



**STATE OF MARYLAND  
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS  
PROCUREMENT, CONTRACT AND GRANT ADMINISTRATION  
2003 C COMMERCE PARK DRIVE  
ANNAPOLIS, MD 21401**

**INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)**

**FOR**

**Instructional Designer: Guardianship Online Courses**

**Project K18-0085-25I**

**ISSUED: May 18, 2018**

Sole point of contact for this solicitation is the Procurement Officer. Offerors are specifically directed NOT to contact any other Judiciary personnel or its contracted consultants for meetings, conferences, or discussions that are specifically related to this IFB at any time prior to any award and execution of a contract. Unauthorized contact with any Judiciary personnel or the Judiciary's contracted consultants may be cause for rejection of the Offeror's proposal.

Minority Business Enterprises are encouraged to respond to this Invitation for Bid.

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**KEY INFORMATION SUMMARY SHEET**

**THE JUDICIARY**

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**IFB Issuing Office: Procurement, Contract, and Grant Administration**

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203 C Commerce Park Drive  
Annapolis, MD 21401**

**Pre-Bid Conference: May 30, 2018 at 10:00 am.  
Maryland Judiciary, Administrative Office of the Courts  
Department of Procurement, Contract & Grant  
Administration  
203 C Commerce Park Drive  
Annapolis, MD 21401**

**Closing Date and Time: June 13, 2018 by 2:00pm.**

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## SECTION 1 - GENERAL INFORMATION

### 1.1 PURPOSE

The purpose of this Invitation for Bids (IFB) is to provide information to bidders interested in submitting a bid to meet the Maryland Judiciary's requirements seeking a contractor to staff the Court of Appeals Standing Committee on Pro Bono Legal Service.

### 1.2 PROCUREMENT OFFICER – POINT OF CONTACT (POC) INFORMATION

The sole point of contact in the Judiciary for purposes of this RFP prior to the award of any Contract is the Procurement Officer at the address listed below:

**Alisha Allmond**  
**2003 C Commerce Park Drive**  
**Annapolis, MD 21401**  
**410.260.2557**  
**Alisha.Allmond @mdcourts.gov**

The Maryland Judiciary may change the Procurement Officer at any time by written notice.

### 1.3 PROCUREMENT METHOD

This procurement shall be conducted under the Competitive Sealed Bidding process according to the Procurement Policy for the Maryland Judiciary.

### 1.4 CLOSING DATE

An unbound original must be received by the Procurement Officer at the address listed in the key information Summary Sheet by **June 13, 2018 by 2:00 pm EST**, in order to be considered. Bids shall be marked **IFB No. K18-0085-25I; Instructional Designer: Guardianship Online Courses** on the outside of the envelope. An electronic version of the must be enclosed with the original bid. Electronic versions are to be labeled with the date, IFB title, IFB number, and bidder's name, and packaged with the original copy of the appropriate bid.

Requests for extensions of this date or time will not be granted. Bidders mailing bids should allow sufficient mail and internal delivery time to ensure timely receipt by the Issuing Office. Bids may not be submitted by e-mail or facsimile.

### 1.5 ABBREVIATIONS AND DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this IFB, the following abbreviations or terms have the meanings indicated below:

- a. AOC means Administrative Office of the Courts

- b. Contract means the contract attached to this IFB as Attachment A
- c. Contractor means he selected bidder
- d. Days means calendar days
- e. Local Time means the Eastern Time Zone as observed by the State
- f. MBE means the Minority Business Enterprise currently so certified by the Maryland State Department of Transportation.
- g. Bidder means an entity that submits a bid in response to this IFB
- h. Procurement Officer means the State representative responsible for this IFB, for the determination of contract scope issues, and the only State representative who can authorize changes to the contract. IFB means the Invitation for Bids for **K18-0085-25I** dated **May 18, 2018**, including any and all amendments.
- i. Project Manager (PM) means State representative that serves as the technical manager for the resulting contract. The Project Manager monitors the daily activities of the contract and provides technical guidance to the Contractor
- j. State of Maryland regular business hours means 8:00 am – 4:30 pm Monday – Friday.

#### **1.6 PRE-BID CONFERENCE (if appropriate)**

A (MANDATORY Walk-Through and) Pre-Bid Conference will be held on **May 30, 2018, beginning at 10:00 am at** Maryland Judiciary, Administrative Office of the Courts  
 Department of Procurement, Contract & Grant Administration  
 2003 C Commerce Park Drive  
 Annapolis, MD 21401

Attendance at the Conference is mandatory, in order to facilitate better preparation of their proposals.

The Conference will be summarized. As promptly as is feasible subsequent to the Conference, that record and all questions and answers known at that time will be posted to the Judiciary's Procurement web site and eMarylandMarketplace.

In order to assure adequate seating and other accommodations at the Conference, please email the Conference Response Form to the attention of the Procurement Officer such notice no later than **May 28, 2018 at 5pm**. The Conference Response Form is included as Attachment **D** to this RFP.

#### **1.7 QUESTIONS/INQUIRIES**

The Procurement Officer will accept written questions from prospective bidders via email (see Section 1.2). Time permitting, answers to all substantive questions that are not clearly specific only to the requestor, will be posted on the Maryland Judiciary and eMaryland Marketplace websites.

## **1.8 PROJECT MANAGER**

The Project Manager monitors the daily activities of the contract and provides technical guidance to the Contractor.

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The AOC may change the Project Manager at any time by written notice to the Contractor.

## **1.9 CONTRACT TYPE**

The contract resulting from this solicitation will be a firm fixed price contract.

## **1.10 TERM OF CONTRACT (adjust language)**

The Contract resulting from this IFB shall be for a base period of **one year**. All prices for rates and terms as offered in Attachment D are binding on the Contractor for the term of the Contract.

## **1.11 BID OPENING**

The Procurement Officer shall hold all bids and modifications in a secure place until the due date, after which time the bids, will be opened in the presence of at least one other Judiciary employee and a bid tabulation will be prepared.

## **1.12 DURATION OF BID OFFER**

Bids shall be valid and irrevocable for 180 days following the closing date for this IFB. This period may be extended by written agreement between a Bidder and the Procurement Officer.

## **1.13 REVISIONS TO THE IFB**

If it becomes necessary to revise this IFB before the due date, amendments will be posted on the Maryland Judiciary and eMaryland Marketplace websites

Acknowledgment of the receipt of all amendments issued to this IFB must be stated in the transmittal letter accompanying the bid submission.. Failure to acknowledge receipt of amendments does not relieve the bidder from complying with all terms of any such amendment.

## **1.14 CANCELLATION OF THE IFB; REJECTION OF ALL BIDS**

The Procurement Officer may cancel this IFB, in whole or in part, whenever this action is determined to be in the Maryland Judiciary's best interest.

## **1.15 BID ACCEPTANCE**

The State reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids, in whole or in part, received in response to this IFB, or to waive or permit cure of minor irregularities. Bidders whose bids are not accepted will be notified in writing.

### **1.16 MULTIPLE OR ALTERNATIVE BIDS**

Neither multiple nor alternative bids will be accepted.

### **1.17 INCURRED EXPENSES**

The Judiciary will not be responsible for any costs incurred by a bidder in preparing and submitting a bid in response to this IFB.

### **1.18 PROTESTS**

A bidder may protest the proposed award or the award of a contract for this procurement. Any protest must be filed in accordance with the Procurement Policy of the Maryland Judiciary.

