

INFORMAL SMALL PURCHASE SOLICITATION
1175774
Furnishing of Blank and Finished Aluminum Bus Stop Signs

ISSUE DATE: 9/24/2024
SUBMISSION DEADLINE: 10/15/24 5:00 P.M.

The Montgomery County Department of Transportation is soliciting bids for FURNISHING OF BLANK AND FINISHED ALUMINUM BUS STOP SIGNS. Bids must be submitted no later than the date and time listed above. If a bidder is interested in submitting a bid but cannot make the submission deadline, the bidder must call/email the Department of Transportation at 240-777-5821 to see if an extension may be granted.

If a bidder is not interested in submitting a bid at this time, the bidder should sign the Quotation Sheet, write/type "NO BID" on it, and return it to the Department of Transportation.

The following pages contain the terms, conditions and scope of services for this Informal Solicitation.

One original or copy of your proposal must be submitted to (denise.james@montgomerycountymd.gov).

Should you have any questions regarding the information, or the scope of services contained in this solicitation, contact (Wayne Miller @wayne.miller2@montgomerycountymd.gov).

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LOCAL SMALL BUSINESS RESERVE PROGRAM (LSBRP) NOTICE

This solicitation is reserved for only application submitted/certified local small businesses timely registered with the County's LSBRP. This solicitation thus comes under County Code, sections 11B-17A; 11B-65; 11B-70 and Executive Regulation 21-05AM. These documents can be accessed through the LSBRP web site at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/LSBRP.

LSBRP criteria are based on a firm's location, ownership status, number of employees and annual revenue amount. Submitting a bid/proposal constitutes a representation that your firm is an application submitted/certified Local Small Business. Therefore, if you wish to submit a bid/proposal for this solicitation adhering to the LSBRP, you must:

1. Submit an application as a LSBRP firm prior to the bid's/proposals due date. If your LSBRP status is not application submitted/certified in our database prior to the bids/proposal's due date and time, then your bid will be deemed non-responsive and rejected or your proposal will be deemed unacceptable and removed from consideration. Go to the LSBRP web site (www.montgomerycountymd.gov/LSBRP) and follow the instructions under "Register."
2. After the IFB opens or the RFP closes and upon notification by the County, you must provide within three (3) business days the LSBRP documentation of:
 - all of your business location(s) (if more than one),
 - number of employees by location
 - annual gross revenue of the business for the past three fiscal years.(The preferred documents are a copy of a lease, Maryland Unemployment Insurance Contribution Report (summary or quarterly), and Financial Statement/Tax Returns. At the discretion of the LSBRP, an alternative type of documents might be accepted.)

If, after receipt of these documents, the County finds that your firm does not meet the LSBRP requirements, then your bid will be deemed non-responsive and rejected or your proposal will be deemed unacceptable and removed from further consideration. For questions, contact the LSBRP (240-777-9913).

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**INFORMAL SOLICITATION # 1175774
Furnishing of Blank and Finished Aluminum Bus Stop Signs
SPECIAL NOTIFICATION FOR ISSUANCE UNDER LSBRP**

Solicitation # 1175774 is being advertised under the Local Small Business Reserve Programs (LSBRP). Should it be determined there are no responsive, responsible Local Small Businesses that respond to this solicitation, or that it is otherwise in the best interests of the County, Montgomery County may exercise an option to extend the informal solicitation advertisement for a minimum of five (5) days as non-LSBRP.

Any advertisement extensions will be in the form of a solicitation amendment with the reissuance of the informal solicitation.

If you have any questions, please contact Wayne Miller at wayne.miller2@montgomerycountymd.gov.

Informal # 1175774	MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND FURNISHING OF BLANK AND FINISHED ALUMINUM BUS STOP SIGNS SOLICITATION, BID AND AWARD SHEET	RETURN BID TO: denise.james@montgomerycountymd.gov
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PART I: SOLICITATION

THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS ARE HEREBY INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE INTO AND MADE PART OF ANY CONTRACT AWARDED.

1. The "General Conditions of Contract between County and Contractor", and the "Special Terms and Conditions" shown in Sections B and C of this document.
2. The specifications/scope of work shown in Section D of this document.
3. This "Solicitation, Bid and Award Sheet" and the attached solicitation Quotation Sheet(s).

PART II: BID

The Bidder, by signing this solicitation, agrees that the County has 120 calendar days from the bid opening date in which to make an award of this solicitation. The Bidder agrees that its prices and/or discounts for all desired goods and/or services shall remain firm for the above time period prior to contract award. Also, the Bidder agrees that all instructions, terms, conditions, specifications, and amendments of this solicitation shall remain firm for the time period prior to contract award.

The County's Standard Payment Terms are Net Thirty (30) Days. This does not preclude a bidder from offering a prompt payment discount for payment of proper invoices in less than (30) days. An optional prompt payment term is not required, but may be offered conditioned on the following basis: Only a prompt payment discount, conditioned on a thirty-day or greater payment basis, will be utilized to recalculate prices for purposes of the Method of Award process for price/cost only. Prompt payment discounts may be offered on a shorter payment basis and adopted by the County at time of award, but will not be considered during the Method of Award process.

NAME AND SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS FOR BIDS AND CONTRACTS: The correct and full legal business name of the bidder must be used in bids received and on all contracts issued as a result of this solicitation. A trade name (i.e., a shortened or different name under which the firm does business) must not be used when the full legal name is different. Corporations must have names that comply with State Law, which requires a suffix indicating the corporate status of the business (e.g., Inc., Incorporated, etc.). Trade names may be indicated by individuals or corporations with the individual or corporate name followed by "t/a" (trading as) or "d/b/a" (doing business as) respectively. The bidder's signature on the proposal, contract, amendment(s), or related correspondence, must conform to the following:

All signatures must be made by an authorized officer, partner, manager, member, or employee. The signing of a bid or a contract is a representation by the person signing that the person signing is authorized to do so on behalf of the bidder or contractor.

BIDDER'S CORRECT AND FULL LEGAL BUSINESS NAME:	TELEPHONE NO.:
ADDRESS:	
REMITTANCE ADDRESS: (If Remittance Address is Different from Above Address)	
BIDDER'S E-MAIL ADDRESS:	
NAME AND TITLE OF PERSON AUTHORIZED TO SIGN OFFER (TYPE OR PRINT):	
SIGNATURE:	DATE:

SECTION A. INSTRUCTIONS, CONDITIONS AND NOTICES

1. INTENT

The Intent of this Informal Solicitation is to solicit bids for the procurement of FURNISHING OF BLANK AND FINISHED ALUMINUM BUS STOP SIGNS for Montgomery County, Maryland, as per the Terms, Conditions, Specifications, and/or Scope of Work, and Quotation Sheet contained herein.

2. BID SUBMISSION

Bids must be submitted no later than 10/15/2024 @ 5 P.M. to:
denise.james@montgomerycountymd.gov

Bids submitted after 10/15/2024 after 5 :01 P.M EST, will not be considered.

Bidders MUST submitted the following documents:

- A. Completed SOLICITATION, BID AND AWARD SHEET, page 4
- B. Completed Attachment A
- C. Completed Wage Form – PMMD-177, if applicable
- D. Completed Minority, Female, Disabled Person Subcontractor Performance Plan-PMMD-65, if applicable
- E. References (Attachment C)

3. VERBAL EXPLANATIONS

Verbal explanations or instructions given by a Montgomery County employee to a bidder in regard to this Informal Solicitation will not be binding on the County. Any information given to a bidder, in response to a request, will be furnished to all bidders as an amendment to this Informal Solicitation, if such information is deemed necessary for the preparation of bids, or if the lack of such information would be detrimental to the uninformed bidders. Only such amendments issued by the Contracting Officer will be considered as being binding on the County.

