract. Contract Administrators in the department ensure contract compliance is maintained.	*
29	Identify any geographic areas of the United States or Canada that you will NOT be fully serving through the proposed contract.	John Deere will serve the entire United States, including Alaska and Hawaii and Canada.	*
30	Identify any Sourcewell Member sectors (i.e., government, education, not-for-profit) that you will NOT be fully serving through the proposed contract. Explain in detail. For example, does your company have only a regional presence, or do other cooperative purchasing contracts limit your ability to promote another contract?	John Deere will serve all Sourcewell Member sectors.	*
31	Define any specific contract requirements or restrictions that would apply to our Members in Hawaii and Alaska and in US Territories.	John Deere will only ship to Alaska and Hawaii. For deliveries to Alaska or Hawaii, factory freight to the delivering dealer will be paid by the Sourcewell member. The equipment will be FOB origin. Factory freight is known at the time of quoting and will be included on the quote to the Sourcewell member. For all other deliveries within the continental US, the equipment will be FOB destination (the Sourcewell member will NOT be charged factory freight to the delivering dealer).	*

Table 7: Marketing Plan

Line Item	Question	Response *
32	Describe your marketing strategy for promoting this contract opportunity. Upload representative samples of your marketing materials (if applicable) in the document upload section of your response.	John Deere currently uses several forms of marketing to target the governmental and public customer segment: 1. We have created a website where we prominently advertise the cooperative contracts we currently hold.
		2. Each year, the company produces a purchasing guide for government equipment. This purchasing guide, available in both print and electronic Flash Drive format, is used by the John Deere dealer network to promote the products.
		3. John Deere provides templates online for dealers to create their own mailings to promote products to governmental and public agencies.
		4. John Deere also prints detailed marketing brochures for the products being offered in this RFP. This literature is made available to dealers and includes features and benefits and equipment specifications.
		A sample of marketing materials have been uploaded for review. The Marketing Literature Sample.pdf contains 2019 Government Calendar, 2019 Government Municipal Lease Literature, Government Sales Folder Packet and Government Sport Turf Banner.
33	Describe your use of technology and digital data (e.g., social media, metadata usage) to enhance marketing effectiveness.	JohnDeere.com provides detailed product information for the products being offered in this RFP. Customers are able to view information on product features, specifications, and accessories. Utilizing JohnDeere.com, Sourcewell members would be able to "build-their-own" product. Customers choose the product category and subsequent product options to configure their desired piece of equipment. Manufacturer's Suggested Retail List Price is shown. The website will not show the Sourcewell contract discount, but if the Sourcewell member knows the discount on the particular product category, they will be able to determine their purchase price.
34	In your view, what is Sourcewell's role in pro Sourcewell- awarded contract into your sale	Sourcewell will play a key role in working with and supporting the John Deere Government Business Managers, by helping the Business Managers promote the Sourcewell contract and recognize key opportunities in states that show a willingness to adopt Sourcewell. Conference calls and/or webinars with the John Deere Government Business Managers will be a valuable tool. Because the Business Managers have a strong relationship with the John Deere dealers, the business managers will help the dealers understand the contract and market it in their particular areas. The business managers will help the John Deere dealers understand the steps necessary to sign up new Sourcewell members as well. Furthermore, in certain geographies, webinars could be used to help John Deere dealers understand the Sourcewell contract. These opportunities would typically be initiated by John Deere and considered on an individual basis depending on the needs of a particular region.
35		We currently use E-procurement systems in North Carolina and Virginia (eVA) because we are contractually required to do so. The system does provide the state a constant record of sales activity, however, administratively, E-procurement is not a seamless process for us. When it comes to John Deere equipment, there are thousands of equipment configurations. Because Deere's price pages are in pdf format, we cannot just simply upload the pricing into the E-procurement systems. We have to manually construct base machines by model and enter them individually. Doing it this way means the agency is not getting the complete picture of what we have available. They're only getting a "sample". For this most part, agencies still feel most comfortable with working directly with the dealer to ensure they're getting equipment that will best suit their needs.

