

FAUQUIER COUNTY GOVERNMENT
a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia
Contract # 45-25jcc
Caterpillar Machinery
(Riding, SOURCEWELL Contract RFP #011723-CAT)

This Agreement is made and entered into this 19th day of August, 2024, by the Fauquier County Government, a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia (hereinafter referred to as "Owner") and Carter Machinery Co., Inc, having its principal place of business at PO Box 751053 Charlotte, NC 28275-1053, hereinafter referred to as "Contractor (per RFP 011723)".

WITNESSETH that the Contractor and the Owner, in consideration of the mutual covenants, promises and agreements herein contained, agree as follows:

SCOPE OF SERVICES: The Contractor shall provide Heavy Construction Equipment as set forth in the Contract Documents.

COMPENSATION: The Owner will pay and the Contractor will accept in full consideration for the performance during the contract term pricing of contract or, "pricing as negotiated and attached" with pricing attached.

CONTRACT PERIOD: Date of execution through April 14, 2027 with the option to renew for (1) one renewal year, at the mutual agreement of both parties.

The contract documents shall consist of and in the event of an ambiguity or conflict shall be interpreted in the following order of priority :

- (1) This signed form.
- (2) Fauquier County Government General Terms and Conditions
- (3) RFP# 011723, including Addendum # 1-5
- (4) The Contractor's bid/Offeror's proposal response dated May 24, 2023, all which documents are incorporated herein.


IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Contract to be duly executed intending to be bound thereby.

Carter Machinery Company,
Inc.

By: [Signature]
Title: EVP
Date: 8-23-24

Fauquier County Government,
a political subdivision of the Commonwealth
of Virginia

By: Jeff Campbell
Title: Procurement Officer III - Acting Procurement Mgr
Date: 8/26/24

	APPROVED AS TO FORM
<u>[Signature]</u> COUNTY ATTORNEY	<u>9/24</u> DATE

GENERAL TERMS, CONDITIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS/OFFERORS

Revised 08/05/2021

Vendor: These general rules and conditions shall apply to all purchases and be a part of each solicitation and every contract awarded by the Procurement Division, unless otherwise specified. The Procurement Division is responsible for the purchasing activity of Fauquier County, which is comprised of the Fauquier County Board of Supervisors, a body politic and political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the Constitutional Officers of Fauquier County, Virginia, and the Fauquier County School Board, a body corporate. The term "Owner" as used herein refers to the contracting entity which is the signatory on the contract and may be either Fauquier County or the Fauquier County School Board, or both. Bidder/Offeror or their authorized representatives are expected to inform themselves fully as to the conditions, requirements, and specifications before submitting bids/proposals: failure to do so will be at the bidder's/Offeror's own risk and except as provided by law, relief cannot be secured on the plea of error.

Subject to all Federal, State and local laws, policies, resolutions, regulations, rules, limitations and legislation, bids/proposals on all solicitations issued by the Procurement Division will bind bidders/Offerors to applicable conditions and requirements herein set forth unless otherwise specified in the solicitation.

- 1. AUTHORITY**-Except as delegated in the Procurement Procedures Manual, the Purchasing Agent has the sole responsibility and authority for negotiating, placing and when necessary modifying every solicitation, contract and purchase order issued by the Owner. In the discharge of these responsibilities, the Purchasing Agent may be assisted by assigned buyers. Unless specifically delegated by the Purchasing Agent, no other Owner officer or employee is authorized to order supplies or services, enter into purchase negotiations or contracts, or in any way obligate the Owner for an indebtedness. Any purchase order or contract made which is contrary to these provisions and authorities shall be of no effect and void and the Owner shall not be bound thereby.
- 2. COMPETITION INTENDED:** It is the Owner's intent that this solicitation permit competition. It shall be the Bidder's/Offeror's responsibility to advise the Purchasing Agent in writing if any language, requirement, specification, etc., or any combination thereof, stifles competition or inadvertently restricts or limits the requirements stated in this solicitation to a single source. The Purchasing Agent must receive such notification not later than five (5) business days prior to the deadline set for acceptance of the bids/proposals.

CONDITIONS OF BIDDING

- 3. CLARIFICATION OF TERMS:** Unless otherwise specified, if any Bidder/Offeror has questions about the specifications or other solicitation documents, the prospective Bidder/Offeror should contact the buyer whose name appears on the face of the solicitation no later than five (5) business days prior to the date set for the opening of bids or receipt of proposals. Any revisions to the solicitation will be made only by addendum issued by the Buyer. Notifications regarding specifications may not be considered if received in less than five (5) business days of the date set for opening of bids/receipt of proposals.
- 4. MANDATORY USE OF OWNER FORMS AND TERMS AND CONDITIONS:** Failure to submit a bid/proposal on the official Owner forms provided for that purpose shall be a cause for rejection of the bid/proposal. Unauthorized modification of or additions to any portion of the Invitation to Bid or Request for Proposal may be cause for rejection of the bid/proposal. However, the Owner reserves the right to decide, on a case by case basis, in its sole discretion, whether to reject any bid or proposal which has been modified.
- 5. LATE BIDS/PROPOSALS & MODIFICATION OF BIDS/PROPOSALS:**

Any bid/proposal/modification received at the office designated in the solicitation after the exact time specified for receipt of the bid/proposal/modification is considered a late bid/proposal/modification. The Owner is not responsible for delays in the delivery of the mail by the U.S. Postal Service, private carriers or the inter-office mail system. It is the sole responsibility of the Bidder/Offeror to ensure their bid/proposal reaches the Procurement Division by the designated date and hour.

 - The official time used in the receipt of bids/proposals is that time stamp within the Bonfire Portal.
 - Late bids/proposals/modifications will be returned to the Bidder/Offeror UNOPENED, if solicitation number, acceptance date and Bidder/Offeror's return address is shown on the container.
 - If the Owner closes its offices due to inclement weather or other unforeseen emergency scheduled bid openings or receipt of proposals will be extended to the next business day, same time.
- 6. WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS/PROPOSALS:**

A Bidder/Offeror for a contract other than for public construction may request withdrawal of his or her bid/proposal under the following circumstances:

 - Bids/Proposals may be withdrawn on written request from the Bidder/Offeror received at the address shown in the solicitation prior to the time of acceptance.
 - Requests for withdrawal of bids/proposals after opening of such bids/proposals but prior to award shall be transmitted to the Purchasing Agent, in writing, accompanied by full documentation supporting the request. If the request is based on a claim of error, documentation must show the basis of the error. Such documentation may take the form of supplier quotations, vendor work sheets, etc. If bid bonds were tendered with the bid, the Owner may exercise its right of collection.

No Bid/Proposal may be withdrawn under this paragraph when the result would be the awarding of the contract on another bid/Proposal of the same bidder/Offeror or of another bidder/Offeror in which the ownership of the withdrawing bidder/Offeror is more than five percent. In the case of Invitation for Bids, if a bid is withdrawn under the authority of this paragraph, the lowest remaining bid shall be deemed to be the low bid. No bidder/Offeror that is permitted to withdraw a bid/proposal shall, for compensation, supply any material or labor to or perform any subcontract or other work agreement for the person or firm to whom the contract is awarded or otherwise benefit, directly or indirectly, from the performance of the project for which the withdrawn bid/proposal was submitted.
- 7. ERRORS IN BIDS/PROPOSALS** – When an error is made in extending total prices, the unit bid price will govern. Erasures in bids/proposals must be initialed by the bidder/Offeror. Carelessness in quoting prices, or in preparation of bid/proposal otherwise, will not relieve the Bidder/Offeror. Bidders/Offeror's are cautioned to recheck their bids/proposals for possible error. Errors discovered after public opening cannot be corrected and the bidder will be required to perform if his or her bid is accepted.
- 8. IDENTIFICATION OF BID/PROPOSAL ENVELOPE:** The signed bid/proposal and requested copies should be returned in a separate envelope or package, sealed and identified with the following information:

ADDRESSED AS INDICATED ON PAGE 1

IFB/RFP NUMBER
TITLE
BID/PROPOSAL DUE DATE AND TIME
VENDOR NAME AND COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS (RETURN ADDRESS)

If a bid/proposal is not addressed with the information as shown above, the Bidder/Offeree takes the risk that the envelope may be inadvertently opened and the information compromised, which may cause the bid/proposal to be disqualified. Bids/Proposals may be hand delivered to the designated location in the office issuing the solicitation. No other correspondence or other proposals should be placed in the envelope.