4. AWARD OR REJECTION OF BID

The County reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, or portions thereof, to waive minor irregularities and to award the Contract in the best interests of the County. Conditional or qualified bids are subject to rejection. The County reserves the right to reject the bid of a bidder who has previously failed to perform properly or to complete in a timely manner, contracts of a similar nature, or if investigation shows the bidder is unable to perform the requirements of the contract.

5. METHOD OF AWARD

This Informal Solicitation will be awarded to the bidder with the lowest responsive bids and who are responsible as determined by the Director, Office of Procurement. The lowest bid will be determined by the lowest aggregate price total set for on the Quotation Sheet.

6. MINORITY, FEMALE, DISABLED PERSON PROGRAM COMPLIANCE

Under County law, this solicitation is subject to the Montgomery County Code and the Montgomery County Procurement Regulations regarding participation in the Minority, Female, Disabled Person (MFD) Procurement Program. Further information regarding the County's MFD program is contained within this solicitation (see the provision entitled "Minority-Owned Business Addendum to the General Conditions of Contract between County and Contractor" and its companion document entitled "Minority, Female, and Disabled-Person Subcontractor Performance Plan").

7. MONTGOMERY COUNTY CODE AND PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS

The Montgomery County and Procurement Regulations are applicable to this solicitation and any contract awarded pursuant to this solicitation.

8. NAME AND SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS FOR BIDS AND CONTRACTS

The correct and full legal business name of the entity involved must be used on bids received and on contract(s) issued as a result of this solicitation. A trade name, i.e., a shortened or different name under which the firm does business, must not be used when the full legal name is different. Corporations must have names that comply with State law, which requires a suffix indicating the corporate status of that business (e.g., Inc., Incorporated, etc.). Trade names may be indicated by individuals or corporations with the individual or corporate name followed by "t/a" (trading as) or "d/b/a" (doing business as), respectively. The signature on the bid, contract, amendment, or related correspondence must conform to the following:

All signatures must be made by an authorized officer, partner, manager, member, or employee. The signing of a bid or a contract is a representation by the person signing that the person signing is authorized to do so on behalf of the bidder or contractor.

No bids will be accepted unless submitted in ink or typewritten. Changes made to the prices bid prior to the opening must be done legibly and initialed by the offeror making the changes.

9. PROMPT PAYMENT DISCOUNT TERMS

Bidders please note: Prompt payment discounts will be considered in the evaluation of your bid if the discount on payments is not conditioned on payment being made in less than thirty (30) days from receipt of invoice.

10. BIDDER'S PAYMENT TERMS

The County will reject as non-responsive a bid submitted which is conditioned on payment of proper invoices in less than thirty (30) days. However, this does not preclude a bidder from offering a prompt payment discount for payment of invoices in less than thirty (30) days.

11. QUALIFICATION OF BIDDERS

Bidders may be required to furnish satisfactory evidence that they are qualified dealers or manufacturers of the items listed, or are regularly engaged in performing the services on which they are submitting a bid, and in both cases maintain a regularly established place of business. An authorized representative of the County may visit and inspect any prospective Contractor's plant, manufacturing facility or place of business, etc. where the goods, services or construction are performed to determine ability, capacity, reliability, financial stability, and other factors necessary to perform the contract.

12. BID PREPARATION EXPENSES

All costs incurred in the preparation and submission of bids will be borne by the bidder and shall not be incurred in anticipation of receiving reimbursement from the County.

SECTION B. GENERAL CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT BETWEEN COUNTY & CONTRACTOR

1. **ACCOUNTING SYSTEM AND AUDIT, ACCURATE INFORMATION**

The contractor certifies that all information the contractor has provided or will provide to the County is true and correct and can be relied upon by the County in awarding, modifying, making payments, or taking any other action with respect to this contract including resolving claims and disputes. Any false or misleading information is a ground for the County to terminate this contract for cause and to pursue any other appropriate remedy. The contractor certifies that the contractor's accounting system conforms with generally accepted accounting principles, is sufficient to comply with the contract's budgetary and financial obligations, and is sufficient to produce reliable financial information.

The County may examine the contractor's and any first-tier subcontractor's records to determine and verify compliance with the contract and to resolve or decide any claim or dispute arising under this contract. The contractor and any first tier subcontractor must grant the County access to these records at all reasonable times during the contract term and for 3 years after final payment. If the contract is supported to any extent with federal or state funds, the appropriate federal or state authorities may also examine these records. The contractor must include the preceding language of this paragraph in all first-tier subcontracts.

2. **AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT**

The contractor agrees to comply with the nondiscrimination requirements of Titles II and III, and other provisions, of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, Pub. Law 101-336, and ADA Amendments Act of 2008, Pub. Law 110-325, as amended, currently found at 42 U.S.C., § 12101, et seq., and 47 U.S.C., ch. 5.

3. **APPLICABLE LAWS**

This contract must be construed in accordance with the laws and regulations of Maryland and Montgomery County. The Montgomery County Procurement Regulations are incorporated by reference into, and made a part of, this contract. In the case of any inconsistency between this contract and the Procurement Regulations, the Procurement Regulations govern. The contractor must, without additional cost to the County, pay any necessary fees and charges, obtain any necessary licenses and permits, and comply with applicable federal, state and local laws, codes and regulations. Through signature of this contract, the contractor certifies that the contractor has filed an initial statement with the Maryland State Board of Elections in compliance with MD Code Ann., Election Law, §14-104(b)(1), or is not required to file an initial statement as per MD Code Ann., Election Law, §14-104(c)(2).

For purposes of litigation involving this contract, except for contract Disputes discussed in paragraph 8 below, exclusive venue and jurisdiction must be in the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Maryland or in the District Court of Maryland for Montgomery County.

The County's prevailing wage law, as found at §11B-33C of the County Code, applies to certain construction and mechanical systems service contracts. To the extent applicable, the County's prevailing wage requirements are enumerated within this solicitation/contract in the "Prevailing Wage Requirements for Construction Contract Addendum to the General Conditions of Contract between County and Contractor." If applicable to this contract, the Addendum will be attached to the contract, and will be incorporated herein by reference, and made a part thereof.

Furthermore, certain non-profit and governmental entities may purchase supplies and services, similar in scope of work and compensation amounts provided for in a County contract, using their own contract and procurement laws and regulations, pursuant to the Md. State Finance and Procurement Article, Section 13-101, et. seq.

Contractor and all of its subcontractors must comply with the provisions of County Code §11B-35A and must not retaliate against a covered employee who discloses an illegal or improper action described in §11B-35A. Furthermore, an aggrieved covered employee under §11B-35A is a third-party beneficiary under this Contract, who may by civil action recover compensatory damages including interest and reasonable attorney's fees, against the contractor or one of its subcontractors for retaliation in violation of that Section.

The contractor agrees to comply with the requirements of the Displaced Service Workers Protection Act, which appears in County Code, Chapter 27, Human Rights and Civil Liberties, Article X, Displaced Service Workers Protection Act, §§ 27-64 through 27-66.

Montgomery County's Earned Sick and Safe Leave Law, found at Sections 27-76 through 27-82 of the County Code, became effective October 1, 2016. An employer doing business in the County, as defined under the statute, must comply with this law. This includes an employer vendor awarded a County contract. A vendor may obtain information regarding this law at <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/humanrights/>.

4. ASSIGNMENTS AND SUBCONTRACTS

The contractor must not assign or transfer this contract, any interest herein or any claim hereunder, except as expressly authorized in writing by the Director, Office of Procurement. Unless performance is separately and expressly waived in writing by the Director, Office of Procurement, an assignment does not release the contractor from responsibility for performance of this contract. Unless otherwise provided in the contract, the contractor may not contract with any other party for furnishing any of the materials or services herein contracted for without the written approval of the Director, Office of Procurement. Any subcontract for any work hereunder must comport with the terms of this Contract and County law, and must include any other terms and conditions that the County deems necessary to protect its interests. The contractor must not employ any subcontractor that is a debarred or suspended person under County Code §11B-37. The contractor is fully responsible to the County for the acts and omissions of itself, its subcontractors and any persons either directly or indirectly employed by them. Nothing contained in the contract documents shall create any contractual relation between any subcontractor and the County, and nothing in the contract documents is intended to make any subcontractor a beneficiary of the contract between the County and the contractor.