### **1.19 PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT NOTICE**

An Offeror shall give specific attention to the clear identification of those portions of its proposal that it considers confidential, proprietary commercial information or trade secrets, and provide justification why such materials, upon request, should not be disclosed by the Judiciary under the Public Information Act, Title 4, Subtitle 1, Part III of the General Provision Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland or Rules 16-901 through 16-912, the Court Access Rules.

Offerors are advised that, upon request for this information from a third party, the Procurement Officer is required to make an independent determination whether the information can be disclosed. Information which is claimed to be confidential is to be placed after the Title Page and before the Table of Contents in the Technical proposal and if applicable in the Financial proposal.

### **1.20 MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISES ENCOURAGEMENT**

Minority Business Enterprises (MBE) are encouraged to respond to this solicitation notice. It is the goal of the Maryland Judiciary that certified MBEs participate.

There is no MBE goal established for this solicitation.

### **1.21 COMPLIANCE WITH LAW; ARREARAGES**

By submitting a bid in response to this IFB, the bidder, if selected for award, agrees that it will comply with all Federal, State, and local laws applicable to its activities and obligations under the contract. By submitting a bid in response to this IFB, the bidder shall be deemed to represent that it is not in arrears in the payment of any obligation due and owing the State of Maryland, including the payment of taxes and employee benefits, and, that it shall not become so in arrears during the term of the contract if selected for contract award.

### **1.22 BID/PROPOSAL AFFIDAVIT**

A completed Bid/Proposal Affidavit must accompany any bid. A copy of this affidavit is included as Attachment B of this IFB.



### **1.23 MANDATORY CONTRACTUAL TERMS**

By submitting a bid in response to this IFB, a bidder, **if selected for award**, shall be deemed to have agreed to and accepted all contract terms and conditions set forth in the state's Standard Contract Agreement included as Attachment C of this IFB. A bid that takes exception to these terms may be rejected.

### **1.24 CONTRACT AFFIDAVIT**

All Bidders are advised that if a Contract is awarded as a result of this solicitation, the successful Bidder will be required to complete a Contract Affidavit. A copy of this Affidavit is included for informational purposes as Attachment C of this IFB. This Affidavit must be provided within five business days of notification of proposed Contract award.

### **1.25 VERIFICATION OF REGISTRATION AND TAX PAYMENT**

Before a corporation can do business in the State of Maryland it must be registered with the Department of Assessments and Taxation, State Office Building, Room 803, 301 West Preston Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201. It is strongly recommended that any potential bidder complete registration prior to the due date for receipt of bids. A bidder's failure to complete registration with the Department of Assessments and Taxation may disqualify an otherwise successful bidder from final consideration and recommendation for contract award.

### **1.26 BIDDER RESPONSIBILITIES**

The State will enter into contractual agreement only with the selected bidder. The selected bidder shall be responsible for all products and services required by this IFB. All subcontractors must be identified and a complete description of their role relative to the bid must be included in the bidder's response. If a bidder that seeks to perform or provide the services required by this IFB is subsidiary of another entity, all information submitted by the bidder, such as but not limited to, references and financial reports, shall pertain exclusively to the bidder unless the parent organization will guarantee the performance of the subsidiary. If applicable, the bidder's response must contain an explicit statement that the parent organization will guarantee the performance of the subsidiary.

### **1.27 PAYMENTS BY ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER**

By submitting a response to this solicitation, the Offerors agrees to accept payments by electronic funds transfer unless the State Comptroller's Office grants an exemption. The selected Offerors shall register using the COT/GAD X-10 Vendor Electronic Funds (EFT) Registration Request Form. Any request for exemption must be submitted to the State Comptroller's Office for approval at the address specified on the COT/GAD X-10 form and must include the business identification information as stated on the form and include the reason for the exemption. The COT/GAC X-10 form can be downloaded at: <http://compnet.comp.state.md.us/gad/pdf/GADX-10.pdf>

## SECTION 2 - SCOPE OF SERVICES

### 2.1 GENERAL

- 2.1.1 The Department of Juvenile and Family Services is soliciting bids for an Instructional Designer (ID) will design and develop interactive courses using Articulate Storyline 360 for 1) court-appointed guardians and 2) court-appointed attorneys in guardianship proceedings. The final courses will be uploaded to the Canvas by Instructure learning management system, and will include all functioning buttons, interactions, variables, conditions, branching, other related Articulate Storyline 360 features, and accurate completion reportings back to Canvas.

### 2.2 SPECIFICATIONS

- 2.2.1 Each course must be narrated via text-to-speech, closed-captioned, and personalized using Articulate Storyline 360 variables (text, number, and true/false) and end with a certificate of completion. The ID is responsible for all narration, copyediting, proofing, and the overall quality of the courses.

The ID will develop the courses using the course outlines and curriculum (provided by the CM) and draft learning outcomes for each module. Each module shall include a minimum of 3-5 learner interactions per lesson and one knowledge check, unless otherwise advised by the project manager. All modules must be piloted at least two times and refined based on feedback.

The ID will submit storyboard layouts in Storyline before building the courses and obtain approval from the project manager before moving to each phase of development.

This contract will be deliverable-based. The Judiciary will become the sole owner of all materials developed for the project.

### MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

The Instructional Designer (ID) must meet the following qualifications:

- Proven track record of 3-5 years' experience in online curriculum design and development.
- Expert-level branching, variables, and conditions within Articulate Storyline 360 packages.
- The ID shall submit an online module s/he designed and developed using Articulate Storyline 360.
- Knowledge of adult learning principles and theory and knowledge of best practices in online delivery as demonstrated through the submission of an online module s/he designed and developed using Articulate Storyline 360.
- At least one year of experience evaluating the effectiveness of training.
- Proven track record of at least two years of experience designing online courses using Articulate Storyline 360.

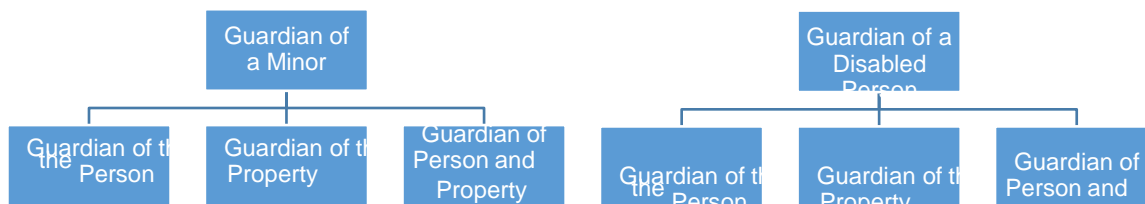
- Proven track record of at least two years of experience creating multimedia and SCORM compliant learning modules as evidenced by submitting an online module s/he designed and developed using Articulate Storyline 360.
- The ability to work collaboratively with the contract manager and subject matter experts.
- Excellent communication skills.
- Proven ability to meet deadlines.
- The ID shall be available, on occasion and with at least 24 hours' notice, to work on-site at the Judiciary's request.

**COURT-APPOINTED GUARDIANS ONLINE COURSE**

Audience: Lay-persons appointed as a guardian of the person, guardian of the property, or both. These learners vary in level of education and comfort with technology.

Branching: Learner selects guardian type (Guardian of a Minor or a Guardian of Disabled Person) then appointment type (Guardian of the Person, Guardian of the Property, or Guardian of the Person and Property).