9. **ACCEPTANCE OF BIDS/PROPOSALS:** Unless otherwise specified, all formal bids/proposals submitted shall be valid for a minimum period of one hundred twenty (120) calendar days following the date established for acceptance. At the end of the one hundred twenty (120) calendar days the bid/proposal may be withdrawn at the written request of the Bidder/Offeree. If the proposal is not withdrawn at that time it remains in effect until an award is made or the solicitation is canceled.
10. **CONDITIONAL BIDS:** Conditional bids are subject to rejection in whole or in part.
11. **BIDDERS PRESENT:** At the time fixed for the opening of responses to a bid, bid contents will be made public for the information of bidders and other interested parties who may be present either in person or by representative. All bids will be opened at the time and place specified and read publicly. Bid tabulations are posted on the Procurement Division's Bulletin Board for a minimum of 10 days from award date. At the time fixed for the receipt of responses for Request for Proposals, only the names of the Offerors will be read and made available to the public.
12. **RESPONSE TO SOLICITATIONS:** In the event a vendor cannot submit a bid on a solicitation, the vendor is requested to return the solicitation cover sheet with an explanation as to why the vendor is unable to bid on these requirements. Because of the large number of firms listed on the Owner's Bidders List, it may be necessary to delete from this list the names of those persons, firms or corporations who fail to respond after having been invited to bid for three (3) successive solicitations. Such deletion will be made only after formal notification of the intent to remove the firm from the Owner's Bidders List.
13. **BIDDER INTERESTED IN MORE THAN ONE BID:** If more than one bid is offered by any one party, either directly or by or in the name of his or her clerk, partner, or other persons, all such bids may be rejected. A party who has quoted prices on work, materials, or supplies to a bidder is not thereby disqualified from quoting prices to other bidders or firms submitting a bid directly for the work, materials or supplies.
14. **TAX EXEMPTION:** The Owner is exempt from the payment of any federal excise or any Virginia sales tax. The price bid must be net, exclusive of taxes. Tax exemption certificates will be furnished if requested by the Bidder/Offeree.
15. **DEBARMENT STATUS:** By submitting their bids/proposals, Bidders/Offerees certify that they are not currently debarred from submitting bids/proposals on contracts by the Owner, nor are they an agent of any person or entity that is currently debarred from submitting bids or proposals on contracts by the Owner or any agency, public entity/locality or authority of the Commonwealth of Virginia.
16. **ETHICS IN PUBLIC CONTRACTING:** The provisions contained in *Code of Virginia* §§ 2.2-4367 through 2.2-4377 (the Virginia Public Procurement Act), as amended from time to time, shall be applicable to all contracts solicited or entered into by the Owner. By submitting their bids/proposals, all Bidders/Offerees certify that their bids/proposals are made without collusion or fraud and that they have not offered or received any kickbacks or inducements from any other Bidder, Offeror, supplier, manufacturer or subcontractor in connection with their bid/proposal, and that they have not conferred on any public employee having official responsibility for this procurement transaction any payment, loan, subscription, advance, deposit of money, services or anything of more than nominal value, present or promised, unless consideration of substantially equal or greater value was exchanged.
17. **NO CONTACT POLICY:** No Bidder/Offeree shall initiate or otherwise have contact related to the solicitation with any Owner representative or employee, other than the Procurement Division, after the date and time established for receipt of bids/proposals. Any contact initiated by a Bidder/Offeree with any Owner representative, other than the Procurement Division, concerning this solicitation is prohibited and may cause the disqualification of the Bidder/Offeree from this procurement process.
18. **VIRGINIA FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT:** All proceedings, records, contracts and other public records relating to procurement transactions shall be open to the inspection of any citizen, or any interested person, firm or corporation, in accordance with the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (*Code of Virginia* § 2.2-3700 *et. seq.*) and § 2.2-4342 of the Virginia Public Procurement Act except as provided below:
 - a. Cost estimates relating to a proposed procurement transaction prepared by or for a public body shall not be open to public inspection.
 - b. Any competitive sealed bidding bidder, upon request, shall be afforded the opportunity to inspect bid records within a reasonable time after the opening of bids but prior to award, except in the event that the Owner decides not to accept any of the bids and to reopen the contract. Otherwise, bid records shall be open to public inspection only after award of the contract. Any competitive negotiation Offeror, upon request, shall be afforded the opportunity to inspect proposal records within a reasonable time after the evaluation and negotiations of proposals are completed but prior to award except in the event that the Owner decides not to accept any of the proposals and to reopen the contract. Otherwise, proposal records shall be open to the public inspection only after award of the contract except as provided in paragraph "c" below. Any inspection of procurement transaction records under this section shall be subject to reasonable restrictions to ensure the security and integrity of the records.
 - c. Trade secrets or proprietary information submitted by a bidder, Offeror or contractor in connection with a procurement transaction shall not be subject to public disclosure under the Virginia Freedom of Information and Virginia Public Procurement Acts; however, the bidder, Offeror or contractor must invoke the protections of this section prior to or upon submission of the data or other materials, and must identify the data or other materials to be protected and state the reasons why protection is necessary.
 - d. Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to require the Owner, when procuring by "competitive negotiation" (Request for Proposal), to furnish a statement of reasons why a particular proposal was not deemed to be the most advantageous to the Owner.
19. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** Contractor certifies by signing bid to the Owner that no conflict of interest exists between Contractor and Owner that interferes with fair competition and no conflict of interest exists between Contractor and any other person or organization that constitutes a conflict of interest with respect to the contract with the Owner.

SPECIFICATIONS

20. **BRAND NAME OR EQUAL ITEMS:** Unless otherwise provided in the solicitation, the name of a certain brand, make or manufacturer does not restrict bidders to the specific brand, make or manufacturer named; it conveys the general style, type, character, and quality of the article desired, and any article which the Owner

in its sole discretion determines to be the equal of that specified, considering quality, workmanship, economy of operation, and suitability for the purpose intended, shall be accepted. The Bidder is responsible to clearly and specifically indicate the product being offered and to provide sufficient descriptive literature, catalog cuts and technical detail to enable the Owner to determine if the product offered meets the requirements of the solicitation. This is required even if offering the exact brand, make or manufacturer specified. Normally in competitive sealed bidding, only the information furnished with the bid will be considered in the evaluation. Failure to furnish adequate data for evaluation purposes may result in declaring a bid non-responsive. Unless the Bidder clearly indicates in its bid/proposal that the product offered is "equal" product, such bid/proposal will be considered to offer the brand name product referenced in the solicitation.

21. **FORMAL SPECIFICATIONS:** When a solicitation contains a specification which states no substitutes, no deviation therefrom will be permitted and the bidder will be required to furnish articles in conformity with that specification.
22. **OMISSIONS & DISCREPANCIES:** Any items or parts of any equipment listed in this solicitation which are not fully described or are omitted from such specification, and which are clearly necessary for the completion of such equipment and its appurtenances, shall be considered a part of such equipment although not directly specified or called for in the specifications.