5. CHANGES

The Director, Office of Procurement, may unilaterally change the work, materials and services to be performed. The change must be in writing and within the general scope of the contract. The contract will be modified to reflect any time or money adjustment the contractor is entitled to receive. Contractor must bring to the Contract Administrator, in writing, any claim about an adjustment in time or money resulting from a change, within 30 days from the date the Director, Office of Procurement, issued the change in work, or the claim is waived. Any failure to agree upon a time or money adjustment must be resolved under the "Disputes" clause of this contract. The contractor must proceed with the prosecution of the work as changed, even if there is an unresolved claim. No charge for any extra work, time or material will be allowed, except as provided in this section.

6. CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION

- A. The contract administrator, subject to paragraph B below, is the Department representative designated by the Director, Office of Procurement, in writing and is authorized to:
- 1) serve as liaison between the County and the contractor;
 - 2) give direction to the contractor to ensure satisfactory and complete performance;

- 3) monitor and inspect the contractor's performance to ensure acceptable timeliness and quality;
 - 4) serve as records custodian for this contract, including wage and prevailing wage requirements;
 - 5) accept or reject the contractor's performance;
 - 6) furnish timely written notice of the contractor's performance failures to the Director, Office of Procurement, and to the County Attorney, as appropriate;
 - 7) prepare required reports;
 - 8) approve or reject invoices for payment;
 - 9) recommend contract modifications or terminations to the Director, Office of Procurement;
 - 10) issue notices to proceed; and
 - 11) monitor and verify compliance with any MFD Performance Plan.
- B. The contract administrator is NOT authorized to make determinations (as opposed to recommendations) that alter, modify, terminate or cancel the contract, interpret ambiguities in contract language, or waive the County's contractual rights.

7. COST & PRICING DATA

Chapter 11B of the County Code and the Montgomery County Procurement Regulations require that cost & pricing data be obtained from proposed awardees/contractors in certain situations. The contractor guarantees that any cost & pricing data provided to the County will be accurate and complete. The contractor grants the Director, Office of Procurement, access to all books, records, documents, and other supporting data in order to permit adequate evaluation of the contractor's proposed price(s). The contractor also agrees that the price to the County, including profit or fee, may, at the option of the County, be reduced to the extent that the price was based on inaccurate, incomplete, or noncurrent data supplied by the contractor.

8. DISPUTES

Any dispute arising under this contract that is not disposed of by agreement must be decided under the Montgomery County Code and the Montgomery County Procurement Regulations. Pending final resolution of a dispute, the Contractor must proceed diligently with contract performance. Subject to subsequent revocation or alteration by the Director, Office of Procurement, the head of the County department, office or agency ("Department Head") of the contract administrator is the designee of the Director, Office of Procurement, for the purpose of dispute resolution. The Department Head, or his/her designee, must forward to the Director, Office of Procurement, a copy of any written resolution of a dispute. The Department Head may delegate this responsibility to another person (other than the contract administrator). A contractor must notify the contract administrator of a claim in writing, and must attempt to resolve a claim with the contract administrator prior to filing a dispute with the Director, Office of Procurement or designee. The contractor waives any dispute or claim not made in writing and received by the Director, Office of Procurement, within 30 days of the event giving rise to the dispute or claim, whether or not the contract administrator has responded to a written notice of claim or resolved the claim. The Director, Office of Procurement, must dismiss a dispute that is not timely filed. A dispute must be in writing, for specific relief, and any requested relief must be fully supported by affidavit of all relevant calculations, including cost and pricing information, records, and other information. At the County's option, the contractor agrees to be made a party to any related dispute involving another contractor.

9. DOCUMENTS, MATERIALS, AND DATA

All documents, materials, or data developed as a result of this contract are the County's property. The County has the right to use and reproduce any documents, materials, and data, including confidential information, used in the performance of, or developed as a result of, this contract. The County may use this information for its own purposes, including reporting to state and federal agencies. The contractor warrants that it has title to or right of use of all documents, materials or

data used or developed in connection with this contract. The contractor must keep confidential all documents, materials, and data prepared or developed by the contractor or supplied by the County.

10. DURATION OF OBLIGATION

The contractor agrees that all of contractor's obligations and warranties, including all requirements imposed by the Minority Owned Business Addendum to these General Conditions, if any, which directly or indirectly are intended by their nature or by implication to survive contractor performance, do survive the completion of performance, termination for default, termination for convenience, or termination by mutual consent of the contract.

11. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

There are no promises, terms, conditions, or obligations other than those contained in this contract. This contract supersedes all communications, representations, or agreements, either verbal or written, between the parties hereto, with the exception of express warranties given to induce the County to enter into the contract.

12. ETHICS REQUIREMENTS/POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS

The contractor must comply with the ethics provisions contained in Chapters 11B and 19A, Montgomery County Code, which include the following:

- a) a prohibition against making or offering to make certain gifts. Section 11B-51(a).
- b) a prohibition against kickbacks. Section 11B-51(b).
- c) a prohibition against a person engaged in a procurement from employing or offering to employ a public employee. Section 11B-52 (a).
- d) a prohibition against a contractor that is providing a recommendation to the County from assisting another party or seeking to obtain an economic benefit beyond payment under the contract. Section 11B-52 (b).
- e) a restriction on the use of confidential information obtained in performing a contract. Section 11B-52 (c).
- f) a prohibition against contingent fees. Section 11B-53.

Furthermore, the contractor specifically agrees to comply with Sections 11B-51, 11B-52, 11B-53, 19A-12, and/or 19A-13 of the Montgomery County Code. In addition, the contractor must comply with the political contribution reporting requirements currently codified under the Election Law at Md. Code Ann., Title 14.

13. GUARANTEE

- A. Contractor guarantees for one year from acceptance, or for a longer period that is otherwise expressly stated in the County's written solicitation, all goods, services, and construction offered, including those used in the course of providing the goods, services, and/or construction. This includes a guarantee that all products offered (or used in the installation of those products) carry a guarantee against any and all defects for a minimum period of one year from acceptance, or for a longer period stated in the County's written solicitation. The contractor must correct any and all defects in material and/or workmanship that may appear during the guarantee period, or any defects that occur within one (1) year of acceptance even if discovered more than one (1) year after acceptance, by repairing, (or replacing with new items or new materials, if necessary) any such defect at no cost to the County and to the County's satisfaction.
- C. Should a manufacturer's or service provider's warranty or guarantee exceed the requirements stated above, that guarantee, or warranty will be the primary one used in the case of defect. Copies of manufacturer's or service provider's warranties must be provided upon request.
- D. All warranties and guarantees must be in effect from the date of acceptance by the County of the goods, services, or construction.

- E. The contractor guarantees that all work shall be accomplished in a workmanlike manner, and the contractor must observe and comply with all Federal, State, County and local laws, ordinances and regulations in providing the goods, and performing the services or construction.
- F. Goods and materials provided under this contract must be of first quality, latest model and of current manufacture, and must not be of such age or so deteriorated as to impair their usefulness or safety. Items that are used, rebuilt, or demonstrator models are unacceptable, unless specifically requested by the County in the Specifications.

14. HAZARDOUS AND TOXIC SUBSTANCES

Manufacturers and distributors are required by federal "Hazard Communication" provisions (29 CFR 1910.1200), and the Maryland "Access to Information About Hazardous and Toxic Substances" Law, to label each hazardous material or chemical container, and to provide Material Safety Data Sheets to the purchaser. The contractor must comply with these laws and must provide the County with copies of all relevant documents, including Material Safety Data Sheets, prior to performance of work or contemporaneous with delivery of goods.

15. HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT (HIPAA) COMPLIANCE

In addition to the provisions stated above in Section 3. "Applicable Laws," contractor must comply with all requirements in the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), to the extent that HIPAA is applicable to this contract. Furthermore, contractor must enter into the County's standard Business Associate Agreement or Qualified Service Organization Agreement when contractor or the County, as part of this contract, may use or disclose to one another, to the individual whose health information is at issue, or to a third-party, any protected health information that is obtained from, provided to, made available to, or created by, or for, the contractor or the County.

16. IMMIGRATION REFORM AND CONTROL ACT

The contractor warrants that both the contractor and its subcontractors do not, and shall not, hire, recruit or refer for a fee, for employment under this contract or any subcontract, an alien while knowing the alien is an unauthorized alien, or any individual without complying with the requirements of the federal Immigration and Nationality laws, including any verification and record keeping requirements. The contractor further assures the County that, in accordance with those laws, it does not, and will not, discriminate against an individual with respect to hiring, recruitment, or referral for a fee, of an individual for employment or the discharge of an individual from employment, because of the individual's national origin or, in the case of a citizen or prospective citizen, because of the individual's citizenship status.

17. INCONSISTENT PROVISIONS

Notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary in any contract terms or conditions supplied by the contractor, this General Conditions of Contract document supersedes the contractor's terms and conditions, in the event of any inconsistency.

18. INDEMNIFICATION

The contractor is responsible for any loss, personal injury, death and any other damage (including incidental and consequential) that may be done or suffered by reason of the contractor's negligence or failure to perform any contractual obligations. The contractor must indemnify and save the County harmless from any loss, cost, damage and other expenses, including attorney's fees and litigation expenses, suffered or incurred due to the contractor's negligence or failure to perform any of its contractual obligations. If requested by the County, the contractor must defend the County in any action or suit brought against the County arising out of the contractor's negligence, errors, acts or omissions under this contract. The negligence of any agent, subcontractor or employee of the contractor is deemed to be the negligence of the contractor. For the purposes of this paragraph, County includes its boards, agencies, agents, officials and employees.

19. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR

The contractor is an independent contractor. The contractor and the contractor's employees or agents are not agents of the County.

20. INSPECTIONS

The County has the right to monitor, inspect and evaluate or test all supplies, goods, services, or construction called for by the contract at all reasonable places (including the contractor's place of business) and times (including the period of preparation or manufacture).

21. INSURANCE

Prior to contract execution by the County, the proposed awardee/contractor must obtain at its own cost and expense the minimum insurance specified in the applicable table (See Tables A and B) or attachment to these General Conditions, with one or more insurance company(s) licensed or qualified to do business in the State of Maryland and acceptable to the County's Division of Risk Management. The minimum limits of coverage listed shall not be construed as the maximum as required by contract or as a limitation of any potential liability on the part of the proposed awardee/contractor to the County, nor shall failure by the County to request evidence of this insurance in any way be construed as a waiver of proposed awardee/contractor's obligation to provide the insurance coverage specified. Contractor must keep this insurance in full force and effect during the term of this contract, including all extensions. Unless expressly provided otherwise, Table A is applicable to this contract. The insurance must be evidenced by one or more Certificate(s) of Insurance and, if requested by the County, the proposed awardee/contractor must provide a copy of any and all insurance policies to the County. At a minimum, the proposed awardee/contractor must submit to the Director, Office of Procurement, one or more Certificate(s) of Insurance prior to award of this contract, and prior to any contract modification extending the term of the contract, as evidence of compliance with this provision. The contractor's insurance must be primary. Montgomery County, MD, including its officials, employees, agents, boards, and agencies, must be named as an additional insured on all liability policies. Contractor must provide to the County at least 30 days written notice of a cancellation of, or a material change to, an insurance policy. In no event may the insurance coverage be less than that shown on the applicable table, attachment, or contract provision for required insurance. After consultation with the Department of Finance, Division of Risk Management, the Director, Office of Procurement, may waive the requirements of this section, in whole or in part.

Please disregard TABLE A. and TABLE B., if they are replaced by the insurance requirements as stated in an attachment to these General Conditions of Contract between County and Contractor.

TABLE A. INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

(See Paragraph #21 under the General Conditions of Contract between County and Contractor)

CONTRACT DOLLAR VALUES (IN \$1,000's)				
	Up to 50	Up to 100	Up to 1,000	Over 1,000
Workers Compensation (for contractors with employees)				
Bodily Injury by				
Accident (each)	100	100	100	See Attachment
Disease (policy limits)	500	500	500	
Disease (each employee)	100	100	100	
Commercial General Liability for bodily injury and property damage per occurrence, including contractual liability, premises and operations, and independent contractors	300	500	1,000	See Attachment

CONTRACT DOLLAR VALUES (IN \$1,000's)				
	Up to 50	Up to 100	Up to 1,000	Over 1,000
Minimum Automobile Liability (including owned, hired and non-owned automobiles) Bodily Injury				
each person	100	250	500	See Attachment
each occurrence	300	500	1,000	
Property Damage				
each occurrence	300	300	300	
Professional Liability*	250	500	1,000	See Attachment
for errors, omissions and negligent acts, per claim and aggregate, with one-year discovery period and maximum deductible of \$25,000				
<u>Certificate Holder</u> Montgomery County Maryland (Contract #) Office of Procurement 27 Courthouse Square, Suite 330, Rockville, MD 20850 *Professional services contracts only				

TABLE B. INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

(See Paragraph #21 under the General Conditions of Contract between County and Contractor)

CONTRACT DOLLAR VALUES (IN \$1,000's)				
	Up to 50	Up to 100	Up to 1,000	Over 1,000
Commercial General Liability minimum combined single limit for bodily injury and property damage per occurrence, including contractual liability, premises and operations, independent contractors, and product liability	300	500	1,000	See Attachment
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22. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY APPROVAL AND INDEMNIFICATION - INFRINGEMENT

If the contractor will be preparing, displaying, publicly performing, reproducing, or otherwise using, in any manner or form, any information, document, or material that is subject to a copyright, trademark, patent, or other property or privacy right, then contractor must: obtain all necessary licenses, authorizations, and approvals related to its use; include the County in any approval, authorization, or license related to its use; and indemnify and hold harmless the County related to contractor's alleged infringing or otherwise improper or unauthorized use. Accordingly, the contractor must protect, indemnify, and hold harmless the County from and against all liabilities, actions, damages, claims, demands, judgments, losses, costs, expenses, suits, or actions, and attorneys' fees and the costs of the defense of the County, in any suit, including appeals, based upon or arising out of any allegation of infringement, violation, unauthorized use, or conversion of any patent, copyright, trademark or trade name, license, proprietary right, or other related property or privacy interest in connection with, or as a result of, this contract or the performance by the contractor of any of its activities or obligations under this contract.

23. INFORMATION SECURITY

A. Protection of Personal Information by Government Agencies:

In any contract under which Contractor is to perform services and the County may disclose to Contractor personal information about an individual, as defined by State law, Contractor must implement and maintain reasonable security procedures and practices that: (a) are appropriate to the nature of the personal information disclosed to the Contractor; and (b) are reasonably designed to help protect the personal information from unauthorized access, use, modification, disclosure, or destruction. Contractor's requirement to implement and maintain reasonable security practices and procedures must include requiring any third-party to whom it discloses personal information that was originally disclosed to Contractor by the County to also implement and maintain reasonable security practices and procedures related to protecting the personal information. Contractor must notify the County of a breach of the security of a system if the unauthorized acquisition of an individual's personal information has occurred or is reasonably likely to occur, and also must share with the County all information related to the breach. Contractor must provide the above notification to the County as soon as reasonably practicable after Contractor discovers or is notified of the breach of the security of a system. Md. Code Ann., State Gov't. § 10-1301 through 10-1308 (2013).