Modules: Five to ten modules per program (Guardian2.3 CONTRACTOR DELIVERY REQUIREMENTS)



*Guardian of Minor Program Outline:*

GUARDIAN OF THE PERSON	GUARDIAN OF THE PERSON AND PROPERTY	GUARDIAN OF THE PROPERTY
<b>Course Tutorial (all appointment types)</b> <i>Course introduction and instructions on how to navigate the course.</i>		
<b>Course Menu (all appointment types)</b> <i>Navigation page for the learner to work through the following (using variables, stages, layers, etc.). Successful completion requires completion of each module in order listed (based on appointment category).</i>		
<b>Module: Guardianship Terms (all appointment types)</b>		
<b>Module: Role, Powers, Duties of Guardians of the Person (two appointment types)</b>		
	<b>Module: Role, Powers, Duties of Guardians of the Property (two appointment types)</b>	

<b>Module: Abuse and Neglect (all appointment types)</b>	
<i>CM will provide captioned videos:</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Types &amp; Signs of Abuse</i></li> <li>• <i>Signs of Neglect</i></li> <li>• <i>How to Prevent Abuse and Neglect</i></li> <li>• <i>Responding to Abuse or Neglect</i></li> </ul>	
	<b>Module: Financial Exploitation (two appointment types)</b>
<i>CM will provide captioned video: Financial Exploitation</i>	
<b>Module: Changes to the Guardianship (all appointment types)</b>	
<b>End of Course (all appointment types)</b>	
<i>"Certificate of completion" with learner's full name, date of completion, title of course (e.g., Guardian of the Person and Property – Minor). Learner needs the ability to print this page.</i>	

Guardian of Disabled Person Program Outline:

GUARDIAN OF THE PERSON	GUARDIAN OF THE PERSON AND PROPERTY	GUARDIAN OF THE PROPERTY
<b>Course Tutorial (all appointment types)</b> <i>Course introduction and instructions on how to navigate the course.</i>		
<b>Course Menu (all appointment types)</b> <i>Navigation page for the learner to work through the following (using variables, stages, layers, etc.). Successful completion requires completion of each module in order listed (based on appointment category).</i>		
<b>Module: Guardianship Terms (all appointment types)</b>		
<b>Module: Role, Powers, Duties of Guardians of the Person (two appointment types)</b>		
<b>Module: Decision-Making (two appointment types)</b> <i>CM will provide captioned videos:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Decision-Making Standards</i></li> <li>• <i>Ethical Considerations</i></li> <li>• <i>Medical Decisions</i></li> </ul>		
<b>Module: Role, Powers, Duties of Guardians of the Property (two appointment types)</b>		
<b>Module: Abuse and Neglect (all appointment types)</b> <i>CM will provide captioned videos:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Types &amp; Signs of Abuse</i></li> <li>• <i>Signs of Neglect</i></li> <li>• <i>How to Prevent Abuse and Neglect</i></li> <li>• <i>Responding to Abuse or Neglect</i></li> </ul>		
<b>Module: Financial Exploitation (two appointment types)</b> <i>CM will provide captioned video: Financial Exploitation</i>		
<b>Module: Changes to the Guardianship (all appointment types)</b>		
<b>End of Course (all appointment types)</b> <i>"Certificate of completion" with learner's full name, date of completion, title of course (e.g., Guardian of the Person and Property – Disabled Person). Learner needs the ability to print this page.</i>		

[COURT-APPOINTED ATTORNEYS IN GUARDIANSHIP PROCEEDINGS ONLINE COURSE](#)

**Audience:** Attorneys appointed to represent minors or alleged disabled persons in guardianship proceedings.

**Modules:** This course will contain five to ten modules. *The CM will provide ID with PowerPoints containing the content for each module and access to recordings of presentations made using the PowerPoints.*

*Course outline*

<b>Course Tutorial</b> <i>Course introduction and instructions on how to navigate the course.</i>
<b>Course Menu</b> <i>Navigation page for the learner to work through the following modules (using variables, stages, layers, etc.). Successful completion requires completion of each module in order listed.</i>
<b>Module: Overview of Guardianship</b>

<b>Module: Understanding Disabilities and Diminished Capacity</b>
<b>Module: Role of the Court-Appointed Attorney</b>
<b>Module: Ethics</b>
<b>Module: Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation</b> <i>CM will provide access to captioned videos that can be adapted for this module</i>
<b>End of Course</b> <i>"Certificate of completion" with learner's full name, date of completion, title of course. Learner needs the ability to print this page.</i>

### 2.3 CONTRACTOR SECURITY REQUIREMENTS

#### **Compliance with Judiciary Policies-**

-The Contractor, and all contractor and subcontractor personnel assigned to the Contract (contractor personnel), shall comply with all applicable Judiciary policies and procedures, as provided by the Judiciary Contract Manager (JCM), for the duration of the contract. This includes, but is not limited to, the JIS Information Security Policy which is available online at: <http://courtnet/jis/pdfs/jis-securitypolicystandards.pdf> The Judiciary reserves the right to monitor all applicable computer and electronic equipment usage for compliance with its policies.

#### **Access and Background Checks-**

-Site visits to any Judiciary location by contractor personnel must be coordinated by Judiciary staff with the designated site personnel in advance of any visit.

-Any contractor personnel working at Judiciary locations, or on Judiciary systems or projects, or who have access to Judiciary or State criminal data or systems, must be approved in writing by the Procurement Officer prior to beginning work.

-All contractor personnel working at Judiciary locations, or on Judiciary systems or projects, or who have access to Judiciary or State criminal data or systems, must have a Judiciary approved criminal background check prior to beginning work with the Judiciary, and may be subject to rejection as a result of the background check.

-All contractor personnel assigned to work at Judiciary locations shall be required to obtain a Judiciary security identification badge prior to beginning work, and annually thereafter. The contractor is responsible for any fees that may be incurred for initial issuance of the badge and for any replacement.

-The badge shall be displayed at all times while on Judiciary premises. To verify identity, the contractor personnel shall be prepared to provide photo identification upon request by a Judiciary official.

-The contractor personnel are required to immediately notify the JCM, or the Administrative Official of the respective department or office, or the AOC Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR), if their badge is lost or stolen.

Select one:

-For designated projects, the contractor personnel may be required to obtain a Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS) State and Federal criminal background check, which includes fingerprinting.

-The Contractor shall obtain a Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS) State and Federal criminal background check, including fingerprinting, for each employee performing services under the Contract. An approved CJIS State criminal background check shall be completed prior to the Contractor personnel providing services on this Contract. The Maryland Judiciary reserves the right to refuse to allow any contractor personnel to work on Judiciary premises, systems, property or contracts, based upon criminal records.

-The contractor personnel must notify the JCM, or the Administrative Official of the respective department or office, or the COTR, within one (1) business day if any personnel have been arrested, indicted, served with a criminal summons, named in a peace or protective order, or named as a defendant in any civil case. The contractor personnel are also required to provide regular updated information regarding the status of any of these actions.

-The JCM, in conjunction with the Deputy Director of Security Administration, may impose restrictive conditions in response to prior criminal convictions, pending criminal charges, or a violation of Judiciary procedures, including removal from the contract, and/or restricted access to Judiciary locations or systems.

-In the event of a security incident or suspected security incident, the contractor personnel shall immediately notify the Judiciary personnel as follows:

Judiciary Information Technology Systems security incident- JIS Chief Information Security Officer (CISO).

Judiciary building or personal security incident- Deputy Director of Security Administration

The contractor personnel shall cooperate fully in all security incident investigations.

#### **Access to Judiciary Information Technology Systems--**

-The contractor personnel shall complete all required paperwork as directed for security access to the Judiciary systems.

- The system access rights of contractor personnel must be updated no later than twenty-four (24) hours after notification of the change in status; therefore, the Contractor shall immediately notify the JCM and the JIS CISO of any termination of contractor personnel and immediately confiscate the Judiciary badge and return it to the JCM.

