



State of Rhode Island Department of Administration
Division of Purchases

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NOTICE TO VENDORS

Each bid proposal for a *public works project* must include a "public copy" to be available for public inspection upon the opening of bids. **Bid proposals that do not include a copy for public inspection will be deemed nonresponsive.**

The public copy must be submitted in .pdf (portable document file) format on a *read-only* CD-R media disc. The disc must include *all of the documents* submitted in response to the solicitation concatenated or merged into one file. The file must be named in the following manner:

BidNumber_DateofBid_VendorName_VendorID.pdf

The Bidder Certification Cover Form contains all of the information for the file name. The date of bid must appear as mm-dd-yyyy. The vendor name must appear as one word, with no spaces or punctuation. Underscores must separate the fields.

Example: 7543210_11-08-2013_OceanStateCompanyInc_9867.pdf

The public copy disc must be separately enclosed in a protective cover clearly marked "Public Copy" and include the following information (all available from the Bidder Certification Cover Form): (1) title of solicitation; (2) name of bidder and RIVIP vendor ID number; (3) bid number; and (4) date of bid.

The public copy may redact any trade secrets or commercial or financial information which is of a privileged or confidential nature pursuant to the "Access to Public Records Act," R. I. Gen. Laws §§ 38-2-1 *et seq.*

For further information on how to comply with this statutory requirement, see R. I. Gen. Laws §§ 37-2-18(b) and (j). Also see Procurement Regulation 5.11 accessible at www.purchasing.ri.gov