The Bidder/Offeree shall abide by and comply with the true intent of the specifications and not take advantage of any unintentional error or omission, but shall fully complete every part as the true intent and meaning of the specifications and drawings. Whenever the mention is made of any articles, material or workmanship to be in accordance with laws, ordinances, building codes, underwriter's codes, A.S.T.M. regulations or similar expressions, the requirements of these laws, ordinances, etc., shall be construed as to the minimum requirements of these specifications.

23. **CONDITION OF ITEMS:** Unless otherwise specified in the solicitation, all items shall be new, in first class condition.

AWARD

24. **AWARD OR REJECTION OF BIDS:** The Purchasing Agent shall award the contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder complying with all provisions of the IFB, provided the bid price is reasonable and it is in the best interest of the Owner to accept it. Awards made in response to a RFP will be made to the highest qualified Offeror whose proposal is determined, in writing, to be the most advantageous to the Owner taking into consideration the evaluation factors set forth in the RFP. The Purchasing Agent reserves the right to award a contract by individual items, in the aggregate, or in combination thereof, or to reject any or all bids/proposals and to waive any informality in bids/proposals received whenever such rejection or waiver is in the best interest of the Owner. Award may be made to as many bidders/Offeror's as deemed necessary to fulfill the anticipated requirements of the Owner. The Purchasing Agent also reserves the right to reject the bid if a bidder is deemed to be a non-responsible bidder.
25. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF AWARD:** Upon the award or announcement of the decision to award a contract as a result of this solicitation, the Procurement Division will publicly post such notice on the Procurement Website at <http://www.fauquiercounty.gov/government/departments-h-z/procurement>
26. **QUALIFICATIONS OF BIDDERS OR OFFERORS:** The Owner may make such reasonable investigations as deemed proper and necessary to determine the ability of the Bidder/Offeree to perform the work/furnish the item(s) and the Bidder/Offeree shall furnish to the Owner all such information and data for this purpose as may be requested. The Owner reserves the right to inspect Bidder's/Offeror's physical facilities prior to award to satisfy questions regarding the Bidder's/Offeror's capabilities. The Owner further reserves the right to reject any bid or proposal if the evidence submitted by or investigations of, such Bidder/Offeree fails to satisfy the Owner that such Bidder/Offeree is properly qualified to carry out the obligations of the contract and to complete the work/furnish the item(s) contemplated therein.
27. **TIE BIDS:** In the case of a tie bid, the Owner may give preference to goods, services and construction produced in Fauquier County or provided by persons, firms or corporations having principal places of business in the County. If such choice is not available, preference shall then be given to goods and services produced in the Commonwealth pursuant to *Code of Virginia* § 2.2-4324. If no County or Commonwealth choice is available, the tie shall be decided by lot.

CONTRACT PROVISIONS

28. **APPLICABLE LAW AND COURTS:** Any contract resulting from this solicitation shall be governed and construed in all respects by the laws of Virginia, and any litigation with respect thereto shall only be brought in the appropriate General District or Circuit Court of Fauquier County, Virginia. The Contractor shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations.
29. **ANTITRUST:** By entering into a contract, the Contractor conveys, sells, assigns, and transfers to the Owner all rights, title and interest in and to all causes of the action it may now have or hereafter acquire under the antitrust laws of the United States and the Commonwealth of Virginia, relating to the particular goods or services purchased or acquired by the Owner under said contract. This includes, but is not limited to, overcharges as to goods and/or services provided in connection with this contract resulting from antitrust violations that arise under United States' or the Commonwealth's antitrust laws. Consistent and continued tie bidding could cause rejection of bids by the Purchasing Agent and/or investigation for antitrust violations.
30. **INVOICING AND PAYMENT TERMS:** Unless otherwise provided in the solicitation payment will be made forty-five (45) days after receipt of a proper invoice, or forty-five (45) days after receipt of all goods or acceptance of work, whichever is the latter.
 - a. Invoices for items/services ordered, delivered/performed and accepted shall be submitted by the Contractor directly to the payment address shown on the purchase order/contract. All invoices shall show the contract number, purchase order number, and any federal employer identification number.
 - b. Any payment terms requiring payment in less than 45 days will be regarded as requiring payment 45 days after invoice or delivery, whichever occurs last. This shall not affect offers of discounts for payment in less than 45 days, however.
 - c. The date of payment shall be deemed the date of postmark in all cases where payment is made by mail.
 - d. The Owner's fiscal year is July 1 - June 30. Contractors must submit invoices, especially for goods and/or services provided in the month of JUNE, for the entire month i.e. June 1 - June 30, so that expenses are recognized in the appropriate fiscal year.
 - e. Any payment made by the Contractor to the Owner shall only be made in U.S. Dollars. If payment is received in foreign currency the Owner may, in its sole discretion, reject such payment and require immediate compensation in U.S. Dollars.
31. **PAYMENT TO SUBCONTRACTORS:** A contractor awarded a contract under this solicitation is hereby obligated:
 - a. To pay the subcontractor(s) within seven (7) days of the contractor's receipt of payment from the Owner for the proportionate share of the payment received for work performed by the subcontractor(s) under the contract; or
 - b. To notify the Owner and the subcontractor(s), in writing, of the contractor's intention to withhold payment and the reason.

The contractor is obligated to pay the subcontractor(s) interest at the rate of one percent per month compounded monthly (unless otherwise provided under the terms of the contract) on all amounts owed by the contractor that remain unpaid seven (7) days following receipt of payment from the Owner, except for amounts withheld as stated in 2 above. The date of mailing of any payment by postage prepaid U.S. Mail is deemed to be payment to the addressee. These provisions apply to each sub-tier contractor performing under the primary contract. A contractor's obligation to pay an interest charge to a subcontractor may not be construed to be an obligation of the Owner.

32. **ASSIGNMENT OF CONTRACT:** A contract shall not be assignable by the Contractor in whole or in part without the written consent of the Purchasing Agent.
33. **DEFAULT:** In case of failure to deliver goods or services in accordance with the contract terms and conditions, the Owner, after due oral or written notice, may procure them from other sources and hold the Contractor responsible for any resulting additional purchase and administrative costs. This remedy shall be in addition to another remedies which the Owner may have.
34. **ANTI-DISCRIMINATION:** By submitting their bids/proposals, Bidders/Offeror's certify to the Owner that they will conform to the provisions of the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, as well as the Virginia Fair Employment Contracting Act of 1975, as amended, where applicable, the Virginians with Disabilities Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Virginia Human Rights Act (*Code of Virginia* § 2.2-3900 *et seq.*) and § 2.2-4311 of the Virginia Public Procurement Act. If the award is made to a faith-based organization, the organization shall not discriminate against any recipient of goods, services, or disbursements made pursuant to the contract on the basis of the recipient's religion, religious belief, refusal to participate in a religious practice, or on the basis of race, age, color, gender or national origin and shall be subject to the same rules as other organizations that contract with public bodies to account for the use of the funds provided; however, if the faith-based organization segregates public funds into separate accounts, only the accounts and programs funded with public funds shall be subject to audit by the public body. (*Code of Virginia*, § 2.2-4343.1(E)).