Table 8: Value-Added Attributes

Line Item	Question	Response *	
36	Describe any product, equipment, maintenance, or operator training programs that you offer to Sourcewell Members. Include details, such as whether training is standard or optional, who provides training, and any costs that apply.	The John Deere dealer is ultimately responsible for delivering and supporting the equipment. However, any Sourcewell member will be encouraged to call the John Deere governmental sales direct toll-free number (800-358-5010, option 2) for assistance with locating their nearest dealer. John Deere does offer distance-learning classes on the operation and adjustment of equipment for certain products. To date, this has primarily been for larger equipment, targeted at farm customers. Many John Deere dealers offer local training, which is at the discretion of the dealer.	*
37	Describe any technological advances that your proposed products or services offer.	John Deere Power Tech Final Tier 4 engines 75 HP and above are built on a proven platform of emissions control technologies including: 1. Cooled exhaust gas recirculation (EGR) 2. Exhaust filters 3. Selective catalytic reduction (SCR) ExactRate Planter Fertilizer System 1. Reduces fertilizer usage by up to 8%. 2. Improve fertilizer placement accuracy by up to 20%	*
38	Describe any "green" initiatives that relate to your company or to your products or services, and include a list of the certifying agency for each.	John Deere has created a Product Sustainability goal where we offer machines and technology solutions include: 1. Reduce environment impact, including CO2 emissions on 90% of 2. Increase the use of sustainable materials by growing remanufactured and rebuild sales by 30%. 3. Increasing recyclable, renewable and recycled content.	
39	Identify any third-party issued eco- labels, ratings or certifications that your company has received for the equipment or products included in your Proposal related to energy efficiency or conservation, life-cycle design (cradle-to-cradle), or other green/sustainability factors.	Sustainability is foundational to the John Deere strategy. We are committed to reducing the environmental impact on 90% of new products to include carbon emission reductions and invest \$4 Million dollars per day in research and development. Further we have received the following awards: Best Global Brands - Interbrand Top Ten Innovative Companies in U.S American Innovation Index World's Most Ethical Companies - Ethisphere Institute	*
40	Describe any Women or Minority Business Entity (WMBE), Small Business Entity (SBE), or veteran owned business certifications that your company or hub partners have obtained. Upload documentation of certification (as applicable) in the document upload section of your response.	John Deere continues to proactively engage small and diverse businesses to support the economic growth of communities. A recent small business compliance review reaffirmed John Deere truly has an active Supplier Diverse program.	*
41	What unique attributes does your company, your products, or your services offer to Sourcewell Members? What makes your proposed solutions unique in your industry as it applies to Sourcewell members?	John Deere's founder was best known for his work with the first commercially successful plow. And so it is today that we are perhaps best known for our quality agricultural equipment. We also take the lead worldwide in construction and forestry equipment. We're a major force in grounds maintenance and commercial landscape equipment. Also, John Deere Financial is one of the largest equipment finance companies.	*
42	Identify your ability and willingness to provide your products and services to Sourcewell member agencies in Canada.	John Deere will serve Sourcewell member agencies in Canada. The Canadian John Deere dealer network is able to service equipment throughout Canada.	*

Table 9: Warranty

Describe in detail your manufacturer warranty program, including conditions and requirements to qualify, claims procedure, and overall structure. You may upload representative samples of your warranty materials (if applicable) in the document upload section of your response in addition to responding to the questions below.

Line Item	Question	Response *	
43	Do your warranties cover all products, parts, and labor?	See paragraph A of the attached warranty statement.	*
44	Do your warranties impose usage restrictions or other limitations that adversely affect coverage?	Per the attached warranty statement paragraph B, the warranty term (time period and usage limits) varies by product.	*
45	Do your warranties cover the expense of technicians' travel time and mileage to perform warranty repairs?	Per the attached warranty statement paragraph A, the purchaser will be responsible for any service call and/or transportation of equipment to and from the authorized dealer's place of business (except where prohibited by law), for any premium charged for overtime labor requested by the purchaser and for any service and/or maintenance not directly related to any defect covered under these warranties.	*
46	Are there any geographic regions of the United States (and Canada, if applicable) for which you cannot provide a certified technician to perform warranty repairs? How will Sourcewell Members in these regions be provided service for warranty repair?	The John Deere dealer network is able to service equipment throughout the United States and Canada.	*
47	Will you cover warranty service for items made by other manufacturers that are part of your proposal, or are these warranties issues typically passed on to the original equipment manufacturer?	John Deere is only submitting equipment manufactured by John Deere.	*
48	What are your proposed exchange and return programs and policies?	John Deere exchanges and returns will not be permitted.	*
49	Describe any service contract options for the items included in your proposal.	John Deere is not including service contract options with our proposal.	*

