



### Solicitation Information

**RFP # 7462380**

**TITLE: Property Loss Control Services - MPA 485**

**Submission Deadline: Thursday May 23, 2013 at 11:00 am (Local Prevailing Time)**

PRE-BID/ PROPOSAL CONFERENCE: Yes      Date: May 8, 2013 @ 2:00 pm (LPT)  
Mandatory: NO  
Location: **Bid Conference Room, Division of Purchases, One Capitol Hill 2<sup>nd</sup> FL., Providence RI 02908**

Questions concerning this solicitation must be received by the Division of Purchases at [questions@purchasing.ri.gov](mailto:questions@purchasing.ri.gov) no later than May 13, 2013 at 12:00 noon (LPT). Questions should be submitted in a *Microsoft Word* attachment. Please reference the RFP# in the subject of all correspondence. Questions received, if any, will be posted on the Internet as an addendum to this solicitation. It is the responsibility of all interested parties to monitor the website and download this information.

SURETY REQUIRED: NO

BOND REQUIRED: NO

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**Vendors must register on-line at the State Purchasing Website at [www.purchasing.ri.gov](http://www.purchasing.ri.gov).**

**NOTE TO VENDORS:**

Offers received without the completed three-page RIVP Generated Bidder Certification Form attached may result in disqualification. This form is available at [www.purchasing.ri.gov](http://www.purchasing.ri.gov).

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## I. Introduction

The Rhode Island Department of Administration (“Department”), Division of Purchases (“Division”), on behalf of the State of Rhode Island (“State”), along with potential participation at their own discretion from and the public higher education institutions of Rhode Island (University of Rhode Island (“URI”), Rhode Island College (“RIC”) and the Community College of Rhode Island (“CCRI”), collectively (“Higher Education”), Legislative and Judicial branches, quasi public agencies, municipalities (cities, towns and school districts), through the issuance of this Request for Proposals (“RFP”), seeks to retain one or more firms to participate on a Master Price Agreement (“MPA”) to provide property loss control services to support its high deductible/layered property insurance program. The Rhode Island Association of Insurance Agents (“RIAIA”) is the primary source of insurance and risk management services for the State.

There are currently 1,368 properties owned or leased by State and Higher Education to create a Total Insurable Value (“TIV”) of \$3,859,511,333 (i.e. building, contents and business interruption). All locations are within a thirty (30) minute drive of downtown Providence, RI. Nearly 46% of buildings have automatic sprinklers and over 76% of all buildings are of noncombustible construction or better.

### TIV by Exposure

Buildings	\$3,296,828,559
Contents	\$502,802,545
Business Income/Extra Expense	\$59,880,229
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,859,511,333</b>

### TIV by Category

Maximum TIV for Category	Locations in Category	Category TIV	Average TIV per location
<\$100,000	364	\$13,061,942	\$35,884
<\$250,000	601	\$54,305,386	\$90,458
<\$500,000	852	\$142,848,085	\$167,662
<\$1,000,000	985	\$237,280,156	\$240,894
<\$5,000,000	1,187	\$710,283,945	\$598,386
<\$10,000,000	1,267	\$1,289,230,916	\$1,017,546
\$<15,000,000	1,303	\$1,751,925,281	\$1,344,532
<\$20,000,000	1,322	\$2,068,143,133	\$1,564,405
Greater than \$20,000,000	46	\$1,791,368,200	\$38,942,787
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,368</b>	<b>\$3,859,511,333</b>	<b>\$2,821,280</b>

### Construction Summary

Construction Type	TIV for Category	Percentage of TIV
Superior non-combustible	\$5,090,802	.13%
Heavy Timber	\$473,663,710	12.37%
Fire Resistive	\$556,763,124	14.54%
Masonry Non-combustible	\$2,321,607,943	60.64%
All Metal	\$47,929,109	1.25%
Joisted Masonry	\$131,558,538	3.44%
Wood frame	\$291,988,335	7.63%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,859,511,333</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

The term of this MPA will be for three (3) years, with two (2) one year extensions at the sole option of the Division. The work performed will be in accordance with terms and conditions described herein and in accordance with the terms of this request and the State's General Conditions of Purchase, which may be obtained at the Rhode Island Division of Purchases' homepage by Internet at <http://www.purchasing.ri.gov>.