In every contract over \$10,000 the provisions in A and B below apply:

- a. During the performance of this contract, the Contractor agrees as follows:
- 1) The Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, age, disability, or any other basis prohibited by state law relating to discrimination in employment, except where there is a bona fide occupational qualification reasonably necessary to the normal operation of the contractor. The Contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.
 - 2) The Contractor, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Contractor, will state that such Contractor is an equal opportunity employer.
 - 3) Notices, advertisements and solicitations placed in accordance with federal law, rule or regulation shall be deemed sufficient for the purpose of meeting the requirements of this section.
- b. The Contractor will include the provisions of a. above in every subcontract or purchase order over \$10,000, so that the provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor.
35. **CHANGES TO THE CONTRACT:** Changes can only be made to the contract in one of the following ways:
- a. The parties may agree in writing to modify the scope of the contract. An increase or decrease in the price of the contract resulting from such modification shall be agreed to by the parties as a part of their written agreement to modify the scope of the contract.
 - b. The Owner may order changes within the general scope of the contract at any time by written notice to the Contractor. Changes within the scope of the contract include, but are not limited to, things such as services to be performed, the method of packing or shipment, and the place of delivery or installation. The Contractor shall comply with the notice upon receipt. The Contractor shall be compensated for any additional costs incurred as the result of such order and shall give the Owner a credit for any savings. Said compensation shall be determined by one of the following methods.
 - 1) By mutual agreement between the parties in writing; or
 - 2) By agreeing in writing upon a unit price or using a unit price set forth in the contract, if the work to be done can be expressed in units, and the contractor accounts for the number of units of work performed, subject to the Owner's right to audit the Contractor's records and/or determine the correct number of units independently; or
 - 3) By ordering the Contractor to proceed with the work and keep a record of all costs incurred and savings realized. A markup for overhead and profit may be allowed if provided by the contract. The same markup shall be used for determining a decrease in price as the result of savings realized. The Contractor shall present the Owner with all vouchers and records of expenses incurred and savings realized. The Owner shall have the right to audit the records of the Contractor as it deems necessary to determine costs or savings. Any claim for an adjustment in price under this provision must be asserted by written notice to the Procurement Division within thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of the written order from the Procurement Division. If the parties fail to agree on an amount of adjustment, the questions of an increase or decrease in the contract price or time for performance shall be resolved in accordance with the procedures for relieving disputes provided by the Disputes Clause of this contract. Neither the existence of a claim nor a dispute resolution process, litigation or any other provision of this contract shall excuse the Contractor from promptly complying with the changes ordered by the Owner or with the performance of the contract generally.
 - c. No modification for a fixed price contract may be increased by more than 25% or \$50,000, whichever is greater without the advanced written approval of the Board of Supervisors or the School Board, as applicable.
36. **INDEMNIFICATION:** Contractor shall indemnify, keep and save harmless the Owner, its agents, officials, employees and volunteers against claims of injuries, death, damage to property, patent claims, suits, liabilities, judgments, cost and expenses which may otherwise accrue against the Owner in consequence of the granting of a contract or which may otherwise result therefrom, if it shall be determined that the act was caused through negligence or error, or omission of the Contractor or his or her employees, or that of the subcontractor or his or her employees, if any; and the Contractor shall, at his or her own expense, appear, defend and pay all charges of attorneys and all costs and other expenses arising therefrom or incurred in connection therewith; and if any judgment shall be rendered against the Owner in any such action, the Contractor shall, at his or her own expenses, satisfy and discharge the same. Contractor expressly understands and agrees that any performance bond or insurance protection required by this contract, or otherwise provided by the Contractor, shall in no way limit the responsibility to indemnify, keep and save harmless and defend the Owner as herein provided.
37. **DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE:** During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees to (i) provide a drug-free workplace for the contractor's employees; (ii) post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, sale, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of a controlled substance or marijuana is prohibited in the contractor's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violations of such prohibition; (iii) state in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractor that the contractor maintains a drug-free workplace; and (iv) include the provisions of the foregoing clauses in every subcontract or purchase order of over \$10,000, so that the provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor.

For the purposes of this section, “*drug-free workplace*” means a site for the performance of work done in connection with a specific contract awarded to a contractor in accordance with this chapter, the employees of whom are prohibited from engaging in the unlawful manufacture, sale, distribution, dispensation, possession or use of any controlled substance or marijuana during the performance of the contract.

38. **TERMINATION:** Subject to the provisions below, the contract may be terminated by the Owner upon thirty (30) days advance written notice to the other party. Any contract cancellation notice shall not relieve the contractor of the obligation to deliver and/or perform on all outstanding orders issued prior to the effective date of cancellation.
- Termination for Convenience:** In the event that the contract is terminated upon request and for the convenience of the Owner, without the required thirty (30) days advance notice, then the Owner shall be responsible for payment of services up to the termination date.
 - Termination for Cause:** Termination by the Owner for cause, default or negligence on the part of the contractor shall be excluded from the foregoing provision; termination costs, if any shall not apply. However, pursuant to the Default provision of these General Conditions, the Owner may hold the contractor responsible for any resulting additional purchase and administrative costs. The thirty (30) days advance notice requirement is waived in the event of Termination for Cause.
 - Termination Due to Unavailability of Funds in Succeeding Fiscal Years:** When funds are not appropriated or otherwise made available to support continuation of performance in a subsequent fiscal year, the contract shall be canceled without any liability or penalty to Owner.

39. USE OF CONTRACT BY OTHER PUBLIC BODIES: Except as prohibited by the current *Code of Virginia*, all resultant contracts will be extended, with the authorization of the Contractor, to other public bodies of the Commonwealth of Virginia and all currently active members of the Metropolitan-Washington Council of Governments (MWCOG) or, Mid-Atlantic Purchasing Team, to permit their ordering of supplies and/or services at the prices and terms of the resulting contract. If any other public body decides to use the final contract, the Contractor must deal directly with that public body concerning the placement or orders, issuance of the purchase order, contractual disputes, invoicing and payment. Fauquier County acts only as the “Contracting Agent” for these public bodies. Any resulting contract with other public bodies shall be governed by the laws of that specific entity. It is the Contractor’s responsibility to notify the public bodies of the availability of the contract. Fauquier County shall not be held liable for any costs or damage incurred by another public body as a result of any award extended to that public body by the Contractor.

40. **AUDIT:** The Contractor hereby agrees to retain all books, records and other documents relative to this contract for five years after final payment, or until audited by the Owner, whichever is sooner. The agency, its authorized agents, and/or Owner auditors shall have full access to and right to examine any of said materials during said period.
41. **SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY NOTIFICATION:** The Contractor shall not employ on school property any employee who is a registered sex offender and shall enforce the same restriction upon all sub-contractors and agents of Contractor. Prior to starting work and quarterly during performance of the work, the Contractor shall check the Virginia State Police Sex Offender Registry to verify sex offender status of all employees and agents of Contractor and Sub-Contractors who are employed on school property by the Contractor or Sub-Contractor. The Contractor shall furnish the Owner with evidence verifying compliance with the services.

Prior to starting work on-site, the Contractor shall submit a completed Fauquier County Public Schools “CERTIFICATION OF NO CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN” form, a copy of which is included in this solicitation.

42. **COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL LAWS AND FEDERAL IMMIGRATION LAW:** During the term of any contract, the Contractor does not, and shall not during the performance of the contract for goods and services in the Commonwealth of Virginia, knowingly employ an unauthorized alien as defined in the Federal Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986.
43. **ASBESTOS NOTIFICATION:** As required by the Environmental Protection Agency Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act 40 CFR, subpart E, 763.93, information regarding asbestos inspections, response actions, and post response activities is on file in a full asbestos report located in the main office of each school. Contractors bear full responsibility to review this material prior to commencing any activity at a school site.
44. **VIRGINIA STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION:** If required by law, the Contractor shall maintain a valid certificate of authority or registration to transact business in Virginia with the Virginia State Corporation Commission as required by Title 13.1 of the *Code of Virginia*, during the term of the Contract or any Contract renewal. The Contractor shall not allow its existence to lapse or its certificate of authority or registration to transact business in the Commonwealth to be revoked or cancelled at any time during the terms of the contract. If the Contractor fails to remain in compliance with the provisions of this section, the contract is voidable at the option of Owner.
45. **ADA WEBSITE-RELATED ACCESSIBILITY:** Any Contractor who performs services, designs, develops content, maintains or otherwise bears responsibility for the content and format of Owner’s website(s) or third-party programs accessed through Owner’s website(s), acknowledges receipt of, and responsibility to implement the accessibility standards found in the U.S. Department of Justice publication entitled “Accessibility of State and Local Government Websites to People with Disabilities,” available at www.ada.gov/websites2.htm or, as attached directly to the solicitation. Contractor services as noted, shall conform to § 508 of Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the World Wide Web Consortium’s (W3C) Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG 2.0 AA), most current versions, in addition to the Owner’s web accessibility policy.