-Select contractor personnel may be approved and given secured remote access privileges by the Assistant Administrator, JIS, into the Judiciary systems to the extent needed for the remote access privileges that are granted. To ensure compliance with the JIS Information Security Policy, the configuration of remote access into AOC systems will be accomplished by JIS staff. The JIS staff will monitor all remote access activities.

-The approved contractor personnel may be given the capability to remotely monitor all hardware and software for error/failure notifications, as appropriate. The Assistant Administrator, JIS, must give prior written approval for the software used, and for the method of the secured technical environment, prior to this capability being activated.

-In the event that any approved contractor personnel no longer require access to the Judiciary systems, the Contractor must promptly notify the Assistant Administrator, JIS and the AOC Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR). The contractor will be responsible for ensuring the list of authorized contractor personnel is maintained and accurate at all times.

## **2.4 INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**

2.4.1 The Contractor shall at all times during the term of the Contract maintain in full force and effect, the policies of insurance required by this Section. The Contractor, if requested by AOC, shall provide certified copies of any and all of the policies of insurance to AOC. By submitting a bid in response to this solicitation, the bidder warrants that it is able to provide evidence of insurance required by this section.

2.4.2 Evidence that the required insurance coverage has been obtained may be provided by Certificates of Insurance duly issued and certified by the insurance company or companies furnishing such



insurance. Such evidence of insurance must be delivered to the AOC Office of Procurement before the actual implementation of the Contract.

- 2.4.3 All insurance policies shall be endorsed to provide that the insurance carrier will be responsible for providing immediate and positive notice to the AOC in the event of cancellation or restriction of the insurance policy by either the insurance carrier or the Contractor, at least 60 days prior to any such cancellation or restriction. All insurance policies shall name as an additional insured the Administrative Office of the Courts and the Maryland Judiciary.
- 2.4.4 The limits required below may be satisfied by either individual policies or a combination of individual policies and an umbrella policy. The requiring of any and all insurance as set forth in this IFB, or elsewhere, shall be in addition to and not in any way in substitution for all the other protection provided under the Contract.

No acceptance and/or approval of any insurance by AOC, or the Manager of Procurement, shall be construed as relieving or excusing the Contractor from any liability or obligation imposed upon it by the provisions of the Contract.

- A. The Contractor shall maintain Worker's Compensation insurance as required by the laws of the State of Maryland and including Employer's Liability coverage with a minimum limit of \$500,000-each accident; \$500,000 disease-each employee; and \$500,000 disease-policy limit.
- B. Occurrence forms of comprehensive general liability insurance covering the full scope of this agreement with limits not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 aggregate for personal or bodily injuries and \$1,000,000 per occurrence and aggregate for property damage. A combined single limit per occurrence of \$2,000,000 is acceptable. All policies issued shall include permission for partial or total occupancy of the premises by or for the Administrative Office of the Courts within the scope of this Contract. Such insurance shall include but shall not be limited to, the following:
- C. Comprehensive general liability insurance including a comprehensive broad form endorsement and covering: a) all premises-operations, b) completed operations, c) independent Contractors, d) liability assumed by oral or written contract or agreement, including this contract, e) additional interests of employees, f) notice of occurrence, g) knowledge of occurrence by specified official, h) unintentional errors and omissions, i) incidental (contingent) medical malpractice, j) extended definition of bodily injury, k) personal injury coverage (hazards A and B) with no exclusions for liability assumed contractually or injury sustained by employees of Contractor, l) broad form coverage for damage to property of the Administrative Office of the Courts, as well as other third parties resulting from completion of the Contractor's services.
- D. Comprehensive business automobile liability insurance covering use of any motor vehicle to be used in conjunction with this contract, including hired automobiles and non-owned automobiles.
- E. Comprehensive Automobile Liability:

Limit of Liability - \$1,000,000 Bodily Injury  
\$1,000,000 Property Damage

In addition to owned automobiles, the coverage shall include hired automobiles and non-owned automobiles with the same limits of liability.



- 2.4.5 The insurance required under sub-paragraphs (A), (B), (C) and (D) above shall provide adequate protection for the Contractor against claims which may arise from the Contract, whether such claims arise from operations performed by the Contractor or by anyone directly or indirectly employed by him, and also against any special hazards which may be encountered in the performance of the Contract. In addition, all policies required must not exclude coverage for equipment while rented to other.
- 2.4.6 Any of the work under the Contract is subcontracted, the Contractor shall require subcontractors, or anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them to procure and maintain the same coverage's in the same amounts specified above.

### **SECTION 3 – BID FORMAT/BASIS FOR AWARD**

#### **3.1 BID FORMAT**

3.1.1 The Bidder must submit a transmittal letter on the bidder's stationery. The sole purpose of the transmittal letter is to transmit the bid. It should be brief and signed by an individual who is authorized to commit the bidder to the services stated in this IFB. Submit the transmittal letter with the following documents to the Issuing Office prior to the submission deadline:

- Completed Bid/Proposal Affidavit with Resident Agent (IFB Attachment B)
- Bid Sheets (separate IFB Attachment D) signed by authorized personnel.
- Copies of Insurance Certificates (Section 2.7)

**Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope that clearly indicates it contains a bid.**

#### **3.2 BASIS FOR AWARD**

Upon determination of the most favorable bid, review of the bid for responsiveness, and satisfaction that the bidder is responsible, the Procurement Officer shall, after obtaining all required approvals, award the contract to that bidder.

## ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A Standard Contract  
Attachment B Bid/Proposal Affidavit  
Attachment C Contract Affidavit  
Attachment D Pre-Bid Conference  
Attachment E Bid Proposal Price Sheet

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**ATTACHMENT A- STANDARD CONTRACT AGREEMENT**

**MARYLAND ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS**

**STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

**Instructional Designer: Guardianship Online Courses**

**Contract number: K18-0085-25I**

This Contract is made this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ **2018**, by and between the Administrative Office of the Courts (the “AOC”) in the State of Maryland and (**Company Name and Address**) (the “Contractor”) with Federal Taxpayer Identification Number **XX-XXXXXXX**.

In consideration of the mutual covenants and promises herein contained and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the AOC and the Contractor agree as follows:

**1. Scope of Contract**

1.1 The Contractor shall provide **Instructional Designer: Guardianship Online Courses** (hereinafter “Goods” or “Services”), and other deliverables in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Contract and the following Exhibits, which are attached to this Contract and incorporated as part of this Contract:

Exhibit A: Contract Affidavit

Exhibit B: Request for Proposal dated **May 18, 2018** and all amendments and exhibits there to (collectively referred to as the “RFP”)

Exhibit C: Contractor’s Proposal dated **XX-XX-XXX** (collectively referred to as “the Proposal”)

1.2 If there are any inconsistencies between the Contract and any of the Exhibits, the terms of this Contract shall prevail. If there are any inconsistencies between Exhibit B and Exhibit C, Exhibit B shall prevail.

1.3 No other order, statement, or conduct of the Procurement Officer or of any other person shall be treated as a change or entitle the Contractor to an equitable adjustment under this section. Any modification to this Contract must first be approved in writing by the Procurement Officer, subject to any additional approvals required by State law and the Maryland Judiciary’s Procurement Policy and procedures.

1.4 Except as otherwise provided in this Contract, if any order causes an increase or decrease in the Contractor’s cost of, or the time required for, the performance of any part of the work, an equitable adjustment in the Contract price shall be made and the Contract modified in writing accordingly. The Contractor must assert in writing its right to an adjustment under this section within thirty (30) days of receipt of a written change order and include a written statement setting forth the nature and cost of such claim. No claim by the Contractor shall be allowed if asserted after final payment under this Contract.