Table 10: Payment Terms and Financing Options

Line Item	Question	Response *	
50	What are your payment terms (e.g., net 10, net 30)?	John Deere's payment terms are Net 30.	*
51	Do you provide leasing or financing options, especially those options that schools and governmental entities may need to use in order to make certain acquisitions?	John Deere offers financing and leasing options through John Deere Financial. The John Deere Municipal Lease Purchase Plan is a special low- rate financing plan that is designed to provide flexibility of leasing while building equity toward ownership of the John Deere equipment. Any state or local government body or their political subdivisions may be eligible for the John Deere Municipal Lease Purchase Plan, subject to approval and if the agencies rules and guidelines allow. John Deere Financial also offers other leasing and financing options for governmental, educational, and non- profit entities, subject to approval.	*
52	Briefly describe your proposed order process. Include enough detail to support your ability to report quarterly sales to Sourcewell as described in the Contract template. For example, indicate whether your dealer network is included in your response and whether each dealer (or some other entity) will process the Sourcewell Members' purchase orders.	The order process will follow a Business-to-Government order process. Our dealer network will be quoting equipment, accepting purchase orders, delivering and servicing the equipment. The Sourcewell Member or John Deere dealer will submit a purchase order to John Deere Government Sales for processing, noting the Sourcewell contract number on the PO and the Member's preferred delivering dealer. John Deere will invoice the member upon delivery of the product. The equipment will be delivered by the designated dealer.	*
53	Do you accept the P-card procurement and payment process? If so, is there any additional cost to Sourcewell Members for using this process?	No.	*

Table 11: Pricing and Delivery

Provide detailed pricing information in the questions that follow below. Keep in mind that reasonable price and product adjustments can be made during the term of an awarded Contract as desribed in the RFP, the template Contract, and the Sourcewell Price and Product Change Request Form.

Line Item	Question	Response *
54	Describe your pricing model (e.g., line-item discounts or product- cat materials (if applicable) in the document upload section of your resp	John Deere is offering product-category discounts. See uploaded Price Schedule and Price Pages.pdf.
55	Quantify the pricing discount represented by the pricing proposal in this response. For example, if the pricing in your response represents a percentage discount from MSRP or list, state the percentage or percentage range.	The percentage discount range is 14% to 24% off Current MSRP.
56	Describe any quantity or volume discounts or rebate programs that you offer.	John Deere offers a Multiple Unit Discount (MUD) based on the following schedule: 3-4 units – 1% 5-6 units – 2% 7-8 units – 3% 9 units or more – 4% For sales of three or more like self-propelled equipment sold to one customer on the same purchase order qualifies for an additional discount. Implements and attachments sold with and for self-propelled ride-on machines are also eligible for multi-unit discounts, but do not count towards the total number of ride-on units, which determines the multi-unit discount.
57	Propose a method of facilitating "sourced" products or related services, which may be referred to as "open market" items or "nonstandard options". For example, you may supply such items "at cost" or "at cost plus a percentage," or you may supply a quote for each such request.	John Deere can offer "Sourced Goods" to Sourcewell Members. What Sourcewell calls "Sourced Goods" John Deere calls non-contract items and allied items. We define non-contract as John Deere items that are not on contract (like parts and catalog items that say "See Parts" or "See Catalog" in our price pages). Allied equipment is defined as non-John Deere equipment (ex. Tiger mower). Non-contract and allied items would be sold as "open market" and the price of the item would be negotiated between the John Deere dealer and the Sourcewell Member. The non-contract/allied item would appear on the purchase order (PO) with the contract item but would be listed as "non-contract". For example, a Sourcewell Member could purchase a John Deere Ag Tractor, a canopy (non-contract) and a Tiger mower (allied) by utilizing the Sourcewell contract. The price of the canopy and Tiger mower would be determined by the John Deere dealer and both would be listed on the PO as non-contract items. We successfully use this process on other contracts.
58	Identify any element of the total cost of acquisition that is NOT included in the pricing submitted with your response. This includes all additional charges associated with a purchase that are not directly identified as freight or shipping charges. For example, list costs for items like pre-delivery inspection, installation, set up, mandatory training, or initial inspection. Identify any parties that impose such costs and their relationship to the Proposer.	For deliveries to Alaska, Hawaii, factory freight to the delivering dealer will be paid by the Sourcewell member. Factory freight is known at the time of quoting and will be included on the quote to the Sourcewell member. The dealer may charge \$4.00 per loaded mile to deliver equipment from the dealership to the agency's location. The charge must appear on the quote or purchase order.
59	If freight, delivery, or shipping is an additional cost to the Sourcewell Member, describe in detail the complete freight, shipping, and delivery program.	For deliveries to Alaska, Hawaii, factory freight to the delivering dealer will be paid by the Sourcewell member. Factory freight is known at the time of quoting and will be included on the quote to the Sourcewell member. The dealer may charge \$4.00 per loaded mile to deliver equipment from the dealership to the agency's location. The charge must appear on the quote or purchase order.
60	Specifically describe freight, shipping, and delivery terms or programs available for Alaska, Hawaii, Canada, or any offshore delivery.	For deliveries to Alaska, Hawaii, factory freight to the delivering dealer will be paid by the Sourcewell member. Factory freight is known at the time of quoting and will be included on the quote to the Sourcewell member.
61	Describe any unique distribution and/or delivery methods or options offered in your proposal.	None.