The purpose of this MPA is establish a list of qualified vendors should a project arise. It is envisioned that a price agreement will be awarded to one or more vendors with rates provided. As with any MPA, a using agency would create their own release / direct purchase order and would thus be responsible to fund the required services. For services provided to the executive branch agencies, it is assumed that work would be coordinated through the State's Risk Manager at the Department.

MPAs can be utilized by any State Agency, and as a requirement of this solicitation, will also be made available to quasi-public organizations, Rhode Island municipalities and the Legislative and Judicial Branches of Rhode Island government at their own discretion. **Placement of a qualified firm(s) on a Master Price Agreement is no guarantee of usage and there is no guarantee of any level spending activity to a vendor or vendors selected for this MPA..** Services are sought on an "as-needed" basis. Once a need has been determined, utilization will be based on a number of factors, including, but not limited to price, expertise, language, and availability.

## **II. General Instructions and Notifications to Offerors**

Potential Offerors are advised to review all sections of this Request for Proposal (RFP) carefully and to follow instructions completely, as failure to make a complete submission as described elsewhere herein may result in rejection of the proposal.

This is a Request for Proposal, not an Invitation for Bid. Responses will be evaluated on the basis of the relative merits of the proposal, in addition to price; there will be no public opening and reading of responses received by the Division of Purchases pursuant to this request, other than to name those Offerors who have submitted proposals.

1. Potential vendors are advised to review all sections of this RFP carefully and to follow instructions completely, as failure to make a complete submission as described elsewhere herein may result in rejection of the proposal.
2. Alternative approaches and/or methodologies to accomplish the desired or intended results of this procurement are solicited. However, proposals which depart from or materially alter the terms, requirements, or scope of work defined by this RFP will be rejected as being non-responsive.
3. All cost associated with developing or submitting a proposal in response to this RFP, or to provide oral or written clarification of its content shall be borne by the Offeror. The State assumes no responsibilities for this cost.

4. Proposals are considered to be irrevocable for a period of not less than one hundred twenty (120) days following the opening date, and may not be withdrawn, except with the express written permission of the State Purchasing Agent.

5. All prices submitted will be considered to be firm and fixed unless otherwise indicated herein.

6. Proposals misdirected to other state locations, or which are otherwise not present in the Division of Purchases at the time of opening for any cause will be determined to be late and will not be considered. For the purposes of this requirement, the official time and date shall be that of the time clock in the reception area of the Division of Purchases.

7. It is intended that an award pursuant to this RFP will be made to a prime vendor(s) who will assume responsibilities for all aspects of the work. The State reserves the right to award to multiple vendors. Joint venture and cooperative proposals will not be considered. Subcontractors are permitted, provided that their use is clearly indicated in the vendor's proposal and the subcontractor(s) to be used is identified in the proposal. Subcontractors not identified in the response to this RFP may be utilized on a particular project with prior approval of the state agency or other entity utilizing this MPA.

8. All proposals should include the vendor's FEIN or Social Security Number as evidenced by a Form W-9, downloadable from the Division of Purchases' website at [www.purchasing.ri.gov](http://www.purchasing.ri.gov).

9. The purchase of services under an award made pursuant to this RFP will be contingent on the availability of funds.

10. Vendors are advised that all materials submitted to the State for consideration in response to this RFP will be considered to be Public Records as defined in Title 38, Chapter 2 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, without exception, and will be released for inspection immediately upon request once an award has been made.

11. Interested parties are instructed to peruse the Division of Purchases' website on a regular basis, as additional information or changes relating to this solicitation may be released in the form of an addendum to this RFP. It is the responsibility of all potential Offerors to monitor the website and be familiar with any changes issued as part of an addendum.

12. Equal Employment Opportunity (G.L. 1956 § 28-5.1-1, et seq.) - §28-5.1-1 Declaration of policy – (a) Equal opportunity and affirmation action toward its achievement is the policy of all units of Rhode Island state government, including all public and quasi-public agencies, commissions, boards and authorities, and in the classified, unclassified, and non-classified services of state employment. This policy applies in all areas where State dollars are spent, in employment, public services, grants and financial assistance, and in state licensing and regulation. For further information, contact the Rhode Island Equal Opportunity Office at (401) 222-3090.