1.5 Failure to agree to an adjustment under this section shall be a dispute under the Disputes clause. Nothing in this section shall excuse the Contractor from proceeding with the Contract as changed.

## **2. Term of the Contract**

Unless the Contract is terminated earlier as provided herein, the term of the Contract is the period of **one (1) year** beginning at the execution date of the Contract. The AOC, will have no **year renewal options**. Audit, confidentiality, document retention, and indemnification obligations under this Contract shall survive the expiration or termination of the Contract.

## **3. Consideration and Payment**

- 3.1 In consideration of the satisfactory performance of the Services, the AOC shall pay the Contractor in accordance with the terms of this Contract and at the rate specified in the Request for Proposal. Except with the express written consent of the Procurement Officer, total payments to the Contractor pursuant to the original form of this Contract may not exceed \$..... (the “NTE Amount”).
- 3.2 All invoices shall be submitted within thirty (30) calendar days after the completion and acceptance by the AOC for each deliverable and include the following information: name and address of the AOC; vendor name; remittance address; federal taxpayer identification or (if owned by an individual) his/her social security number; invoice period; invoice date; invoice number; amount due; and the deliverable ID number for the deliverable being invoiced. Additional information may be required in the future. Invoices submitted without the required information will not be processed for payment until the Contractor provides the requested information.
- 3.3 Payments to the Contractor for each deliverable should be made no later than thirty (30) days after the acceptance of the deliverable and receipt of a proper invoice from the Contractor. Charges for late payment of invoices are prohibited.
- 3.4 In addition to any other available remedies, if, in the opinion of the Procurement Officer, the Contractor fails to perform in a satisfactory and timely manner, the Procurement Officer may refuse or limit approval of any invoice for payment and may cause payments to the Contractor to be reduced or withheld until such time as the Contractor meets performance standards as established by the Procurement Officer in accordance with this Contract. Final payment shall not be construed as a waiver or termination of any rights and remedies available to AOC for any failure of Contractor to perform the Contract in a satisfactory and timely manner.

## **4. Warranties**

The Contractor hereby represents and warrants that:

- 4.1 It is qualified to do business in the State of Maryland and that it will take such action as may be necessary to remain so qualified;
- 4.2 It shall comply with all federal, State and local laws applicable to its activities and obligations under this Contract;
- 4.3 It shall obtain, at its expense, all licenses, permits, insurance, and governmental approvals, if any, necessary to the performance of its obligations under this Contract; and

4.4 It is responsible for all acts and omissions of its agents, employees, and subcontractors, including, but not limited to violations of the Non-Disclosure Agreement.

#### **5. Patents and Copyrights, if applicable**

- 5.1 If the Contractor furnishes any design, device, material, process, code, or other item that is covered by a patent or copyright or which is proprietary to or a trade secret of another, the Contractor shall obtain the necessary permission or license for the AOC's use of such item or items.
- 5.2 The Contractor shall defend or settle, at its own expense, any claim or suit against the State, AOC, or their employees acting within the scope of employment, alleging that any such item furnished by the Contractor infringes any patent, trademark, copyright, or trade secret. The Contractor also shall pay all damages and costs that by final judgment might be assessed against the State, AOC, or their employees acting within the scope of employment, due to such infringement and all attorney fees and costs incurred by the State to defend against such a claim or suit.
- 5.3 If any products furnished by the Contractor become, or in the Contractor's opinion are likely to become the subject of a claim of infringement, the Contractor shall, at its option and expense: (a) procure for the AOC the right to continue using the applicable item; (b) replace the product with a non-infringing product substantially complying with the item's specifications, or; (c) modify the item so that it becomes non-infringing and performs in a substantially similar manner to the original item.
- 5.4 If the Contractor obtains or uses for purposes of this Contract any design, device, material, process, code, supplies, equipment, text, instructional material, services or other work, the Contractor shall indemnify the AOC, its officers, agents, and employees with respect to any claim, action, cost, or judgment for patent, trademark, or copyright infringement, arising out of the possession or use of any design, device, material, process, supplies, equipment, text, instructional material, services or other work covered by any Contract awarded.

## **6. Non-hiring of Employees**

No employee of the Maryland Judiciary or any unit hereof whose duties as such employee include matters relating to or affecting the subject matter of this Contract shall become or be an employee of the Contractor, as provided under MD Code, General Provisions § 5-501, *et seq.*

## **7. Non-employment of Contractor's Employees**

Nothing in this contract shall be construed to create an employment relationship between the AOC and any employee of either the Contractor or the Contractor's subcontractors.

## **8. Disputes**

Any claim regarding the proper interpretation of this Contract shall be submitted, in writing, to the Procurement Officer, together with a statement of grounds supporting the Contractor's interpretation. Pending resolution of a claim by the Procurement Officer, the Contractor shall proceed diligently with the performance of the Contract in accordance with the Procurement Officer's decision. An adverse decision to the Contractor may be appealed by the Contractor to the AOC within fifteen (15) days of the Procurement Officer's decision for adjudication pursuant to the Maryland Judiciary's Procurement Policy.

## **9. Maryland Law**

The place of performance of this Contract shall be the State of Maryland. This Contract shall be performed, construed, interpreted, and enforced according to the laws of the State of Maryland, including MD Code, State Government § 12-204. No action relating to this contract shall be brought in any forum other than Maryland, whether or not the AOC is a party to such an action.

## **10. Non-discrimination in Employment**

The Contractor agrees: (a) not to discriminate in any manner against any person because of race, color, religion, age, sex, marital status, national origin, physical or mental disability, familial status, genetic information, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, or any other characteristic protected by State or federal law; (b) to include a provision similar to that contained in subsection (a), above, in any underlying subcontract; and (c) to post and to cause subcontractors to post in conspicuous places available to employees and applicants for employment, notices setting forth the substance of this clause.

## **11. Contingent Fee Prohibition**

The Contractor warrants that it has not employed or retained any person, partnership, corporation, or other entity, other than a bona fide employee, bona fide agent, bona fide salesperson, or commercial selling agency working for the Contractor to solicit or secure this Contract, and that it has not paid or agreed to pay any person, partnership, corporation, or other entity, other than a bona fide employee, bona fide salesperson, or commercial selling agency, any fee or other consideration contingent on the making of this Contract.

## **12. Non-availability of Funding**

If the Maryland General Assembly fails to appropriate funds or if funds are not otherwise made available for continued performance for any fiscal year of this Contract succeeding the first fiscal year, this Contract shall be canceled automatically as of the beginning of the fiscal year for which funds were not appropriated or otherwise made available; provided, however, that this will not affect either the AOC's rights or the

Contractor's rights under any termination clause in this Contract. The effect of termination of the Contract hereunder will be to discharge both the Contractor and the AOC from future performance of the Contract, but not from their rights and obligations existing at the time of termination. The Contractor shall be reimbursed for the reasonable value of any non-recurring costs incurred but not amortized in the price of the Contract. The AOC shall notify the Contractor as soon as it has knowledge that funds may not be available for the continuation of this Contract for each succeeding fiscal period beyond the first.

### **13. Termination for Cause**

If Contractor fails to fulfill its obligations under this Contract properly and on time, or otherwise violates any provision of the Contract, the AOC may terminate the Contract by written notice to the Contractor. The notice shall specify the acts or omissions relied upon as cause for termination. All finished or unfinished work provided by the Contractor shall, at the AOC's option, become the AOC's property. The AOC shall pay the Contractor fair and equitable compensation for satisfactory performance prior to receipt of notice of termination, less the amount of damages caused by the Contractor's breach. If the damages are more than the compensation payable to the Contractor, the Contractor will remain liable after termination, and the AOC can affirmatively collect damages.