B. Payment Card Industry Compliance:

In any contract where the Contractor provides a system or service that involves processing credit card payments (a "Payment Solution"), the Payment Solution must be Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard Compliant ("PCI-DSS Compliant"), as determined and verified by the Department of Finance, and must (1) process credit card payments through the use of a Merchant ID ("MID") obtained by the County's Department of Finance by and in the name of the County as merchant of record, or (2) use a MID obtained by and in the name of the Contractor as merchant of record.

24. NON-CONVICTION OF BRIBERY

The contractor hereby declares and affirms that, to its best knowledge, none of its officers, directors, or partners or employees directly involved in obtaining contracts has been convicted of bribery, attempted bribery, or conspiracy to bribe under any federal, state, or local law.

25. NON-DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT

The contractor agrees to comply with the non-discrimination in employment policies and/ or provisions prohibiting unlawful employment practices in County contracts as required by Section 11B-33 and Section 27-19 of the Montgomery County Code, as well as all other applicable state and federal laws and regulations regarding employment discrimination.

The contractor assures the County that, in accordance with applicable law, it does not, and agrees that it will not, discriminate in any manner on the basis of race, color, religious creed, ancestry, national origin, age, sex, marital status, disability, or sexual orientation.

The contractor must bind its subcontractors to the provisions of this section.

26. PAYMENT AUTHORITY

No payment by the County may be made, or is due, under this contract, unless funds for the payment have been appropriated and encumbered by the County. Under no circumstances will the County pay the contractor for legal fees, late fees, or shipping fees that are not provided for in the contract. The contractor must not proceed to perform any work (provide goods, services, or construction) prior to receiving written confirmation that the County has appropriated and encumbered funds for that work. If the contractor fails to obtain this verification from the Office of Procurement prior to performing work, the County has no obligation to pay the contractor for the work.

If this contract provides for an additional contract term for contractor performance beyond its initial term, continuation of contractor's performance under this contract beyond the initial term is contingent upon, and subject to, the appropriation of funds and encumbrance of those appropriated funds for payments under this contract. If funds are not appropriated and encumbered to support continued contractor performance in a subsequent fiscal period, contractor's performance must end without further notice from, or cost to, the County. The contractor acknowledges that the County Executive has no obligation to recommend, and the County Council has no obligation to appropriate, funds for this contract in subsequent fiscal years. Furthermore, the County has no obligation to encumber funds to this contract in subsequent fiscal years, even if appropriated funds may be available. Accordingly, for each subsequent contract term, the contractor must not undertake any performance under this contract until the contractor receives a purchase order or contract amendment from the County that authorizes the contractor to perform work for the next contract term.

27. P-CARD OR SUA PAYMENT METHODS

The County is expressly permitted to pay the vendor for any or all goods, services, or construction under the contract through either a procurement card ("p-card") or a Single Use Account ("SUA") method of payment, if the contractor accepts the noted payment method from any other person. In that event, the County reserves the right to pay any or all amounts due under the contract by using either a p-card (except when a purchase order is required) or a SUA method of payment, and the contractor must accept the County's p-card or a SUA method of payment, as applicable. Under this paragraph, contractor is prohibited from charging or requiring the County to pay any fee, charge, price, or other obligation for any reason related to or associated with the County's use of either a p-card or a SUA method of payment.

28. PERSONAL PROPERTY

All furniture, office equipment, equipment, vehicles, and other similar types of personal property specified in the contract, and purchased with funds provided under the contract, become the property of the County upon the end of the contract term, or upon termination or expiration of this contract, unless expressly stated otherwise.

29. TERMINATION FOR DEFAULT

The Director, Office of Procurement, may terminate the contract in whole or in part, and from time to time, whenever the Director, Office of Procurement, determines that the contractor is:

- a) defaulting in performance or is not complying with any provision of this contract;
- b) failing to make satisfactory progress in the prosecution of the contract; or
- c) endangering the performance of this contract.

The Director, Office of Procurement, will provide the contractor with a written notice to cure the default. The termination for default is effective on the date specified in the County's written notice. However, if the County determines that default contributes to the curtailment of an essential service or poses an immediate threat to life, health, or property, the County may terminate the contract immediately upon issuing oral or written notice to the contractor without any prior notice or opportunity to cure. In addition to any other remedies provided by law or the contract, the contractor must compensate the County for additional costs that foreseeably would be incurred by the County, whether the costs are actually incurred or not, to obtain substitute performance. A termination for default is a termination for convenience if the termination for default is later found to be without justification.

30. TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE

This contract may be terminated by the County, in whole or in part, upon written notice to the contractor, when the County determines this to be in its best interest. The termination for

convenience is effective on the date specified in the County's written notice. Termination for convenience may entitle the contractor to payment for reasonable costs allocable to the contract for work or costs incurred by the contractor up to the date of termination. The contractor must not be paid compensation as a result of a termination for convenience that exceeds the amount encumbered to pay for work to be performed under the contract.

31. TIME

Time is of the essence.

32. WORK UNDER THE CONTRACT

Contractor must not commence work under this contract until all conditions for commencement are met, including execution of the contract by both parties, compliance with insurance requirements, encumbrance of funds, and issuance of any required notice to proceed.

33. WORKPLACE SAFETY

The contractor must ensure adequate health and safety training and/or certification, and must comply with applicable federal, state and local Occupational Safety and Health laws and regulations.

THIS FORM MUST NOT BE MODIFIED WITHOUT THE PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY.

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SECTION C. SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. GENERAL CONDITIONS

The General Conditions of Contract between County & Contractor (Section B) are incorporated and made part of this Informal Solicitation and any resultant contract, except that the insurance requirements listed in Provision 21 are replaced by the Mandatory Insurance Requirements listed in Attachment B. (or language about waiver, if Risk Mgmt Waived)

2. COMPENSATION

The County will pay the Contractor in accordance with the unit price listed on the Quotation Sheet.

3. CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR

The Contract Administrator, or designee, is responsible for inspecting all work and authorizing payment upon acceptance.

The designated Contract Administrator for the Department of Transportation, Division of Transit Services, Wayne Miller at wayne.miller2@montgomerycountymd.gov.

4. CONTRACT TERM

The term of the contract is for one (1) year from the date of signature by the Director, Office of Procurement. Before the contract term ends, the Director may (but is not required to) renew this contract, if the Director determines that renewal is in the best interests of the County. The Contractor's satisfactory performance does not guarantee renewal of this Contract. The Director may exercise this option to renew for two (2) additional one-year periods. The contract will automatically terminate once \$99,999 has been spent.

5. ANNUAL PRICE ADJUSTMENT

Prices quoted are firm for a period of one year after execution of the contract. Any request for a price adjustment after this one-year period, is subject to the following:

- Approval or rejection by the Director, Office of Procurement or designee.
- **Must be submitted in writing to the Director, Office of Procurement, and accompanied by supporting documentation justifying the Contractor's request.** A request for any price adjustment may not be approved unless the contractor submits to the County sufficient justification to support that the Contractor's request is based on its net increase in costs in delivering the goods/services to the County under the contract terms.
- Must be submitted sixty (60) days prior to the contract expiration date, if the contract is being amended.
- May not be approved in an amount that exceeds the annual percentage change of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the twelve-month period immediately prior to the date of the request. **The request must not exceed the CPI for all urban consumers issued for the Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV Metropolitan area by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics for ALL ITEMS.**
- The County will approve only one price adjustment for each contract term, if a price adjustment is approved.
- Should be effective sixty (60) days from the date of receipt of the contractor's request.
- Must be executed by written contract amendment.

6. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR/CONTRACTOR CONDUCT

For the purposes of this Contract, the Contractor's personnel and the personnel retained by any approved subcontractor engaged by the Contractor are the employees, consultants, workers and contractors of the Contractor or subcontractor, as applicable. The Contractor's personnel and the personnel of any subcontractor engaged by the Contractor are not employees of Montgomery

County. The Contractor's personnel and the personnel of any subcontractor engaged by the Contractor must not represent themselves as an employee of the County in their interaction with the public, other contractors, or County employees. In situations where the Contractor's personnel or the personnel of any subcontractor engaged by the Contractor may be mistaken for a County employee, the Contractor's personnel and the personnel of any subcontractor engaged by the Contractor must disclose that they are working under a County contract and that they are not a County employee. Persons assigned to work for the County under this Contract must not set policies for the County or independently interpret County policies.

The Contractor must provide administrative oversight for, and coordinate the recruitment, hiring/subcontracting, termination and placement of, qualified individuals who will provide the services as stipulated in this Contract. The Contractor must also provide overall supervision, control over, and direction of all personnel who work under this Contract in the provision of the services described in this Contract.

The Contractor and any subcontractor engaged by the Contractor must abide by all federal, state and local labor laws and regulations and all applicable federal, state, and local tax laws and regulations in the hiring and management of all personnel employed or retained to provide services to the County under this Contract. For purposes of this Contract, "personnel" means the employees, consultants, contractors, or other worker retained by the Contractor or any subcontractor engaged by the Contractor to provide the services under this Contract.

The Contractor or any subcontractor engaged by the Contractor, as applicable, must be responsible for all taxes, as well as other obligations or benefits related to its workers, including F.I.C.A., federal, and state withholdings, unemployment, and workers' compensation for persons who work for the Contractor, or the subcontractor engaged by the Contractor under this Contract in the provision of the services described in this Contract.

The Contractor's personnel and the personnel of any subcontractor engaged by the Contractor to provide services under this Contract are not entitled to the use of, and must not use, County vehicles.

The Contractor's personnel and the personnel of any subcontractor engaged by the Contractor are not entitled to benefits available to County employees, including but not limited to credit union membership, administrative leave, access to deferred compensation benefits, affirmative action initiatives, personnel services, employee training, and other County employee benefits.

The Contractor or any subcontractor engaged by the Contractor, as applicable, is solely responsible for all costs or expenses related to personnel costs of its personnel, including those related to wages, benefits, training, mileage, travel, parking, fringe benefits and paid leave.

Upon request by the County, the Contractor must provide the County with access to any materials, records or reports produced by any of the Contractor's or the subcontractor's personnel, including, but not limited to pamphlets, surveys, evaluations, training materials and customized software. Any materials, records, or reports produced by the Contractor's personnel, or the personnel of any subcontractor engaged by the Contractor performing work under this Contract are the County's property.

The County will own all work products produced by the Contractor or any subcontractor engaged by the Contractor to provide services under this Contract when those work products are produced: 1) while assigned to the County Contract; 2) during the time and/or in the space used for County contract work; and 3) within the general scope of work assigned under the Contract. The County has the sole right to own, license, sell or use such work products. The Contractor's or

subcontractor's personnel, and the personnel of any contractor or subcontractor engaged by the Contractor will have no such rights to work products produced for the County.

All original content and work products developed under this Contract, including, but not limited to, graphics, data, content, information, photos and other products developed as a result of the work performed under the Contract are the sole and exclusive property of Montgomery County, Maryland; are for the exclusive, unlimited use of the County; and must not be used or distributed by the Contractor without prior written permission of the County.

The Contractor must: ensure that any third-party references, graphics, or resource materials used are royalty-free; have licenses for use of such materials when applicable; and properly credit such materials to their source when so required by the source.

The Contractor must not use, publish, or release any information relative to the Contract without the prior written approval of the Contract Administrator, including, but not limited to, mailing lists, brochures, pamphlets, catalogs, data, drawings, photos, reports, video or media clips, descriptions and correspondence. Any such information generated by the Contractor specifically for use in performing the work under the Contract must not be issued, published, or released by the Contractor without prior written consent of the Contract Administrator.

7. INVOICES

All true and corrected invoices and all inquiries regarding payment are to be sent to wayne.miller2@montgomerycountymd.gov. Failure to promptly comply with this requirement must delay payment.

8. PURCHASE OF GOODS BY NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

Pursuant to the requirements set forth in the Montgomery County Code, Chapter 11B-49, the Contractor agrees to extend the same terms, conditions, and prices for the goods provided by the Contractor pursuant to this contract to those Non-Profit organizations which may need the goods in order to perform a contract with the County. Non-Profit Organizations are defined as those organizations that are exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code but are not defined as a "public entity" under subsection (n) of Chapter 11B-1 of the Montgomery County Code.

9. TRAVEL TIME

No payment for travel time to or from a job site shall be charged. Charges begin when the Contractor arrives at each job site and end when the Contractor leaves each job site. The Project Coordinator or Contract Administrator will verify time records.

SECTION D. SCOPE OF SERVICE/WORK

1. **BACKGROUND**

The Passenger Facilities Unit of the Division of Transit Services maintains over 5,400 bus stops across the County to ensure legible information via bus stops signs so that the commuting public can easily identify bus stops and has accurate information on the availability of their local bus service.

2. **SCOPE OF SERVICES**

ITEM - This specification covers fully finished Bus Stop signs comprised of aluminum sign blanks of various sizes to be digitally printed, with a clear overlay protective anti-graffiti coating.

MATERIAL - All bus stop sign blanks shall be rust proof conversion coated 50/52 aluminum alloy which shall be anodized, degreased and etched. Edges shall be smooth and free of burrs and sharpness.

Corners shall be rounded, die-cut, and have a 3/4" radius dimensions as shown on the drawings in Attachment D. (Drawings for signs which are not included in this solicitation will be sent to the Contractor at time of order. The drawings will include specifications for corner radii and holes locations on the blanks).

THICKNESS - There shall be one standard thicknesses (gauges) for sign blanks; 0.080".

SHEETING - Faces shall be digitally printed (or an equivalent method) using only the best quality High Intensity Prismatic **reflective** sheeting using the colors in **Table I** below. Inks, coatings, process color pastes and clears, and other related sign fabrication material shall be manufactured by 3M Company or be of the type recommended by the 3M Company or equal. Streaking, bubbling, peeling, running of colors or any other indication of improper screening or application of faces to blanks will be unacceptable. Any signs showing evidence of such problems will be rejected by the County and must be replaced at no additional cost to the County.

TABLE I

Montgomery County Sign Sheeting Specifications		
ASTM* Type	Description	Sheeting Colors
Type I	High Intensity Prismatic	PMS 300 (blue) PMS 376 (green) PMS 298 (lighter blue) and PMS 3965 (bright yellow/green.)
<i>* American Society for Testing and Materials</i>		

Materials shall be new, shall be on Maryland State Highway Administration's (MSHA) Qualified Product List (QPL), and shall be covered under manufacturers' warranty (field performance guarantee). Also see the section of these specifications entitled "Warranty."

Faces shall be designed and laid out with color, dimensions, spacing, letter series, etc., in exact conformance with the latest edition of the Maryland Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MDMUTCD), or County supplied sign fabrication layout. Punching of holes in the aluminum blanks, as called for in the specifications, shall be done prior to application of the faces on the blanks. No holes shall be punched in the face. Finished signs shall be of the best state of the art quality that should be acceptable to the County's and MSHA's sign shops, ready to be installed on the street; and shall be equal in quality to the traffic signs produced by the best state-of-the-art County and MSHA sign shop methods.

SIZES - The County will order signs on an item-by-item basis. In order to provide for cases where the County may require a sign blank of a size that is not listed on the Quotation Sheets, bidders shall also provide prices on a square footage basis for each thickness of blank assuming full color.

MOUNTING HOLES - Sign blanks shall normally be supplied with 3/8" diameter mounting holes to be punched in the sign blanks in the number and exact locations as shown on the drawings in Attachment G. Sign blank sizes for which no drawing is included shall have mounting holes in locations as specified by the County at the time of ordering.