13. In accordance with Title 7, Chapter 1.2 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, no foreign corporation, a corporation without a Rhode Island business address, shall have the right to transact business in the State until it shall have procured a Certificate of Authority to do so from the Rhode Island Secretary of State (401-222-2040). This is a requirement only of the successful vendor(s).

14. The vendor should be aware of the State's Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) requirement, which should address the State's goal of ten percent (10%) participation by MBE's in all State procurements. For further information, please contact the MBE Administrator at (401) 574-8253 or visit the website [www.mbe.ri.gov](http://www.mbe.ri.gov) or by email at [charles.newton@doa.ri.gov](mailto:charles.newton@doa.ri.gov).

15. Insurance Requirements:

The following insurance coverage and limits are required for the duration of service contract entered into by service provider, State, RIBGHE, URI, CCRI, RIC. All required insurance must be confirmed by certificate of insurance included within service proposal and annual thereafter if proposal accepted by State of Rhode Island, URI, CCRI, and RIC. Each certificate must confirm the terms and/or coverage required of each policy as outlined in this RFP.

Workers compensation: Statutory benefits for employees state of hire and employers liability subject to minimum limit of \$1,000,000. Limit can be comprised of primary and excess policies. The policy is to be amended to 1-waive rights of subrogation against State, RIBGHE, URI, RIC and CCRI and 2-provide a minimum of thirty (30) days advance written notice of cancellation individually to State, RIBGHE, URI, RIC and CCRI.

General liability: Minimum limit of \$2,000,000/occurrence and general aggregate. Limit can be comprised of primary and excess policies. The policy is to be amended to 1-waive rights of subrogation against State, RIBGHE, URI, RIC and CCRI and 2-provide additional insured status to the State, RIBGHE, URI, RIC and CCRI and 3-provide a minimum of thirty (30) days advance written notice of cancellation individually to State, RIBGHE, URI, RIC and CCRI.

Automobile liability: Minimum limit of \$2,000,000/occurrence and general aggregate. Limit can be comprised of primary and excess policies. The policy is to be amended to 1-waive rights of subrogation against State, RIBGHE, URI, RIC and CCRI and 2-provide additional insured status to the State, RIBGHE, URI, RIC and CCRI and 3-provide a minimum of thirty (30) days advance written notice of cancellation individually to State, RIBGHE, URI, RIC and CCRI.

Professional liability: Minimum limit of \$2,000,000. The policy is to be amended to provide a minimum of thirty (30) days advance written notice of cancellation individually to State, RIBGHE, URI, RIC and CCRI.

### III. Scope of Services

**TERM:** The term of this MPA will be for three (3) years, with two (2) one year extensions at the sole option of the Division. **There is no guarantee of any level spending activity to a vendor selected for this MPA.**

The State and Higher Education requests loss control services to be rendered in four categories: 1-Highly Protected Risk (“HPR”), 2-Non-HPR, 3-Oversee fire pump testing and 4-special projects. This Request for Proposal (“RFP”) does not include any pressure vessel jurisdictional inspections as this service is provided by the boiler and machinery insurer. All locations subject to this RFP are within the borders of the State of Rhode Island.

*Note: Certain loss control services requested are to meet third party accreditation standards for occupancies that include hospitals, prisons, and dormitories. It is required that the loss control service provider has the appropriate personnel to conduct any work that must satisfy and/or meet accreditation standards.*

### **HPR locations**

- Services to include walk through of complete location on a building number specific basis. Locations to be inspected will be chosen by risk manager for State and/or at risk manager level at for URI, RIC and CCRI.
- Report of findings is to include issues related to housekeeping, maintenance, roof conditions (especially from peril of wind), status of automatic sprinkler protection and any other areas involving risk mitigation.
- Protection to be reviewed in terms of both FM Global and NFPA standards.
- A written report of findings and recommendations is to be provided to risk manager that requests loss control services no later than ten (10) business days after site visit. Written report is to be submitted in PDF delivered by email to requesting State risk manager or Higher Education risk manager and to RIAIA.