### **14. Termination for Convenience**

The performance of work under this Contract may be terminated by the AOC in accordance with this clause in whole or, from time to time, in part whenever the AOC determines that such termination is in the AOC's best interest. The AOC will pay all reasonable costs associated with this Contract that the Contractor has incurred up to the date of termination, and all reasonable costs associated with termination of the Contract; however, the Contractor shall not be reimbursed for any anticipatory profits that have not been earned up to the date of termination.

### **15. Delays and Extensions of Time**

The Contractor agrees to perform this Contract continuously and diligently. No charges or claims for damages shall be made by the Contractor for any delays or hindrances, regardless of cause, in the performance of services under this Contract. Time extensions may be granted only for excusable delays that arise from unforeseeable causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Contractor, including but not restricted to acts of God, acts of the public enemy, acts of the State in either its sovereign or contractual capacity, acts of another Contractor in the performance of an AOC contract, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, strikes, freight embargoes, or the delay of a subcontractor or supplier arising from unforeseeable causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of either the Contractor or the subcontractor or supplier.

### **16. Suspension of Work**

The AOC may direct the Contractor in writing to suspend, delay, or interrupt all or any part of its performance for such period of time as the Procurement Officer may determine to be appropriate for the AOC's convenience.

### **17. Pre-existing Law**

The applicable statutes and regulations of the State of Maryland are hereby incorporated in this Contract.

### **18. Financial Disclosure**

The Contractor shall comply with the provisions of MD Code, State Finance and Procurement § 13-221.

### **19. Political Contribution Disclosure**

The Contractor shall comply with Title 14 of the Election Law of Maryland.

### **20. Right to Audit**

- 20.1 The Contractor shall establish a reasonable accounting system, shall retain and maintain all records and supporting documents and materials relating to this Contract for five (5) years after final payment by the AOC hereunder and shall make them available for inspection and audit by authorized representatives of the State of Maryland and/or the AOC, including the Procurement Officer or the Procurement Officer's designee, at all reasonable times. The Contractor shall cooperate fully with any audits or investigations conducted by the State of Maryland and/or the AOC.
- 20.2 The AOC reserves the right, at its sole discretion at any time, to perform an audit of the Contractor's performance under this Contract. Auditing is defined as an independent objective assurance and consulting activity performed by qualified personnel including, but not limited to, the AOC's Internal Audit Department, to determine by investigation, examination, or evaluation of objective evidence from data, statements, records, operations, and performance practices (financial or otherwise), the Contractor's compliance with the Contract, including but not limited to adequacy and compliance with established procedures and internal controls over the Contract services being performed for the AOC.
- 20.3 Upon three (3) business days' notice, the Contractor shall provide the AOC reasonable access to their respective records to verify compliance with the terms of the Contract. The AOC may conduct these audits with any or all of its own internal resources or by securing the services of a third party accounting or audit firm, solely at the AOC's election. The AOC may copy, at its own expense, any record related to the services performed and provided under this Contract.
- 20.4 The right to audit shall include the Contractor's subcontractors including, but not limited to, any lower tier subcontractor(s) that provide essential support to the Contract services. The Contractor and/or subcontractor(s) shall ensure the AOC has the right to audit such subcontractor(s).

### **21. Liability for Loss of Data**

In the event of loss of any data or records necessary for the performance of this Contract, which such loss is due to the error, negligence, or intentional act or omission of the Contractor, the Contractor shall be responsible, irrespective of cost to the Contractor, for recreating all such lost data or records in a manner, format, and time-frame acceptable to the AOC.

### **22. Subcontracting and Assignment**

The Contractor may subcontract any portion of the services provided under this Contract by obtaining the Procurement Officer's prior written approval. The Contractor may assign this Contract, or any of its rights or obligations hereunder, only with the Procurement Officer's prior written approval. Any such subcontract or assignment shall be subject to any terms and conditions that the Procurement Officer deems necessary to protect the interest of the State of Maryland. The AOC shall not be responsible for the fulfillment of the Contractor's obligations to subcontractors.



### **23. Novation and Assignment**

If the Contractor sells its interests in the Contract to another business entity (hereinafter “assignee”), the original Contractor must notify the AOC of the assignment within five (5) business days. The Contractor’s assignee and the AOC must sign a novation agreeing to continue with the original terms of the Contract. The assignee must accept all liability on behalf of the Contractor and submit the necessary documentation (i.e. Certificate of Insurance) with identical insurance coverage to the Contractor to the Procurement Officer within five (5) business days of notifying the AOC of the assignment.

### **24. Overtime**

Contractors shall be paid according to the RFP. If overtime pay is not provided for in the RFP, then the Contractor shall not be provided compensation for overtime unless otherwise agreed to in advance, in writing, by the Procurement Officer.

## **25. Indemnification**

- 25.1. The Contractor shall hold harmless and indemnify the AOC from and against any and all losses, damages, claims, suits, actions, liabilities, and/or expenses, including, without limitation, attorneys' fees and costs and disbursements of any character that arise from, are in connection with or are attributable to the performance or nonperformance of the Contractor or its subcontractors under this contract.
- 25.2. The AOC has no obligation to provide legal counsel or defense to the Contractor or its subcontractors in the event that a suit, claim or action of any character is brought by any person not party to this Contract against the Contractor or its subcontractors as a result of or relating to the Contractor's obligations under this Contract.
- 25.3. The AOC has no obligation for the payment of any judgments or the settlement of any claims against the Contractor or its subcontractors as a result of or relating to the Contractor's obligations under this Contract.
- 25.4. The Contractor shall immediately notify the Procurement Officer of any claim, suit or action made or filed against the Contractor or its subcontractors regarding any matter resulting from or relating to the Contractor's obligations under the Contract, and shall cooperate, assist and consult with the AOC in the defense or investigation of any such claim, suit, or action.

## **26. Limitation of Liability**

Without prejudice to the AOC's right to pursue non-monetary remedies, Contractor shall be liable as follows:

- 26.1. For infringement of patents, trademarks, trade secrets, and copyrights, as provided in § 5 of this Contract;
- 26.2. For damages arising out of death or bodily injury or property damage, no limitation; and;
- 26.3. For all other claims, damages, loss, costs, expenses, suits or actions in any way related to this Contract, regardless of the form of such actions, the Contractor's liability shall not exceed five (5) times the NTE amount. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Contractor's liability for third-party claims shall be unlimited.

## **27. Public Information Act Notice**

The AOC provides public access to records in accordance with MD Code, General Provisions § 4-101 *et seq.* and the Maryland Rules of Procedure, Rules 16-901 through 16-912. If a request is made to review any records pertaining to this contract, the Contractor may be contacted by the AOC, as circumstances allow, to express its views on the availability of requested information. The final decision on release of any information rests with the AOC.

## **28. Conflict of Interest**

- 28.1. "Conflict of interest" means that because of other activities or relationships with other persons, a person is unable or potentially unable to render impartial assistance or advice to the State or the AOC,

or the person's objectivity in performing the contract work is or might be otherwise impaired, or a person has an unfair competitive advantage. "Conflict of interest" includes pending litigation in the Maryland courts.