PACKAGING AND LABELING - All sign blanks shall be firmly packed and completely wrapped and bundled in suitable cardboard wrapping material to prevent damage in shipping and handling. Same size sign blanks shall be packed or bundled separately and all shipments shall be securely strapped or mounted on skids. Each bundle shall be stamped with the number and size of the sign blanks packaged. The sign blank sizes shall be packed in bundles of 50 or not to exceed 50 pounds. Contractor shall be responsible for full replacement of any signs that are damaged in shipping, at no additional cost to the County.

Table II

FIELD PERFORMANCE/WARRANTY REPLACEMENT REQUIREMENTS

Minimum coefficient of retro- reflectivity (R_A) $cd/fc/ft^2 (cd \cdot lx^{-1} \cdot m^{-2})$

(at -2 degrees observance angle and -4 entrance)

Sheeting Type	Sheeting Colors							Years of Effective Performance Life	Replacement Requirement
	White	Yellow	Red	Blue	Green	Brown	Orange		
High Intensity Prismatic (ASTM Type IV)	448	336	67	24	45	14	116	0-7 years	A
	392	294	59	21	39	13	102	8-10 years	B
Diamond Grade (3) Cubed (ASTM Type XI)	464	348	70	21	46	14	160	0-3 years	A
	406	304	61	18	41	12	140	4-7 years	B

*NOTE: All measurements shall be taken after sign cleaning in accordance with sheeting manufacturer's recommendations. For screen printed transparent colored areas on white sheeting, the coefficient of retro-reflection shall not be less than 50% of the values for the corresponding color in Table II.

Warranty Replacement Requirement "A": The Contractor shall reimburse to county all costs (sign blank, sheeting, faces, process colors, labor, shipping, etc.) of restoring sign to new condition, or the Contractor shall provide new sign at no cost to the Country.

Warranty Replacement Requirement "B": The Contractor shall provide to County the sheeting or faces required to restore sign face to new condition, at no cost to the Country.

WARRANTY – The Contractor shall provide and extend to Montgomery County the following field performance obligation/warranty replacement for all finished signs that the contactor furnishes under this contract: The signs shall perform effectively in the field for the number of years stated in **Table II** of these specifications. The performance shall be considered unsatisfactory if, during the

periods stated in **Table II**, it can be shown that the sign has deteriorated due to natural causes to the extent that either:

- The sign face materials/scripts are not legible for their intended purpose when viewed from a moving vehicle under normal day and night driving conditions; or
- The coefficient of retro-reflection is less than the minimum specified for that color sheeting as listed in **Table II**.

For any sign found not meeting the retro-reflectivity requirements specified in **Table II**, the vendor shall meet the Warranty Replacement Requirement as specified in **Table II**. The date (month and year) of installation shall constitute the start of the field performance obligation period.

SUBMISSION OF WARRANTY CERTIFICATE AND INKS CERTIFICATION:

Attached to his/her bid, **the bidder must submit a signed written statement certifying that the bidder will meet the above specified field performance obligation/warranty replacement provisions on all finished signs to be supplied to Montgomery County under this Contract** (Attachment F). This is a special requirement above and beyond sheeting manufacturer's warranty. Alternatively, **the bidder may provide a letter from the manufacturer certifying that the manufacturer will provide these specified special field performance obligation/warranty replacement provisions directly to Montgomery County for all finished signs that the contractor supplies to Montgomery County under this Contract.** Such certification will be considered partial evidence of the bidder's commitment and intention to fully meet the requirements of these specifications. Also attached to his/her bid, **the bidder shall submit a signed written statement certifying that the bidder will use inks, coatings, process color pastes and clears and other related sign fabrication materials that are produced by the sheeting manufacturer or of the type recommended by the sheeting manufacturer** (Attachment G). Such certification shall name the manufacturer and the manufacturer's identifying catalog numbers and descriptions of any inks, coating, process color pastes and clears that will be used that are not produced by the sheeting manufacturer.

DESIGN AND LAYOUT OF FACES - The legends and layout of finished Bus Stop signs to be ordered by the County will generally be standard (the County may also order non-standard finished signs) as contained in the latest edition of the MDMUTCD, or County supplied sign fabrication layout. Faces shall be designed and laid out with color, dimensions, spacing, letter series, etc., in exact conformance with the latest edition of MDMUTCD, or County supplied sign fabrication layout (at the time of ordering, the County will supply camera-ready artwork for necessary logos, legends, etc.) for non-standard signs.

3. **The County reserves the right to review and inspect the Contractor's equipment and methods and, in consultation with the sheeting manufacturer, specifically disapprove any equipment or materials or methods that, in the sole judgment of the County, would materially affect the quality of the finished signs.** **COUNTY'S RESPONSIBILITIES**

The County will provide written instructions for each order to include sign specifications, quantities and approve sign proofs within a maximum of 3 business days.

4. **REPORTS**

A. N/A.

5. **CONTRACTOR'S QUALIFICATIONS**

A. State of Maryland approved sign fabricator.

6. **INFORMATION SECURITY**

The Contractor must use commercially responsible efforts to ensure that the County's information resources, including electronic data assets, are protected from theft, unauthorized destruction, use, modification, or disclosure as deemed necessary under the County's Information Resources

Security Procedure (AP 6-7). To the extent the County has access to the County's network, the Contractor must adhere to the County's Information Resources Security Procedure (6-7).

WEB-LINKS FOR DOCUMENTS AND FORMS:

1. Central Vendor Registration System, www.mcipcc.net.
2. Minority, Female, Disabled Person Subcontractor Performance Plan and Sample MFD Report of Payments Received, www.montgomerycountymd.gov/PRO/Resources/Files/SolForm/PMMD-65.pdf, www.montgomerycountymd.gov/PRO/Resources/Files/SolForm/PMMD-97.pdf.
3. Wage Requirements for Services Contracts Addendum and Wage Requirements Certification Form and 501(c)(3) Nonprofit Organization's Employee's Wage and Health Insurance Form, www.montgomerycountymd.gov/PRO/Resources/Files/SolForm/PMMD-177.pdf.

**ATTACHMENT A,
QUOTATION SHEET**

The County does not guarantee that any or all of the services listed in this solicitation may be ordered.

Item Number	Description	Est. Annual Quantity	Unit Price	Extended Price
1.	Furnish sign blank 18"X24"X0.080" Aluminum, 1.5" Rounded Corners, 2 holes 3/8" diameter, 3" from top & bottom. Full color graphics.	500	\$	\$
2.	Furnish sign blank 28"X12"X0.080" Aluminum, 0.75" rounded corners, 2 holes 3/8" diameter, 1" from top & bottom, 2-sided. Full color graphics.	150	\$	\$
3.	Furnish sign blank 28"X6.5"X0.080" Aluminum, 0.75" rounded corners, 2 holes 3/8" diameter, 1" from top & bottom, 2-sided. Full color graphics.	150	\$	\$
TOTAL AGGREGATE AMOUNT (Items 1 through 3)				\$

REQUIRED DELIVERY SCHEDULE

The County requires delivery of the goods or services to be made according to the schedule below. The County will evaluate equally, regarding time of delivery, bids that propose delivery of each quantity of the goods or service within the required delivery period specified below. Bids that indicate a delivery schedule exceeding the "Required" delivery time period specified will be declared non-responsive and rejected. The County may elect to award under the Bidder's proposed delivery schedule only if it offers delivery in the same or less time than the required delivery schedule. If the Bidder does not indicate its own delivery schedule, then the Bidder shall accept the required delivery schedule and it will apply to the award.