Table 12: Pricing Offered

Line Item	The Pricing Offered in this Proposal is: *	Comments	
62	b. the same as the Proposer typically offers to GPOs, cooperative procurement organizations, or state purchasing departments.		

Table 13: Audit and Administrative Fee

Line Item	Question	Response *	
63	Specifically describe any self-audit process or program that you plan to employ to verify compliance with your proposed Contract with Sourcewell. This process includes ensuring that Sourcewell Members obtain the proper pricing, that the Vendor reports all sales under the Contract each quarter, and that the Vendor remits the proper administrative fee to Sourcewell.	The Sourcewell member will receive their equipment quote directly from the John Deere dealer. The dealer is able to create the quote by utilizing the contract information (discounts, contract guidelines, eligible equipment, etc.) that we have posted on our website as well as a quoting tool that we've made available to them. The member will submit their purchase order (PO), with contract number noted, to the dealer. John Deere will be listed as the vendor on the PO and the dealer, who created the quote, will be the delivering dealer. The dealer will then upload the quote and the PO to Deere's online order management system. Our Order Management Team will then retrieve the quote and the PO and audit them based on the contract guidelines. If an issue is discovered with PO and/or quote, the Order Management Team will then contact the dealer and work with the dealer and the member to get the issue resolved.	*
64	Identify a proposed administrative fee that you will pay to Sourcewell for facilitating, managing, and promoting the Sourcewell Contract in the event that you are awarded a Contract. This fee is typically calculated as a percentage of Vendor's sales under the Contract or as a per-unit fee; it is not a line-item addition to the Member's cost of goods. (See the RFP and template Contract for additional details.)	John Deere will pay a 1% administrative fee.	*

Table 14: Industry Specific Questions

Line Item	Question	Response *	
65	If you are awarded a contract, provide a few examples of internal metrics that will be tracked to measure whether you are having success with the contract.	John Deere looks forward to annual business reviews with Sourcewell account managers. During these reviews, we discuss plans and volume goals and normally include percentage sales increase. Our metrics & goals for 2020 and beyond includes this discussion.	*
66	Describe any industry-specific quality management system certifications obtained by your organization.	Several John Deere manufacturing facilities operate a quality management system which compiles with the requirements of ISO 9001.	*
67	Describe any preventative maintenance programs that your organization offers for the solutions you are proposing in this response.	John Deere is not providing preventive maintenance programs as part of its RFP response. However, Sourcewell Members will be able to purchase these programs directly from dealers utilizing the "Sourced Equipment/Products and/or related Services" method outlined in Line Item 57 in Table 11: Pricing and Delivery.	*

Table 15: Exceptions to Terms, Conditions, or Specifications Form

Only those Proposer Exceptions to Terms, Conditions, or Specifications that have been accepted by Sourcewell have been incorporated into the contract text.