DELIVERY PROVISION

46. **SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS-CONSIGNMENT:** Unless otherwise specified in the solicitation each case, crate, barrel, package, etc., delivered under the contract must be plainly stenciled or securely tagged, stating the Contractor’s name, purchase order number, and delivery address as indicated in the order. Where shipping containers are to be used, each container must be marked with the purchase order number, name of the Contractor, the name of the item, the item number, and the quantity contained therein. Deliveries must be made within the hours of 8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Deliveries at any other time will not be accepted unless specific arrangements have been previously made with the designated individual at the delivery point. No deliveries will be accepted on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays unless previous arrangements have been made. It shall be the responsibility of the contractor to insure compliance with these instructions for items that are drop-shipped.
47. **RESPONSIBILITY FOR SUPPLIES TENDERED:** The Contractor shall be responsible for the materials or supplies covered by the contract until they are delivered at the designated point, but the Contractor shall bear all risk on rejected materials or supplies after notice of rejection. Rejected materials or supplies must be removed by and at the expense of the contractor promptly after notification of rejection, unless public health and safety require immediate destruction or other disposal of rejected delivery. If rejected materials are not removed by the Contractor within ten (10) days after date of notification, the Owner may return the rejected materials or supplies to the Contractor at his or her risk and expense or dispose of them as its own property.

48. **INSPECTIONS:** The Owner reserves the right to conduct any test/inspection it may deem advisable to assure supplies and services conform to the specification. Inspection and acceptance of materials or supplies will be made after delivery at destinations herein specified unless otherwise stated. If inspection is made after delivery at destination herein specified, the Owner will bear the expense of inspection except for the value of samples used in case of rejection. Final inspection shall be conclusive except in regard to latent defects, fraud or such gross mistakes as to amount to fraud. Final inspection and acceptance or rejection of the materials or supplies will be made as promptly as practicable, but failure to inspect and accept or reject materials or supplies shall not impose liability on the Owner for such materials or supplies as are not in accordance with the specifications.
49. **COMPLIANCE:** Delivery must be made as ordered and in accordance with the solicitation or as directed by the Procurement Division when not in conflict with the bid/contract. The decision as to reasonable compliance with delivery terms shall be final. Burden of proof of delay in receipt of goods by the purchaser shall rest with the Contractor. Any request for extension of time of delivery from that specified must be approved by the Procurement Division, such extension applying only to the particular item or shipment affected. Should the Contractor be delayed by the Owner, there shall be added to the time of completion a time equal to the period of such delay caused by the Owner. However, the contractor shall not be entitled to claim damages of extra compensation for such delay or suspension. These conditions may vary for construction contracts.
50. **POINT OF DESTINATION:** All materials shipped to the Owner must be shipped F.O.B. DESTINATION unless otherwise stated in the contract. The materials must be delivered to the "Ship To" address indicated on the purchase order.
51. **REPLACEMENT:** Materials or components that have been rejected by the Procurement Division, in accordance with the terms of the contract, shall be replaced by the Contractor at no cost to the Owner.
52. **PACKING SLIPS OR DELIVERY TICKETS:** All shipments shall be accompanied by Packing Slips or Delivery Tickets and shall contain the following information for each item delivered:
- Purchase Order Number,
 - Name of Article and Stock Number,
 - Quantity Ordered,
 - Quantity Shipped,
 - Quantity Back Ordered,
 - The Name of the Contractor.

Contractors are cautioned that failure to comply with these conditions shall be considered sufficient reason for refusal to accept the goods.

BIDDER/CONTRACTOR REMEDIES

53. **PROTEST OF AWARD OR DECISION TO AWARD:** Any Bidder/Offeror who desires to protest the award or decision to award a contract, by either Fauquier County or the Fauquier County School Board, shall submit such protest in writing to the County Administrator (if the award or decision to award was made by Fauquier County) or the Superintendent of Schools (if the award or decision to award was made by the Fauquier County School Board), no later than ten (10) days after public notice of the award or announcement of the decision to award, whichever comes first. No protest shall lie for a claim that the selected bidder/Offeror is not a responsible bidder/Offeror. The written protest shall include the basis for the protest and the relief sought. The County Administrator or the Superintendent of Schools, as the case may be, shall issue a decision in writing within ten (10) days stating the reasons for the action taken. This decision shall be final unless the bidder/Offeror appeals within ten (10) days of the written decision by instituting legal action as provided in § VIII.H.3 of the County's Procurement Policy. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to permit an Offeror to challenge the validity of the terms or conditions of the solicitation.
54. **DISPUTES:** Contractual claims, whether for money or other relief, shall be submitted in writing to the Superintendent of Schools (if the claim is against the Fauquier County School Board) or the County Administrator (if the claim is against Fauquier County) no later than sixty (60) days after final payment; however, written notice of the Contractor's intention to file such claim shall have been given at the time of the occurrence or beginning of the work upon which the claim is based. Nothing herein shall preclude a contract from requiring submission of an invoice for final payment within a certain time after completion and acceptance of the work or acceptance of the goods. Pendency of claims shall not delay payment of amount agreed due in the final payment. A written decision upon any such claims will be made by the School Board (if the claim is against the Fauquier County School Board) or the County Board of Supervisors (if the claim is against Fauquier County) within sixty (60) days after submittal of the claim. The Contractor may not institute legal action prior to receipt of the School Board or Board of Supervisors (whichever is applicable) decision on the claim unless the applicable party fails to render such decision within sixty (60) days. The decision of the School Board or Board of Supervisors (as applicable) shall be final and conclusive unless the Contractor within six (6) months of the date of the final decision on a claim, initiates legal action as provided in *Code of Virginia* § 2.2-4364. Failure of the School Board or Board of Supervisors to render a decision within sixty (60) days shall not result in the Contractor being awarded the relief claimed nor shall it result in any other relief or penalty. Should the School Board or Board of Supervisors (as applicable) fail to render a decision within sixty (60) days after submittal of the claim, the Contractor may institute legal action within six (6) months after such 60-day period shall have expired, or the claim shall be deemed finally resolved. No administrative appeals procedure pursuant to *Code of Virginia* § 2.2-4365 has been established for contractual claims under this contract.



RFP #011723
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
for
Heavy Construction Equipment with Related Attachments and Technology

Proposal Due Date: January 17, 2023, 4:30 p.m., Central Time

Sourcewell, a State of Minnesota local government unit and service cooperative, is requesting proposals for Heavy Construction Equipment with Related Attachments and Technology to result in a contracting solution for use by its Participating Entities. Sourcewell Participating Entities include thousands of governmental, higher education, K-12 education, nonprofit, tribal government, and other public agencies located in the United States and Canada. A full copy of the Request for Proposals can be found on the Sourcewell Procurement Portal [<https://proportal.sourcewell-mn.gov>]. Only proposals submitted through the Sourcewell Procurement Portal will be considered. Proposals are due no later than January 17, 2023, at 4:30 p.m. Central Time, and late proposals will not be considered.