- 28.2 "Person" includes a contractor, consultant, or subcontractor or sub consultant at any tier, and also includes an employee or agent of any of them if the employee or agent has or will have the authority to control or supervise all or a portion of the work for which a bid or offer is made.
- 28.3 The Contractor warrants that, except as disclosed in Section 28.4 below, there are no relevant facts or circumstances now giving rise or which could, in the future, give rise to a conflict of interest.
- 28.4 The following facts or circumstances give rise or could in the future give rise to a conflict of interest (Contractor: explain details-attach additional sheets if necessary); **if none, so state:**

NONE

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- 28.5 The Contractor agrees that if an actual or potential conflict of interest arises after the Contract commences, the Contractor shall immediately make a full disclosure in writing to the Procurement Officer of all relevant facts and circumstances. This disclosure shall include a description of actions which the Contractor has taken and proposes to take to avoid, mitigate, or neutralize the actual or potential conflict of interest. If the Contract has been awarded and performance of the Contract has begun, the Contractor shall continue performance until notified by the Procurement Officer of any contrary action to be taken. The existence of a conflict of interest is cause for termination of the Contract as well as disciplinary action against an employee for whom a conflict exists.

**29. Ownership and Rights in Data**

- 29.1 In addition to the requirements stated in the RFP, the Contractor agrees to furnish the AOC with copies of the following: computations, computer files, data, model(s), transmittal letters, response letters, training materials, and all other documents or correspondence pertinent to the operation of providing **Instructional Designer: Guardianship Online Courses**.
- 29.2 The AOC shall be the owner of all materials developed under this Contract and shall be entitled to use, transfer, disclose, and copy them in any manner, without restriction and without compensation to the Contractor. Without the AOC's prior written consent, Contractor may neither use, execute, reproduce, display, perform, distribute (internally or externally), retain copies of, or prepare derivative works based on, these Materials nor authorize others to perform those acts.
- 29.3 The Contractor agrees that, at all times during the terms of this Contract and thereafter, all materials developed under this Contract, shall be "works for hire" as that term is interpreted under U.S. copyright law. To the extent that any of these materials are not works for hire for the AOC, the Contractor hereby relinquishes, transfers, and assigns to the AOC all of its rights, title, and interest (including all intellectual property rights) in such materials, and shall cooperate with the AOC in effectuating and registering any necessary assignments.
- 29.4 The AOC shall retain full ownership over any materials that the AOC provides to the Contractor under this Contract.

**30. Notices**

All notices required to be given by one party to the other hereunder shall be in writing and shall be addressed as follows:

**AOC:           Alisha Allmond  
                  Administrative Office of the Courts  
                  2003 C Commerce Park Drive  
                  Annapolis, MD 21401**

**Contractor: (Company Name and Address)**

**SIGNATURES:**

Contractor:  
**Company Name**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature  
Authorized Representative

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

For the Administrative Office of the Courts:

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Kevin J. Kelly, Director  
Procurement, Contract and Grant Administration

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Pamela Harris  
State Court Administrator

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved for form and legal sufficiency this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018

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Stephane J. Latour  
Managing Legal Counsel

**A. AUTHORITY**

I HEREBY AFFIRM THAT:

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (print name), possess the legal authority to make this Affidavit.

**B. CERTIFICATION REGARDING COMMERCIAL NONDISCRIMINATION**

The undersigned bidder hereby certifies and agrees that the following information is correct: In preparing its bid on this project, the bidder has considered all proposals submitted from qualified, potential subcontractors and suppliers, and has not engaged in "discrimination" as defined in §19-103 of the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland. "Discrimination" means any disadvantage, difference, distinction, or preference in the solicitation, selection, hiring, or commercial treatment of a vendor, subcontractor, or commercial customer on the basis of race, color, religion, ancestry, or national origin, sex, age, marital status, sexual orientation, or on the basis of disability or any otherwise unlawful use of characteristics regarding the vendor's, supplier's, or commercial customer's employees or owners. "Discrimination" also includes retaliating against any person or other entity for reporting any incident of "discrimination". Without limiting any other provision of the solicitation on this project, it is understood that, if the certification is false, such false certification constitutes grounds for the State to reject the bid submitted by the bidder on this project, and terminate any contract awarded based on the bid. As part of its bid or proposal, the bidder herewith submits a list of all instances within the past 4 years where there has been a final adjudicated determination in a legal or administrative proceeding in the State of Maryland that the bidder discriminated against subcontractors, vendors, suppliers, or commercial customers, and a description of the status or resolution of that determination, including any remedial action taken. Bidder agrees to comply in all respects with the State's Commercial Nondiscrimination Policy as described under Title 19 of the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

**B-1. CERTIFICATION REGARDING MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISES**

The undersigned bidder hereby certifies and agrees that it has fully complied with the State Minority Business Enterprise Law, State Finance and Procurement Article, §14-308(a)(2), Annotated Code of Maryland, which provides that, except as otherwise provided by law, a contractor may not identify a certified minority business enterprise in a bid or proposal and:

- (1) Fail to request, receive, or otherwise obtain authorization from the certified minority business enterprise to identify the certified minority proposal;
- (2) Fail to notify the certified minority business enterprise before execution of the contract of its inclusion in the bid or proposal;
- (3) Fail to use the certified minority business enterprise in the performance of the contract; or
- (4) Pay the certified minority business enterprise solely for the use of its name in the bid or proposal.

Without limiting any other provision of the solicitation on this project, it is understood that if the certification is false, such false certification constitutes grounds for the State to reject the bid submitted by the bidder on this project, and terminate any contract awarded based on the bid.

**C. AFFIRMATION REGARDING BRIBERY CONVICTIONS**

**I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:**

Neither I, nor to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, the above business (as is defined in Section 16-101(b) of the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland), or any of its officers, directors, partners, controlling stockholders, or any of its employees directly involved in the business's contracting activities including obtaining or performing contracts with public bodies has been convicted of, or has had probation before judgment imposed pursuant to Criminal Procedure Article, §6-220, Annotated Code of Maryland, or has pleaded nolo contendere to a charge of, bribery, attempted bribery, or conspiracy to bribe in violation of Maryland law, or of the law of any other state or federal law, except as follows (indicate the reasons why the affirmation cannot be given and list any conviction, plea, or imposition of probation before judgment with the date, court, official or administrative body, the sentence or disposition, the name(s) of person(s) involved, and their current positions and responsibilities with the business): **if none, so state:**

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**D. AFFIRMATION REGARDING OTHER CONVICTIONS**

**I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:**

Neither I, nor to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, the above business, or any of its officers, directors, partners, controlling stockholders, or any of its employees directly involved in the business's contracting activities including obtaining or performing contracts with public bodies, has:

- (1) Been convicted under state or federal statute of:
  - (a) A criminal offense incident to obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public or private contract; or
  - (b) Fraud, embezzlement, theft, forgery, falsification or destruction of records or receiving stolen property;
- (2) Been convicted of any criminal violation of a state or federal antitrust statute;
- (3) Been convicted under the provisions of Title 18 of the United States Code for violation of the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organization Act, 18 U.S.C. §1961 et seq., or the Mail Fraud Act, 18 U.S.C. §1341 et seq., for acts in connection with the submission of bids or proposals for a public or private contract;
- (4) Been convicted of a violation of the State Minority Business Enterprise Law, §14-308 of the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland;
- (5) Been convicted of a violation of §11-205.1 of the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland;
- (6) Been convicted of conspiracy to commit any act or omission that would constitute grounds for conviction or liability under any law or statute described in subsections (1)—(5) above;
- (7) Been found civilly liable under a state or federal antitrust statute for acts or omissions in connection with the submission of bids or proposals for a public or private contract;
- (8) Been found in a final adjudicated decision to have violated the Commercial Nondiscrimination Policy under Title 19 of the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland with regard to a public or private contract; or