Documents

Ensure your submission document(s) conforms to the following:

1. Documents in PDF format are preferred. Documents in Word, Excel, or compatible formats may also be provided.

2. Documents should NOT have a security password, as Sourcewell may not be able to open the file. It is your sole responsibility to ensure that the uploaded document(s) are not either defective, corrupted or blank and that the documents can be opened and viewed by Sourcewell.

3. Sourcewell may reject any response where any document(s) cannot be opened and viewed by Sourcewell.

4. If you need to upload more than one (1) document for a single item, you should combine the documents into one zipped file. If the zipped file contains more than one (1) document, ensure each document is named, in relation to the submission format item responding to. For example, if responding to the Marketing Plan category save the document as "Marketing Plan."

- Financial Strength and Stability 2018 John-Deere-Annual-Report.pdf Monday November 04, 2019 12:17:59
- Marketing Plan/Samples Marketing Literature Samples.pdf Monday November 04, 2019 15:58:35
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PROPOSER'S AFFIDAVIT

The undersigned, authorized representative of the entity submitting the foregoing proposal (the "Proposer"), swears that the following statements are true to the best of his or her knowledge.

- The Proposer is submitting its proposal under its true and correct name, the Proposer has been properly originated and legally exists in good standing in its state of residence, the Proposer possesses, or will possess before delivering any products and related services, all applicable licenses necessary for such delivery to Sourcewell member agencies. The undersigned affirms that he or she is authorized to act on behalf of, and to legally bind the Proposer to the terms in this Contract.
- The Proposer, or any person representing the Proposer, has not directly or indirectly entered into any agreement or arrangement with any other vendor or supplier, any official or employee of Sourcewell, or any person, firm, or corporation under contract with Sourcewell, in an effort to influence the pricing, terms, or conditions relating to this RFP in any way that adversely affects the free and open competition for a Contract award under this RFP.
- 3. The contents of the Proposer's proposal have not been communicated by the Proposer or its employees or agents to any person not an employee or agent of the Proposer and will not be communicated to any such persons prior to the official opening of the proposals.
- 4. The Proposer has examined and understands the terms, conditions, scope, contract opportunity, specifications request, and other documents in this solicitation and affirms that any and all exceptions have been noted and included with the Proposer's Proposal.
- 5. The Proposer will, if awarded a Contract, provide to Sourcewell Members the /products and services in accordance with the terms, conditions, and scope of this RFP, with the Proposer-offered specifications, and with the other documents in this solicitation.
- The Proposer agrees to deliver products and services through valid contracts, purchase orders, or means that are acceptable to Sourcewell Members. Unless otherwise agreed to, the Proposer must provide only new and first-quality products and related services to Sourcewell Members under an awarded Contract.
- 7. The Proposer will comply with all applicable provisions of federal, state, and local laws, regulations, rules, and orders.
- 8. The Proposer understands that Sourcewell will reject RFP proposals that are marked "confidential" (or "nonpublic," etc.), either substantially or in their entirety. Under Minnesota Statute §13.591, Subd. 4, all proposals are considered nonpublic data until the evaluation is complete and a Contract is awarded. At that point, proposals generally become public data. Minnesota Statute §13.37 permits only certain narrowly defined data to be considered a "trade secret," and thus nonpublic data under Minnesota's Data Practices Act.

The Proposer understands that it is the Proposer's duty to protect information that it considers nonpublic, and it agrees to defend and indemnify Sourcewell for reasonable measures that Sourcewell takes to uphold such a data designation.

By checking this box I acknowledge that I am bound by the terms of the Proposer's Affidavit, have the legal authority to submit this Proposal on behalf of the Proposer, and that this electronic acknowledgment has the same legal effect, validity, and enforceability as if I had hand signed the Proposal. This signature will not be denied such legal effect, validity, or enforceability solely because an electronic signature or electronic record was used in its formation. - Andrew Roman, Contract Administrator

The Proposer declares that there is an actual or potential Conflict of Interest relating to the preparation of its submission, and/or the Proposer foresees an actual or potential Conflict of Interest in performing the contractual obligations contemplated in the bid.

Yes & No

The Bidder acknowledges and agrees that the addendum/addenda below form part of the Bid Document.

Check the box in the column "I have reviewed this addendum" below to acknowledge each of the addenda.

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