SOLICITATION SCHEDULE

Public Notice of RFP Published:	November 15, 2022
Pre-proposal Conference:	December 6, 2022, 10:00 a.m., Central Time
Question Submission Deadline:	January 9, 2023, 4:30 p.m., Central Time
Proposal Due Date:	January 17, 2023, 4:30 p.m., Central Time Late responses will not be considered.
Opening:	January 17, 2023, 6:30 p.m., Central Time See RFP Section V.G. "Opening"

I. ABOUT SOURCEWELL

A. SOURCEWELL

Sourcewell is a State of Minnesota local government unit and service cooperative created under the laws of the State of Minnesota (Minnesota Statutes Section 123A.21) that facilitates a competitive public solicitation and contract award process for the benefit of its 50,000+ participating entities across the United States and Canada. Sourcewell's solicitation process complies with State of Minnesota law and policies, conforms to Canadian trade agreements (including Canadian Free Trade Agreement, Ontario-Quebec Trade and Cooperation Agreement, and Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement, as applicable), and results in cooperative purchasing solutions from which Sourcewell's Participating Entities procure equipment, products, and services.

Cooperative purchasing provides participating entities and suppliers increased administrative efficiencies and the power of combined purchasing volume that result in overall cost savings. At times, Sourcewell also partners with other purchasing cooperatives to combine the purchasing volume of their membership into a single solicitation and contract expanding the reach of contracted suppliers' potential pool of end users.

Sourcewell uses a website-based platform, the Sourcewell Procurement Portal, through which all proposals to this RFP must be submitted.

B. USE OF RESULTING CONTRACTS

In the United States, Sourcewell's contracts are available for use by:

- Federal and state government entities¹;
- Cities, towns, and counties/parishes;
- Education service cooperatives;
- K-12 and higher education entities;
- Tribal government entities;
- Some nonprofit entities; and
- Other public entities.

In Canada, Sourcewell's contracts are available for use by:

- Provincial and territorial government departments, ministries, agencies, boards, councils, committees, commissions, and similar agencies;
- Indigenous self-governing bodies;
- Regional, local, district, and other forms of municipal government, municipal organizations, school boards, and publicly funded academic, health, and social service

¹ Pursuant to HAR §3-128-2, the State of Hawaii, Department of Accounting and General Services, State Procurement Office, on behalf of the State of Hawaii and participating jurisdictions, has provided notice of its Intent to Participate in the solicitation as a participating entity.

entities referred to as MASH sector (this should be construed to include but not be limited to the Cities of Calgary, Edmonton, Toronto, Ottawa, and Winnipeg), as well as any corporation or entity owned or controlled by one or more of the preceding entities;

- Crown corporations, government enterprises, and other entities that are owned or controlled by these entities through ownership interest; and
- Members of the Canoe procurement group of Canada, and their partner associations: Canoe members are regional, local, district or other forms of municipal government, school boards, publicly-funded academic, health and social service entities in Alberta and across Canada, as well as any corporation or entity owned or controlled by one or more of the preceding entities – as well as partner associations, including Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities, Association of Manitoba Municipalities, Local Authorities Services/Association of Municipalities Ontario, Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities, Federation of Prince Edward Island Municipalities, Municipalities Newfoundland Labrador, Union of New Brunswick Municipalities, North West Territories Association of Communities, CivicInfo BC, and their members.

For a listing of current United States and Canadian Participating Entities visit Sourcewell's website (note: there is a tab for each country): <https://www.sourcewell-mn.gov/sourcewell-for-vendors/agency-locator>.

Participating Entities typically access contracted equipment, products, or services through a purchase order issued directly to the contracted supplier. A Participating Entity may request additional terms or conditions related to a purchase. Use of Sourcewell contracts is voluntary and Participating Entities retain the right to obtain similar equipment, products, or services from other sources.

To meet Participating Entities' needs, Sourcewell broadly publishes public notice of all solicitation opportunities, including this RFP. In addition, where applicable, other purchasing cooperatives and procurement officials receive notice and are encouraged to re-post the solicitation opportunity.

Proof of publication will be available at the conclusion of the solicitation process.

II. SOLICITATION DETAILS

A. SOLUTIONS-BASED SOLICITATION

This RFP and contract award process is a solutions-based solicitation; meaning that Sourcewell is seeking equipment, products, or services that meet the general requirements of the scope of this RFP and that are commonly desired or are required by law or industry standards.

B. REQUESTED EQUIPMENT, PRODUCTS, OR SERVICES

It is expected that proposers will offer a wide array of equipment, products, or services at lower prices and with better value than what they would ordinarily offer to a single government entity, a school district, or a regional cooperative.

1. Sourcewell is seeking proposals for Heavy Construction Equipment with Related Attachments and Technology, including, but not limited to, the following types of heavy construction equipment:

- a. Wheeled, tracked, and backhoe loaders;
- b. Motor graders;
- c. Wheeled and tracked excavators;
- d. Bulldozers, compactors, scrapers, articulated and rigid haulers; and,
- e. Cranes.

Proposers may include related equipment, accessories, attachments, technology, and services, to the extent these solutions are ancillary or complementary to the equipment, products, or services being proposed.

2. A Proposal must include **at least one** of the following four equipment types to be considered within scope of this solicitation. For purposes of Section II. B. 2. and its subsections, the term “published” means information that is readily available within the proposer’s printed literature or website and the proposer has verified the accuracy of the information:

- a. A wheel loader with published net horsepower (HP) of at least 300 HP;
- b. A wheeled or tracked excavator with a published net horsepower of at least 150 HP;
- c. A motor grader with a published maximum operating weight of at least 30,000 lbs; or,
- d. A rough terrain, all terrain, crawler, floating, lattice, or telescopic crane with a published maximum lifting capacity of at least 300 tons and a published maximum boom length of at least 150 feet.

3. The primary focus of this solicitation is on Heavy Construction Equipment with Related Attachments and Technology. This solicitation should NOT be construed to include:

- a. Construction services; and,
- b. Equipment accessory, attachment, and supply only solutions.

4. This solicitation does not include those equipment, products, or services covered under categories included in pending or planned Sourcewell solicitations, or in contracts currently maintained by Sourcewell, identified below:

- a. Equipment Rental with Related Services (RFP #062320);
- b. Forklifts and Lift Trucks with Related Services (RFP #091520);

- c. Grounds Maintenance Equipment, Attachments, Accessories, and Related Services (RFP #031121);
- d. Roadway Maintenance Equipment (RFP #080521);
- e. Public Utility Equipment with Related Accessories and Supplies (RFP #110421);
- f. Roadway Paving Equipment (RFP #060122);
- g. Medium Construction Equipment with Related Accessories, Attachments, and Supplies (RFP #TBD); and,
- h. Portable Construction Equipment with Related Accessories and Attachments (RFP #TBD).

Generally, the solutions for Participating Entities are turn-key solutions, providing a combination of equipment, products and services, delivery, and installation to a properly operating status. However, equipment-only or products-only solutions may be appropriate for situations where Participating Entities possess the ability, either in-house or through local third-party contractors, to properly install and bring to operation the equipment or products being proposed.

Sourcewell prefers suppliers that provide a sole source of responsibility for the equipment, products, and services provided under a resulting contract. If proposer is including the equipment, products, and services of its subsidiary entities, the proposer must also identify all included subsidiaries in its proposal. If proposer requires the use of distributors, dealers, resellers, or subcontractors to provide the equipment, products, or services, the proposal must address how the equipment, products or services will be provided to Participating Entities, and describe the network of distributors, dealers, resellers, and/or subcontractors that will be available to serve Participating Entities under a resulting contract.

Sourcewell encourages suppliers to offer the broadest possible selection of equipment, products, and services being proposed over the largest possible geographic area and to the largest possible cross-section of Sourcewell current and future Participating Entities.