### **Non-HPR locations**

- Services to include walk through of complete location on a building number specific basis. Locations to be inspected will be chosen by risk manager for State and individually by RIBGHE and/or at the risk manager level at for URI, RIC and CCRI.
- Report of findings is to include issues related to housekeeping, maintenance and roof conditions especially from peril of wind.
- Protection to be reviewed in terms of both FM Global and NFPA standards.
- A written report of findings and recommendations is to be provided to risk manager that requests loss control services no later than ten (10) business days after site visit. Written report is to be submitted in PDF delivered by email to requesting State risk manager or Higher Education risk manager and to RIAIA.

### **Fire Pump Testing**

- Certain locations will be subject to fire pump testing in each twelve (12) month period. Testing is conducted by local sprinkler contractors. Loss control service provider is to oversee the test *but not conduct* the test. Locations to be inspected will be chosen by risk manager for State and/or at the risk manager level at for URI, RIC and CCRI. Testing is to use both FM Global and NFPA standards.
- A written report of findings and recommendations is to be provided to risk manager that requests loss control services no later than ten (10) business days after site visit. Written report is to be submitted in PDF delivered by email to requesting State risk manager or Higher Education risk managers and to RIAIA.

### **Special Projects**

Risk managers for State and Higher Education may require assistance in other areas during the course of the service year. Projects may include but are not limited to:

1. Assistance with hurricane preparation;
2. Red Tag assistance when fire protection equipment is placed out of service;
3. Plan review for new construction/renovation projects using both FM Global and NFPA standards.
4. Fire hydrant tests at select college/university campus locations to be completed with a detailed written report of test results and recommendations for State, colleges or university to consider.
5. Fire hydrant flow test training (“Train the Trainer).
6. Oversee water flow alarm testing
7. Review fire pump installations and make recommendations as necessary
8. Assist in determining loss expectancies and cost/benefit of implemented loss control. Please refer to Exhibit 1 for an example of cost/benefit of windstorm expected loss and cost of implementation.
9. Provide online risk management and loss prevention information relating to various hazards. Please refer to FM Global Emergency Wind Checklist for an example of online services.
10. Provide loss control training such as hot work and/or red tag permit process, perform valve supervision and emergency response. Please outline any other loss control training that can be provided upon request.
11. Assist in developing a plan to prioritize building envelope renovations and repairs based on exposure (location) [frequency] and potential building damages (building and contents valuation) [severity].
12. Rhode Island as a State suffered severe property damage during spring floods in 2010. URI is interested in developing an environmentally safe storm water management program in case similar floods occur in the future. This type of loss control program needs to be sensitive to buildings on the URI campus that have historical preservation guidelines.

#### **IV. Cost of Services**

##### **A. Location surveys**

All services are to be quoted based on flat fee per desired service, along with titles and fully loaded rates: HPR location; Non-HPR location and Fire pump testing.

1. Costs are to include drive time and all out-of-pocket travel expenses.
2. If more than one location survey can be completed in one day then total daily cost can be proposed (i.e. one HPR survey in Providence for State plus one non-HPR survey in Kingston, RI for University of RI).
3. Invoices for services rendered are to be sent to the risk manager that requested the specific services.

##### **B. Special projects/non-location surveys**

Offeror shall provide a rate card for the desired services (i.e. assistance in hurricane preparation; Red Tag assistance when fire protection equipment is placed out of service, plan review for new construction/renovation projects using both FM Global and NFPA standards, etc.).

1. Costs are to include drive time and all out-of-pocket travel expenses.
2. All quoted costs are to be inclusive of materials used and/or consumed in any testing activities. Such costs to be itemized in cost portion of proposal
3. Provide general outline of service and cost based on service providers past experience.
4. Please indicate additional information needed in which to firm quote cost of service.

#### **V. Proposal Format**

At a high level, each technical proposal shall include:

1. Complete response to services to be provided;
2. Name of staff person(s) to provide proposed services;
3. Sample inspection/survey report;
4. CVs of staff person(s) to provide proposed services; and
5. Draft of service agreement for proposed services

Each cost proposal shall include:

1. Cost by category of requested services; and

2. Names, titles and fully loaded rates.

### **Technical Proposal Submission**

#### **A. Executive Summary**

The Executive Summary will highlight the contents of the Technical Proposal as well as provide the State of Rhode Island evaluators with an overview and broad understanding of the Offeror's technical approach and ability to meet the scope of work as set forth in this RFP.