DELIVERY SCHEDULE

(Number of calendar days after receipt of purchase order or release against a blanket purchase order)

ITEM NO.	QTY.	DELIVERY REQUIRED BY COUNTY	BIDDER'S PROPOSED DELIVERY
1 – 4	ALL	15 Business days	Business days

**ATTACHMENT B,
MANDATORY INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS (MIRs)**

MANDATORY MINIMUM INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS – *Furnishing of Blank and Finished Aluminum Bus Stop Signs*

Prior to the execution of the contract by the County, the proposed awardee/contractor must obtain, at their own cost and expense, the following *minimum* (not maximum) insurance coverage with an insurance company/companies licensed to conduct business in the State of Maryland and acceptable to the Division of Risk Management. This insurance must be kept in full force and effect during the term of this contract, including all extensions. The insurance must be evidenced by a certificate of insurance, and if requested by the County, the proposed awardee/contractor shall provide a copy of the insurance policies and additional insured endorsements. The minimum limits of coverage listed below shall not be construed as the maximum as required by contract or as a limitation of any potential liability on the part of the proposed awardee/contractor to the County nor shall failure to request evidence of this insurance in any way be construed as a waiver of proposed awardee / contractor's obligation to provide the insurance coverage specified. The Contractor's insurance shall be primary with the County's being non-contributory.

Commercial General Liability

A minimum limit of liability of **one million dollars (\$1,000,000), per occurrence** for bodily injury, personal injury and property damage coverage per occurrence including the following coverages:

Contractual Liability
Premises and Operations
Independent Contractors & Subcontractors
Products and Completed Operations

Business Automobile Liability – can be waived if product delivery is by a third party

A minimum limit of liability of **five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000)**, combined single limit, for bodily injury and property damage coverage per occurrence including the following:

Owned automobiles
Hired automobiles
Non-owned automobiles

Workers' Compensation/Employer's Liability – can be waived if product delivery is by a third party

Meeting all statutory requirements of the State of Maryland Law and with the following minimum Employer's Liability limits:

Bodily Injury by Accident - \$100,000 each accident
Bodily Injury by Disease - \$500,000 policy limits
Bodily Injury by Disease - \$100,000 each employee

Subcontractor Requirements

Unless otherwise stated below the proposed awardee/contractor shall require all subcontractors to obtain, and maintain, insurance with limits equal to, or greater, than those limits required within the contract.

Additional Insured

Montgomery County, Maryland, its elected and appointed officials, officers, consultants, agents and employees, must be included as an additional insured on an endorsement to Contractor's commercial general, automobile insurance, and contractor's excess/umbrella insurance policies, if used to satisfy the Contractor's minimum insurance requirements under this contract, for liability arising out of contractor's products, goods and services provided under this contract. The stipulated limits of coverage above shall not be construed as a limitation of any potential liability of the contractor.

Coverage pursuant to this Section shall not include any provision that would bar, restrict, or preclude coverage for claims by Montgomery County against Contractor, including but not limited to “cross-liability” or “insured vs insured” exclusion provisions.

Policy Cancellation

Should any of the above policies be cancelled before the expiration date thereof, written notice must be delivered to the County in accordance with the policy provisions.

Certificate Holder

Montgomery County, Maryland
Department of Transportation \ Wayne G. Miller
4935 Nicholson Court
Kensington, MD 20895

**ATTACHMENT C,
REFERENCES**
(submit at least three)

You are requested to provide references to the County with your proposal. The three (3) references must be from individuals or firms for whom work of a similar scope has been performed within the last three years. Names for references shall be of individuals who directly supervised or had direct knowledge of the services or goods provided.

NAME OF FIRM: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____ PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____ CELL PH _____

NAME OF FIRM: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____ PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____ CELL PH _____

NAME OF FIRM: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____ PHONE: _____

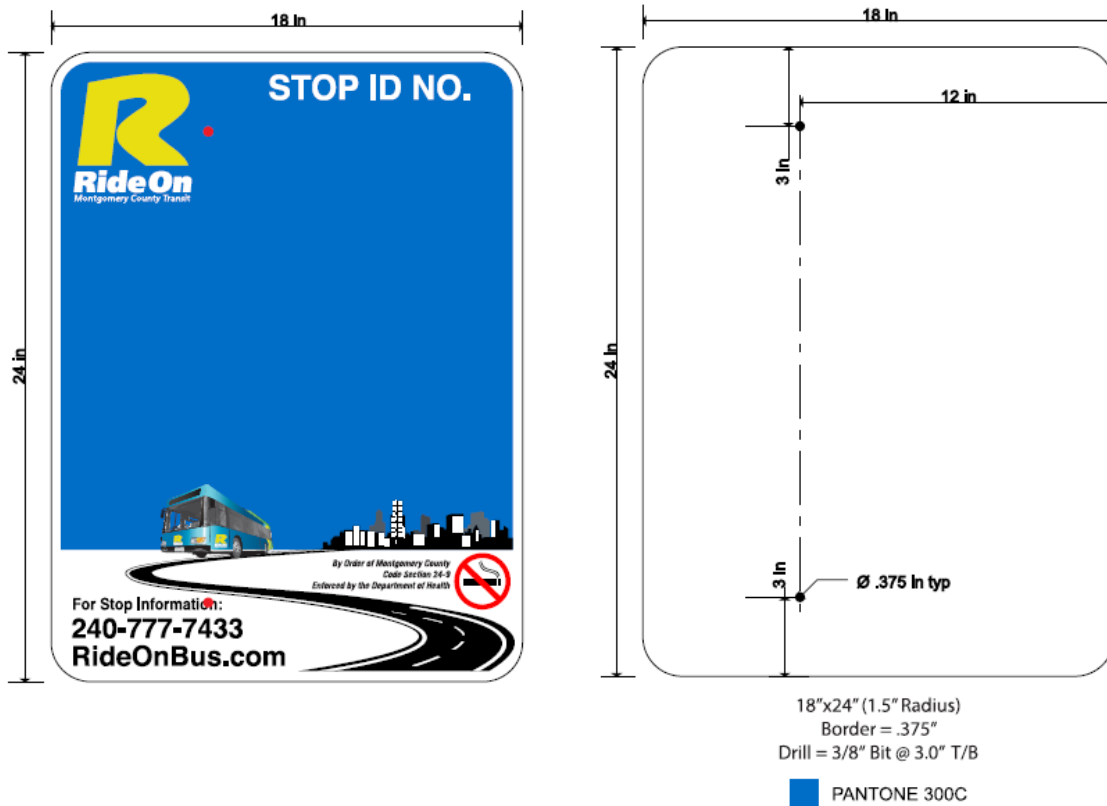
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ATTACHMENT D

All Bidders must complete the certification below (Attachment D). **Failure to submit this certification as part of the bid package may cause the bid to be deemed non-responsive.**

I certify that we will meet the specified Field Performance Obligations/Warranty Replacement Provisions on all finished signs supplied to Montgomery County, Maryland under the Contract as listed in the Specifications.

Signature: _____
Printed Name: _____
Company's Complete Legal Name: _____
Date: _____



The image displays four samples of bus stop signs, arranged in a 2x2 grid. Each sign is blue with a yellow 'R' logo and the text 'Ride On Montgomery County Transit'. The signs feature a white box with the text 'STOP ID NO.' and 'For Stop Info 240-777-7433 rideonbus.com'. The signs are labeled with dimensions: 1.875", 3.875", and 13.25". Below the signs, there are two sets of specifications: one for a 28" X 6.5" sign with a .75" radius, and another for a 28" X 12" sign with a .75" radius. Both sets specify text in .5"/.625" HELV. BOLD font, a logo of 4.25" X 4.75", and a 3/8" drill bit at 1" T/B.

1.875" STOP ID NO. For Stop Info 240-777-7433 rideonbus.com
3.875" 13.25"

28" X 6.5" (.75" RADIUS)
TEXT = .5"/.625" HELV. BOLD
LOGO = 4.25" X 4.75"
DRILL = 3/8" BIT @ 1" T/B

28" X 12" (.75" RADIUS)
TEXT = .5"/.625" HELV. BOLD
LOGO = 4.25" X 4.75"
DRILL = 3/8" BIT @ 1" T/B