C. REQUIREMENTS

It is expected that proposers have knowledge of all applicable industry standards, laws, and regulations and possess an ability to market and distribute the equipment, products, or services to Participating Entities.

1. Safety Requirements. All items proposed must comply with current applicable safety or regulatory standards or codes.
2. Deviation from Industry Standard. Deviations from industry standards must be identified with an explanation of how the equipment, products, and services will provide equivalent function, coverage, performance, and/or related services.
3. New Equipment and Products. Proposed equipment and products must be for new, current model; however, proposer may offer certain close-out equipment or products if it is specifically noted in the Pricing proposal. Proposers may also include used

equipment, attachments, or accessories, to the extent that the offering of used equipment, attachments, accessories, is ancillary or complementary to an offering of new, current model equipment and products.

4. Delivered and operational. Unless clearly noted in the proposal, equipment and products must be delivered to the Participating Entity as operational.
5. Warranty. All equipment, products, supplies, and services must be covered by a warranty that is the industry standard or better.

D. ANTICIPATED CONTRACT TERM

Sourcewell anticipates that the term of any resulting contract(s) will be four years, with an optional one-year extension that may be offered based on the best interests of Sourcewell and its Participating Entities.

E. ESTIMATED CONTRACT VALUE AND USAGE

Based on past volume of similar contracts, the estimated annual value of all transactions from contracts resulting from this RFP are anticipated to be USD \$950 Million; therefore, proposers are expected to propose volume pricing. Sourcewell anticipates considerable activity under the contract(s) awarded from this RFP; however, sales and sales volume from any resulting contract are not guaranteed.

F. MARKETING PLAN

Proposer's sales force will be the primary source of communication with Participating Entities. The proposer's Marketing Plan should demonstrate proposer's ability to deploy a sales force or dealer network to Participating Entities, as well as proposer's sales and service capabilities. It is expected that proposer will promote and market any contract award.

G. ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

1. Contracts will be awarded to proposers able to best meet the need of Participating Entities. Proposers should submit their complete line of equipment, products, or services that are applicable to the scope of this RFP.
2. A proposer may submit only one proposal. If related, affiliated, or subsidiary entities elect to submit separate proposals, rather than a single parent-entity proposal, each such proposal must be prepared independently and without cooperation, collaboration, or collusion.
3. If a proposer works with a consultant on its proposal, the consultant (an individual or company) may not assist any other entity with a proposal for this solicitation.
4. Proposers should include all relevant information in its proposal, since Sourcewell cannot consider information that is not included in the proposal. Sourcewell reserves the right to verify proposer's information and may request clarification from a proposer, including samples of the proposed equipment or products.

5. Depending upon the responses received in a given category, Sourcewell may need to organize responses into subcategories in order to provide the broadest coverage of the requested equipment, products, or services to Participating Entities. Awards may be based on a subcategory.
6. A proposer's documented negative past performance with Sourcewell or its Participating Entities occurring under a previously awarded Sourcewell contract may be considered in the evaluation of a proposal.

III. PRICING

A. REQUIREMENTS

All proposed pricing must be:

1. Either Line-Item Pricing or Percentage Discount from Catalog Pricing, or a combination of these:
 - a. **Line-item Pricing** is pricing based on each individual product or services. Each line must indicate the proposer's published "List Price," as well as the "Contract Price."
 - b. **Percentage Discount from Catalog or Category** is based on a percentage discount from a catalog or list price, defined as a published Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) for the products or services. Individualized percentage discounts can be applied to any number of defined product groupings. Proposers will be responsible for providing and maintaining current published MSRP with Sourcewell, and this pricing must be included in its proposal and provided throughout the term of any contract resulting from this RFP.
2. The proposer's not to exceed price. A not to exceed price is the highest price for which equipment, products, or services may be billed to a Participating Entity. However, it is permissible for suppliers to sell at a price that is lower than the contracted price.
3. Stated in U.S. and Canadian dollars (as applicable).
4. Clearly understandable, complete, and fully describe the total cost of acquisition (e.g., the cost of the proposed equipment, products, and services delivered and operational for its intended purpose in the Participating Entity's location).

Proposers should clearly identify any costs that are NOT included in the proposed product or service pricing. This may include items such as installation, set up, mandatory training, or initial inspection. Include identification of any parties that impose such costs and their relationship to the proposer. Additionally, proposers should clearly describe any unique distribution and/or delivery methods or options offered in the proposal.

B. ADMINISTRATIVE FEES

Proposers awarded a contract are expected to pay to Sourcewell an administrative fee in exchange for Sourcewell facilitating the resulting contracts. The administrative fee is normally calculated as a percentage of the total sales to Participating Entities for all contracted equipment,

products, or services made during a calendar quarter, and is typically one percent (1%) to two percent (2%). In some categories, a flat fee may be an acceptable alternative.

IV. CONTRACT

Proposers awarded a contract will be required to execute a contract with Sourcewell (see attached template). Only those modifications the proposer indicates in its proposal will be available for discussion. Much of the language in the Contract reflects Minnesota legal requirements and cannot be altered. Numerous and/or onerous exceptions that contradict Minnesota law may result in the proposal being disqualified from further review and evaluation.

To request a modification to the template Contract, a proposer must submit the Exceptions to Terms, Conditions, or Specifications table with its proposal. Only those exceptions noted at the time of the proposal submission will be considered.

Exceptions must:

1. Clearly identify the affected article and section.
2. Clearly note the requested modification; and as applicable, provide requested alternative language.

Unclear requests will be automatically denied.

Only those exceptions that have been accepted by Sourcewell will be included in the contract document provided to the awarded supplier for signature.

If a proposer receives a contract award resulting from this solicitation it will have up to 30 days to sign and return the contract. After that time, at Sourcewell's sole discretion, the contract award may be revoked.

V. RFP PROCESS

A. PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE

Sourcewell will hold an optional, non-mandatory pre-proposal conference via webcast on the date and time noted in the Solicitation Schedule for this RFP and on the Sourcewell Procurement Portal. The purpose of this conference is to allow potential proposers to ask questions regarding this RFP and Sourcewell's competitive contracting process. Information about the webcast will be sent to all entities that have registered for this solicitation opportunity through their Sourcewell Procurement Portal Vendor Account. Pre-proposal conference attendance is optional.

B. QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS RFP AND ORAL COMMUNICATION

All questions regarding this RFP must be submitted through the Sourcewell Procurement Portal. The deadline for submission of questions is found in the Solicitation Schedule and on the

Sourcewell Procurement Portal. Answers to questions will be issued through an addendum to this RFP. Repetitive questions will be summarized into a single answer and identifying information will be removed from the submitted questions.

All questions, whether specific to a proposer or generally related to the RFP, must be submitted using this process. Do not contact individual Sourcewell staff to ask questions or request information as this may disqualify the proposer from responding to this RFP. Sourcewell will not respond to questions submitted after the deadline.

C. ADDENDA

Sourcewell may modify this RFP at any time prior to the proposal due date by issuing an addendum. Addenda issued by Sourcewell become a part of the RFP and will be delivered to potential proposers through the Sourcewell Procurement Portal. Sourcewell accepts no liability in connection with the delivery of any addenda.

Before a proposal will be accepted through the Sourcewell Procurement Portal, all addenda, if any, must be acknowledged by the proposer by checking the box for each addendum. It is the responsibility of the proposer to check for any addenda that may have been issued up to the solicitation due date and time.