#### **B. Experience, Capacity & Staffing (40 Points)**

- **Expertise of the Firm and Staffing Experience**

A. The firm should have a dedicated and staffed capability to provide the scope of work above, with the experience and track record to provide first services to the State. This section shall include identification of all staff and/or subcontractors proposed as members of the account management team, and the duties, responsibilities, and concentration of effort which apply to each (resumes (without personal information), curriculum vitae or statements of prior experience and qualification). Experience of the Staff will be evaluated accordingly.

This section shall also include:

- i. A comprehensive listing of similar services undertaken and implemented, as well as similar clients served. This includes providing a brief description of the accounts and a description of the names of staff persons who worked on the accounts/projects.
- ii. The Offeror shall submit a list of contract(s) that have been terminated along with the entity name(s) that obtained the contract and the reasons why the contract was terminated (if applicable). The State reserves the right to seek additional information regarding a company's capabilities from any source it feels is competent to provide such information.
- iii. The Offeror shall have maintained an organization capable of performing the work described herein, in continuous operation for a least the past three (3) years or demonstrates 5 years progressive experience within area.

- **Capacity**

The Firm must have sufficient personnel resources capable of managing the scope of work stated herein. Please describe the capacity of the firm to handle the State's needs and provide detail on the Firm's proposed account management structure as well as the work experience of each staff member assigned to the account.

i. The Offeror shall submit appropriate financial-related information in order to provide the State with the ability to judge the Offeror's financial capacity and capabilities to undertake and successfully complete the contract. Upon request, the Offeror shall provide **financial statements** that include a balance sheet, income statement and statement of cash flow, and all applicable notes for the most recent calendar year or the Offeror's most recent fiscal year. The Offeror may submit specific financial documents in a separate, sealed envelope/package, within the overall package, clearly marked "Confidential-Financial Information" along with the Bid Proposal. Please note that failure to submit financial statements upon request may result in disqualification from consideration.

- **References**

The firm must provide references for a minimum of three (3) clients. (References for both public and private sector are preferred.) Please provide details including but not limited to the size of the client's annual billings, where the bulk of the billings are spent (i.e. state, region) and the length of the relationship between the firm and the client. This section shall include:

i. The name of a contact person, address, telephone number and email address, where the offeror has provided services. These individuals may be contacted by the State as part of the selection process.

**C. Work Plan/Approach (30 points)**

This section shall outline the process and contain a thorough explanation of all aspects, requirements and services required to provide Services for the State on a project by project basis.

Further, this section shall describe the Offeror's understanding of the State's requirements, including the result(s) intended and desired, the approach and/or methodology to be employed, and a work plan for accomplishing the results proposed. The description of approach shall discuss and justify the approach proposed to be taken for each task or requirement, and the technical issues that may be confronted at each stage of the project. The work plan description shall include a detailed list of tasks, activities and/or milestones that will be employed to administer the Services, the assignment of staff members and concentration of effort for attributed deliverables.

**D. Cost Evaluation**

Cost– 30 Points – The State will take an average and apply the following formula to determine cost points:

$\frac{\text{(Price of Lowest Cost Proposal)}/\text{Cost of Proposal}}{\text{Cost(30)}}$	X	Maximum Point for	=	Awarded Cost Points
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## **V. Proposal Submission**

Questions concerning this solicitation may be emailed to the Division in accordance with the terms and conditions expressed on the cover page of this solicitation. Questions received, if any, with responses, will be posted on the Division of Purchases web site as an addendum to this solicitation. It is the responsibility of all interested parties to download this information.

*Interested Offerors may submit proposals to provide the services covered by this RFP on or before the date & time listed on the cover page of this solicitation. Proposals received after this time and date for any reason will not be considered. The official clock is in the reception area of the Division.*

### **Submission Deadline (Please also refer to page one of this solicitation.)**

An original plus five (5) copies of the Technical Proposal and an original plus five (5) copies of the separately signed & sealed Cost Proposal (separately sealed Technical and Cost Proposals may be shipped in the same container) must be either mailed or hand-delivered and marked “**RFP #7462380: Property Loss Control Services**” to:

**Rhode Island Department of Administration  
Division of Purchases, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
One Capitol Hill  
Providence, RI 02908**

Proposals received after the above-referenced due date and time for any reason will not be considered. Proposals misdirected to other State locations by the scheduled due date and time and not received by the Division of Purchases before the deadline will be determined to be late and will not be considered. Proposals faxed or emailed to the Division of Purchases will not be accepted.