(9) Admitted in writing or under oath, during the course of an official investigation or other proceedings, acts or omissions that would constitute grounds for conviction or liability under any law or statute described in §§B and C and subsections D(1)—(8) above, except as follows (indicate reasons why the affirmations cannot be given, and list any conviction, plea, or imposition of probation before judgment with the date, court, official or administrative body, the sentence or disposition, the name(s) of the person(s) involved and their current positions and responsibilities with the business, and the status of any debarment): **if none, so state:**

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#### E. AFFIRMATION REGARDING DEBARMENT

I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

Neither I, nor to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, the above business, or any of its officers, directors, partners, controlling stockholders, or any of its employees directly involved in the business's contracting activities, including obtaining or performing contracts with public bodies, has ever been suspended or debarred (including being issued a limited denial of participation) by any public entity, except as follows (list each debarment or suspension providing the dates of the suspension or debarment, the name of the public entity and the status of the proceedings, the name(s) of the person(s) involved and their current positions and responsibilities with the business, the grounds of the debarment or suspension, and the details of each person's involvement in any activity that formed the grounds of the debarment or suspension):**if none, so state:**

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#### F. AFFIRMATION REGARDING DEBARMENT OF RELATED ENTITIES

I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

(1) The business was not established and it does not operate in a manner designed to evade the application of or defeat the purpose of debarment pursuant to Sections 16-101, et seq., of the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland; and

(2) The business is not a successor, assignee, subsidiary, or affiliate of a suspended or debarred business, except as follows (you must indicate the reasons why the affirmations cannot be given without qualification):**if none, so state:**

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#### G. SUB-CONTRACT AFFIRMATION

I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

Neither I, nor to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, the above business, has knowingly entered into a contract with a public body under which a person debarred or suspended under Title 16 of the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland will provide, directly or



indirectly, supplies, services, architectural services, construction related services, leases of real property, or construction.

#### H. AFFIRMATION REGARDING COLLUSION

I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

Neither I, nor to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, the above business has:

(1) Agreed, conspired, connived, or colluded to produce a deceptive show of competition in the compilation of the accompanying bid or offer that is being submitted;

(2) In any manner, directly or indirectly, entered into any agreement of any kind to fix the bid price or price proposal of the bidder or offeror or of any competitor, or otherwise taken any action in restraint of free competitive bidding in connection with the contract for which the accompanying bid or offer is submitted.

#### I. CERTIFICATION OF TAX PAYMENT

I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

Except as validly contested, the business has paid, or has arranged for payment of, all taxes due the State of Maryland and has filed all required returns and reports with the Comptroller of the Treasury, the State Department of Assessments and Taxation, and the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, as applicable, and will have paid all withholding taxes due the State of Maryland prior to final settlement.

#### J. CONTINGENT FEES

I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

The business has not employed or retained any person, partnership, corporation, or other entity, other than a bona fide employee, bona fide agent, bona fide salesperson, or commercial selling agency working for the business, to solicit or secure the Contract, and that the business has not paid or agreed to pay any person, partnership, corporation, or other entity, other than a bona fide employee, bona fide agent, bona fide salesperson, or commercial selling agency, any fee or any other consideration contingent on the making of the Contract.

#### K. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT this Affidavit is to be furnished to the Procurement Officer and may be distributed to units of: (1) the State of Maryland; (2) counties or other subdivisions of the State of Maryland; (3) other states; and (4) the federal government. I further acknowledge that this Affidavit is subject to applicable laws of the United States and the State of Maryland, both criminal and civil, and that nothing in this Affidavit or any contract resulting from the submission of this bid or proposal shall be construed to supersede, amend, modify or waive, on behalf of the State of Maryland, or any unit of the State of Maryland having jurisdiction, the exercise of any statutory right or remedy conferred by the Constitution and the laws of Maryland with respect to any misrepresentation made or any violation of the obligations, terms and covenants undertaken by the above business with respect to (1) this Affidavit, (2) the contract, and (3) other Affidavits comprising part of the contract.

I DO SOLEMNLY DECLARE AND AFFIRM UNDER THE PENALTIES OF PERJURY THAT THE CONTENTS OF THIS AFFIDAVIT ARE TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, INFORMATION, AND BELIEF.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_ (print name of Authorized Representative and Affiant)

\_\_\_\_\_ (signature of Authorized Representative and Affiant)

ATTACHMENT C - CONTRACT AFFIDAVIT



CONTRACT AFFIDAVIT

A. AUTHORITY

I HEREBY AFFIRM THAT:

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (print name), possess the legal authority to make this Affidavit.

B. CERTIFICATION OF REGISTRATION OR QUALIFICATION WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENTS AND TAXATION

I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT: \_\_\_\_\_

The business named above is a (check applicable box):

- (1) Corporation —  domestic or  foreign;
- (2) Limited Liability Company —  domestic or  foreign;
- (3) Partnership —  domestic or  foreign;
- (4) Statutory Trust —  domestic or  foreign;
- (5)  Sole Proprietorship.

and is registered or qualified as required under Maryland Law. I further affirm that the above business is in good standing both in Maryland and (IF APPLICABLE) in the jurisdiction where it is presently organized, and has filed all of its annual reports, together with filing fees, with the Maryland State Department of Assessments and Taxation. The name and address of its resident agent (IF APPLICABLE) filed with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation is: **if none, so state):**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Department ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

and that if it does business under a trade name, it has filed a certificate with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation that correctly identifies that true name and address of the principal or owner as: **if none, so state):**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Department ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**C. POLITICAL CONTRIBUTION DISCLOSURE AFFIRMATION**

I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

I am aware of, and the above business will comply with, Election Law Article, §§14-101 — 14-108, Annotated Code of Maryland, which requires that every person that enters into contracts, leases, or other agreements with the State of Maryland, including its agencies or a political subdivision of the State, during a calendar year in which the person receives in the aggregate \$100,000 or more shall file with the State Board of Elections a statement disclosing contributions in excess of \$500 made during the reporting period to a candidate for elective office in any primary or general election.

**D. CERTAIN AFFIRMATIONS VALID**

I FURTHER AFFIRM THAT:

To the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, each of the affirmations, certifications, or acknowledgements contained in that certain Bid/Proposal Affidavit dated \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, and executed by me for the purpose of obtaining the contract to which this Exhibit is attached remains true and correct in all respects as if made as of the date of this Contract Affidavit and as if fully set forth herein.

**I DO SOLEMNLY DECLARE AND AFFIRM UNDER THE PENALTIES OF PERJURY THAT THE CONTENTS OF THIS AFFIDAVIT ARE TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, INFORMATION, AND BELIEF.**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

(printed name of Authorized Representative and Affiant)

\_\_\_\_\_

(signature of Authorized Representative and Affiant)

**ATTACHMENT D – PRE-BID CONFERENCE**

**Project No. K18-0085-25I**

**Project Title: Instructional Designer: Guardianship Online Courses**

**Pre-Proposal Conference: May 30, 2018 at 10:00am.  
Maryland Judiciary, Administrative Office of the Courts  
Department of Procurement, Contract & Grant Administration  
2003 C Commerce Park Drive  
Annapolis, MD 21401**

**Please e-mail this form to the Procurement Officer:**

**Alisha.Allmond@mdcourts.gov**

By **(May 28, 2018) at (5:00 pm)** advising whether or not you plan to attend this Conference.

Please indicate:

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, the following representatives will be in attendance:

- 1.
- 2.

\_\_\_\_\_ No, we will not be in attendance.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Company/Firm/Company Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone

\_\_\_\_\_  
Contact Name

**ATTACHMENT E – BID PROPOSAL PRICE SHEET**

**Instructional Designer: Guardianship Online Courses**

**PRICE PROPOSAL FOR IFB # K18-0085-25I**