

**UNIVERSITY OF MEDICINE AND DENTISTRY OF NEW JERSEY'S
STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

Section B: Terms and Conditions Governing Bids and Proposals

1.0 APPLICABILITY OF STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Unless the bidder is specifically instructed otherwise in the solicitation document (i.e., Request for Proposal (RFP), or Invitation for Bids (IFB)), the following terms and conditions will apply to all contracts or purchase agreements made with the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ). These terms are in addition to the terms and conditions set forth in the solicitation document and should be read in conjunction with same unless the solicitation document specifically indicates otherwise. If a bidder proposes changes or modifications or takes exception to any UMDNJ's terms and conditions, the bidder must so state specifically in writing in the bid proposal. Any proposed change, modification, or exception in UMDNJ's terms and conditions by a bidder will be a factor in the determination of an award of a contractor purchase agreement.

2.0 STATE LAW REQUIRING MANDATORY COMPLIANCE BY ALL CONTRACTORS

2.1 Corporate Authority

All New Jersey corporations must obtain a Certificate of Incorporation from the Department of the Treasury, Division of Revenue, prior to conducting business in the State of New Jersey.

If a bidder receiving a notice of intent to award is the proposed contract awardee and such bidder is a corporation incorporated in a state other than New Jersey, such bidder must provide either a copy of its Certificate of Authority to do business in New Jersey, issued by the New Jersey Department of the Treasury, Division of Revenue, or evidence of its application to the Division of Revenue for such Certificate of Authority, within seven (7) days of the notice of intent to award.

If a bidder awarded a contract or purchase agreement is an individual not residing in this state or a partnership organized under the laws of another state, then the bidder shall execute a power of attorney designating the State Treasurer as its true and lawful attorney to receive process in any civil actions which may arise out of the performance of this contract or agreement. This appointment of the State Treasurer shall be irrevocable and binding upon the bidder, its heirs, executors, administrators, successors or assigns. Within ten (10) days of receipt of this process, the Treasurer shall forward same to the bidder at the address designated herein.

3.0 PROPOSALS TERMS

3.1 Contract Amount

The estimated amount of the contract(s), when stated in the solicitation document, shall not be construed as either the maximum or minimum amount which UMDNJ shall be obliged to order as the result of this solicitation document or any contract entered into as a result of this solicitation document.

3.2 Director of Purchasing Services's Right of Final Bid Acceptance

The contract shall be awarded to that responsible bidder whose bid, conforming to the solicitation document, will be most advantageous to UMDNJ, price and other factors considered. Awards will not be based on any discounts offered by the bidder. The Director of Purchasing Services reserves the right to reject any or all bids, or to award in whole or in part if deemed to be in the best interest of UMDNJ to do so.

3.3 Causes for Automatic Rejection of Bids

Bids may be automatically rejected for the following reasons:

3.3.1 No signature on at least one copy of the bid;

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Bid not received on or before the scheduled time, date specified, and place designated on the bid request form (or as amended during the procurement process via addendum);

3.3.3 Failure to attend a mandatory pre-bid conference and/or mandatory site inspection;

3.3.4 Failure to initial a price alteration. If a unit price in the bid has been altered, the bidder's initials must appear adjacent to the alteration. Examples of alterations include, but are not limited to, cross-outs and erasures, with re-entered prices. If the alteration has not been so initialed, that particular item only in the bid will be automatically rejected, except as follows: If the extended price is correct and does not contain alterations, it shall be considered the bid price. If the extended total price does not contain alterations and the altered unit price is not initialed, the extended total price is considered as the bid price. In the event of an automatic rejection of a price (or prices), when the bid contains multiple items, the remainder of the bid will be evaluated;

3.3.5 Information essential to a bid evaluation, including, but not limited to, price, terms, and product description is submitted in pencil;

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3.4 UMDNJ's Right to Inspect Bidder's Facilities

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UMDNJ reserves the right to inspect the bidder's establishment before making an award, for the purposes of ascertaining whether the bidder has the necessary facilities for performing the contract.