### **Proposals must include the following:**

- A. A completed and signed R.I.V.I.P. generated Bidder Certification Cover Form downloaded from the Rhode Island Division of Purchases web site at (click on ‘Vendor Information’, then ‘General Information’ – document located under ‘Standard Forms’ – follow instructions).
- B. The original plus five (5) copies of a separate Technical Proposal, inclusive of and addressing all the aforementioned requirements, describing the background, qualification and experience with and for similar services, as well

as the work plan or approach proposed for the services needed and described within this document (further details below). **Electronic copies of all Technical Proposals are required with the submission of the original.**

- C. An original plus five (5) copies of a **separately signed and sealed** Cost Proposal, inclusive of the general requirements. **Electronic copies of all Cost Proposals are required in the submission of the original.**
- D. A completed and signed W-9 Form downloaded from the RI Division of Purchases web site at: <http://www.purchasing.ri.gov> (click on RIVIP, then General Information and then Standard Forms).
- E. In addition to the required multiple hard copies of proposals, the respondents should provide the proposals in electronic format. The preferred electronic format is Microsoft Word, Excel or PDF. Please provide a disk (CD-ROM) containing an electronic version of the technical proposals and a **separate** disk containing an electronic version of the cost proposal. The cost proposal disk should be included in the sealed cost proposal package.
- F. The Offeror's status as a Minority Business Enterprise (MBE), certified by the Rhode Island Department of Administration, and/or a subcontracting plan which addresses the State's goal of ten percent (10%) participation requirement by MBE's in all State procurements. Questions concerning this requirement should be addressed to Charles Newton, MBE Officer, at (401) 574-8253.

**VII. Evaluation and Selection**

The State will commission a Technical Review Team to evaluate and score proposals using the following criteria:

<b><u>Criteria</u></b>	<b><u>Points</u></b>
<b>Experience, Capacity &amp; Staffing (40 Points)</b>	40
<b>Work Plan/Approach</b>	30
<b>Cost Proposal</b>	30
<b>TOTAL</b>	100

- In order for the Cost Proposal to be reviewed, all technical proposals must meet a minimum technical evaluation score of **50 points**. Any proposals scoring less than **50 points** will not have the cost component either opened or evaluated and the proposal will be dropped from further consideration.
- Notwithstanding the above, the State, and its agents reserve the right to either accept or reject any, or all, bids, proposals, award on cost alone, cancel the

solicitation and to waive any technicality in order to act in the best interest's of the State and to conduct additional negotiations as necessary.

- The State reserves the right to award this contract to one vendor, multiple vendors in one or more of the categories or cancel this solicitation entirely at its own discretion. If multiple awards are made, the State shall reserve the right to require price quotations from each vendor prior to the award of each project and release. In other words, the rates provided in the cost proposal are the maximum rates.
- Proposals found to be technically or substantially non-responsive, at any point in the evaluation process, will be rejected and not considered further. The State, at its sole option, may elect to require presentation(s) by Offerors in consideration for the award. An award will not be made to a contractor who is neither qualified nor equipped to undertake and complete required work within a specified time.
- The Division will commission a review team to evaluate and score all proposals that are complete and minimally responsive using the criteria described above. The evaluation of any item may incorporate input from sources other than the bidder's response and supplementary materials submitted by the bidder. Those other sources could include assessments made by evaluators based on findings recorded from reference checks (including but not limited to those supplied by the bidder), prior experience with or knowledge of bidder's work, responses to follow-up questions posed by the State and/or oral presentations by the bidders if requested by the review team. The State may elect to use any or all of these evaluation tools.
- The review team may contact any, all or some of the bidders with questions and clarifications at any point during the process at its own discretion.
- The Technical Review Team will present written findings, including the results of all evaluations, to the State Purchasing Agent who will make the final selection for this solicitation. When a final decision has been made, a notice will be posted on the Rhode Island Division of Purchases web site.
- Because the evaluation takes into consideration both the technical and cost components in a value based approach, the lowest costing bidder may not necessarily be awarded a contract. The State reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to determine the number of vendors to be selected to participate on the Master Price Agreement.
- ***There is no guarantee of any level of purchasing activity on behalf of the State to any vendor or vendors listed on the MPA.***