3.5 UMDNJ's Right to Request Further Information

The Director of Purchasing Services reserves the right to request all information which may assist in making a contract award, including factors necessary to evaluate the bidder's financial ability. Further, the Director of Purchasing Services reserves the right to request a bidder to explain in detail how the bid price was determined. Section 952 of the Omnibus Reconciliation Act of 1980 (P.L. 96-499) requires that providers include in contracts for services a provision allowing the Federal Government to have access to all documents and records that are needed to verify the Contractor's cost, if the value of the contract over 12 months is at least \$10,000.

3.6 Brand Name Specification

When a specification requires a particular manufacturer or brand, it indicates the quality and characteristics of the item being specified. Failure on the part of the bidder to confirm its provision of the manufacturer and/or brand specified shall be construed by UMDNJ to mean that the bidder will furnish the brand as specified.

In instances where manufacturer or brand are specified, the bidder may offer the brand specified, or may offer an "equal" item, provided that the item is similar to the specified brand in all essential characteristics in terms of quality and functionality.

3.7 Samples UMDNJ reserves the right to require the bidder/Contractor to submit samples for approval. UMDNJ shall be the sole judge as to whether said materials meet its requirements. All literature and/or samples submitted in connection with this bid shall become the property of UMDNJ.

When "Samples Required" is indicated in a solicitation document, it shall be understood that all bidders shall furnish and deliver samples for each item where specified.

Sample(s) shall be delivered to UMDNJ at the time of bid submission.

Sample(s) delivered shall be tagged indicating the name of the bidder, the UMDNJ bid number, bid item number and complete description of item.

Failure to submit samples required may disqualify a bid.

3.8 Corrections

Erasures or other changes in bids must be explained or otherwise noted over signature of bidder.

3.9 Bid Security

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If bid security is required, such security must be submitted with the bid in the amount listed in the solicitation document, see N.J.A.C. 17:12-2.4. Acceptable forms of bid security are as follows:

- (a) A properly executed individual bid bond issued by an insurance or security company authorized to do business in the State of New Jersey; or,
- (b) A certified or cashier's check drawn to the order of UMDNJ; or,
- (c) An irrevocable letter of credit drawn naming the Treasurer, UMDNJ as beneficiary issued by a federally-insured financial institution.

UMDNJ will hold all bid security during the evaluation process. As soon as is practicable after completion of the evaluation, UMDNJ will:

- (a) Issue an award notice for those offers accepted by UMDNJ; and,
- (b) Return all bond securities to those who have not been issued an award notice.

All bid security from Contractors who have been issued an award notice shall be held until the successful execution of all required contractual documents and bonds (performance bond, insurance, etc.). If the Contractor fails to execute the required contractual documents and bonds within thirty (30) calendar days after receipt of award notice, the Contractor may be found in default and the contract terminated by UMDNJ. In case of default, UMDNJ reserves all rights, inclusive of, but not limited to, the right to purchase material and/or to complete the required work in accordance with the New Jersey Administrative Code and to recover any actual excess costs from the Contractor. Collection against the bid security shall be one of the measures available toward the recovery of any excess costs.

3.10 Complaints

Where a bidder has a history of performance problems as demonstrated by formal complaints and/or contract cancellations for cause pursuant these Standard Terms and Conditions, a bidder may be bypassed for this award. See N.J.A.C. 17:12 –2.8.

3.11 Subcontracting or Assignment

In the event the bidder proposes to subcontract for the services to be performed under the terms of the contract award it shall state so in its bid and attach for approval a list of said subcontractors and an itemization of the products and/or services to be supplied by them.

Nothing contained in the specifications shall be construed as creating any contractual relationship between any subcontractor and UMDNJ.

4.0 TERMS RELATING TO PRICE QUOTATION

4.1 Delivery Costs

Unless otherwise noted in the solicitation document, all prices for items in bid proposals are to be submitted “F.O.B. Destination.” Proposals submitted other than “F.O.B. Destination” may not be considered. Regardless of the method of quoting shipments, the Contractor shall assume all costs, liability and responsibility for the delivery of merchandise in good condition to UMDNJ.

“F.O.B. Destination” does not cover “spotting,” but does include delivery on the receiving platform at any destination within UMDNJ, unless otherwise specified. No additional charges will be allowed for any additional transportation costs resulting from partial shipments made at the Contractor’s convenience when a single shipment is ordered. The weights and measures of UMDNJ shall govern.

4.2 C.O.D. Terms

C.O.D. terms are not acceptable as part of a bid proposal and will be cause for rejection of a bid.