If an addendum is issued after a proposer submitted its proposal, the Sourcewell Procurement Portal will WITHDRAW the submission and change the proposer's proposal status to INCOMPLETE. The proposer can view this status change in the "MY BIDS" section of the Sourcewell Procurement Portal Vendor Account. The proposer is solely responsible to check the "MY BIDS" section of the Sourcewell Procurement Portal Vendor Account periodically after submitting its proposal (and up to the Proposal Due Date). If the proposer's proposal status has changed to INCOMPLETE, the proposer is solely responsible to:

- i) make any required adjustments to its proposal;
- ii) acknowledge the addenda; and
- iii) ensure the re-submitted proposal is received through the Sourcewell Procurement Portal no later than the Proposal Due Date and time shown in the Solicitation Schedule above.

D. PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

Proposer's complete proposal must be submitted through the Sourcewell Procurement Portal no later than the date and time specified in the Solicitation Schedule. Any other form of proposal submission, whether electronic, paper, or otherwise, will not be considered by Sourcewell. **Late proposals will not be considered.** It is the proposer's sole responsibility to ensure that the proposal is received on time.

It is recommended that proposers allow sufficient time to upload the proposal and to resolve any issues that may arise. The time and date that a proposal is received by Sourcewell is solely determined by the Sourcewell Procurement Portal web clock.

In the event of problems with the Sourcewell Procurement Portal, follow the instructions for technical support posted in the portal. It may take up to 24 hours to respond to certain issues.

Upon successful submission of a proposal, the Sourcewell Procurement Portal will automatically generate a confirmation email to the proposer. If the proposer does not receive a confirmation email, contact Sourcewell's support provider at support@bidsandtenders.ca.

To ensure receipt of the latest information and updates via email regarding this solicitation, or if the proposer has obtained this solicitation document from a third party, the onus is on the proposer to create a Sourcewell Procurement Portal Vendor Account and register for this solicitation opportunity.

Within the Sourcewell Procurement Portal, all proposals must be digitally acknowledged by an authorized representative of the proposer attesting that the information contained in the proposal is true and accurate. By submitting a proposal, proposer warrants that the information provided is true, correct, and reliable for purposes of evaluation for potential contract award. The submission of inaccurate, misleading, or false information is grounds for disqualification from a contract award and may subject the proposer to remedies available by law.

E. GENERAL PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

Proposals must be:

- In substantial compliance with the requirements of this RFP or it will be considered nonresponsive and be rejected.
- Complete. A proposal will be rejected if it is conditional or incomplete.
- Submitted in English.
- Valid and irrevocable for 90 days following the Proposal Due Date.

Any and all costs incurred in responding to this RFP will be borne by the proposer.

F. PROPOSAL WITHDRAWAL

Prior to the proposal deadline, a proposer may withdraw its proposal.

G. OPENING

The Opening of proposals will be conducted electronically through the Sourcewell Procurement Portal. A list of all proposers will be made publicly available in the Sourcewell Procurement Portal after the Proposal Due Date, but no later than the Opening time listed in the Solicitation Schedule.

To view the list of proposers, verify that the Sourcwell Procurement Portal opportunities list search is set to “All” or “Closed.” The solicitation status will automatically change to “Closed” after the Proposal Due Date and Time.

VI. EVALUATION AND AWARD

A. EVALUATION

It is the intent of Sourcwell to award one or more contracts to responsive and responsible proposers offering the best overall quality, selection of equipment, products, and services, and price that meet the commonly requested specifications of Sourcwell and its Participating Entities. The award(s) will be limited to the number of proposers that Sourcwell determines is necessary to meet the needs of its Participating Entities.

Factors to be considered in determining the number of contracts to be awarded in any category may include the following:

- Total evaluation scores (giving consideration to natural breaks in the scoring of responsive proposals);
- The number and geographic location of highest-scoring proposers that offer:
 - A comprehensive selection of the requested equipment, products, or services;
 - A sales and service network ensuring availability and coverage for Participating Entities’ use; and
 - Other attributes of the proposer or contents of its proposal that assist Participating Entities in achieving environmental and social requirements, and goals.

Information submitted as part of a proposal should be as specific as possible when responding to the RFP. Do not assume Sourcwell has any knowledge about a specific supplier or product.

B. AWARD(S)

Award(s) will be made to the highest-scoring proposer(s) whose proposal conforms to all conditions and requirements of the RFP, and consistent with the award criteria defined in this RFP.

Sourcwell may request written clarification of a proposal at any time during the evaluation process.

Proposal evaluation will be based on the following scoring criteria and the Sourcwell Evaluator Scoring Guide (a copy is available in the Sourcwell Procurement Portal):

Conformance to RFP Requirements	50
Financial Viability and Marketplace Success	75
Ability to Sell and Deliver Service	100
Marketing Plan	50

Value Added Attributes	75
Warranty	50
Depth and Breadth of Offered Equipment, Products, or Services	200
Pricing	400
TOTAL POINTS	1000

C. PROTESTS OF AWARDS

Any protest made under this RFP by a proposer must be in writing, addressed to Sourcewell’s Executive Director, and delivered to the Sourcewell office located at 202 12th Street NE, P.O. Box 219, Staples, MN 56479. All documents that comprise the complete protest package must be received, and time stamped at the Sourcewell office by 4:30 p.m., Central Time, no later than 10 calendar days following Sourcewell’s notice of contract award(s) or non-award. and must be time stamped by Sourcewell no later than 4:30 p.m., Central Time. A protest must allege a procedural, technical, or legal defect, with supporting documentation. A protest that merely requests a re-evaluation of a proposal’s content will not be entertained

A protest must include the following items:

- The name, address, and telephone number of the protester;
- Identification of the solicitation by RFP number;
- A precise statement of the relevant facts;
- Identification of the alleged procedural, technical, or legal defect;
- Analysis of the basis for the protest;
- Any additional supporting documentation;
- The original signature of the protester or its representative; and
- Protest bond in the amount of \$20,000 (except where prohibited by law or treaty).

Protests that do not address these elements will not be reviewed.

D. RIGHTS RESERVED

This RFP does not commit Sourcewell to award any contract, and a proposal may be rejected if it is nonresponsive, conditional, incomplete, conflicting, or misleading. Proposals that contain false statements or do not support an attribute or condition stated by the proposer may be rejected.

Sourcewell reserves the right to:

- Modify or cancel this RFP at any time;
- Reject any and all proposals received;
- Reject proposals that do not comply with the provisions of this RFP;
- Select, for contracts or for discussion, a proposal other than that with the lowest cost;
- Independently verify any information provided in a proposal;

- Disqualify any proposer that does not meet the requirements of this RFP, is debarred or suspended by the United States or Canada, State of Minnesota, Participating Entity's state or province; has an officer, or other key personnel, who have been charged with a serious crime; or is bankrupt, insolvent, or where bankruptcy or insolvency are a reasonable prospect;
- Waive or modify any informalities, irregularities, or inconsistencies in the proposals received;
- Clarify any part of a proposal and discuss any aspect of the proposal with any proposer; and negotiate with more than one proposer;
- Award a contract if only one responsive proposal is received if it is in the best interest of Participating Entities; and
- Award a contract to one or more proposers if it is in the best interest of Participating Entities.

E. DISPOSITION OF PROPOSALS

All materials submitted in response to this RFP will become property of Sourcewell and will become public record in accordance with Minnesota Statutes Section 13.591, after negotiations are complete. Sourcewell considers that negotiations are complete upon execution of a resulting contract. It is the proposer's responsibility to clearly identify any data submitted that it considers to be protected. Proposer must also include a justification for the classification citing the applicable Minnesota law. Sourcewell may reject proposals that are marked confidential or nonpublic, either substantially or in their entirety.

Sourcewell will not consider the prices submitted by the proposer to be confidential, proprietary, or trade secret materials. Financial information, including financial statements, provided by a proposer is not considered trade secret under the statutory definition.



12/15/2022

Addendum No. 1

Solicitation Number: RFP 011723

Solicitation Name: Heavy Construction Equipment with Related Attachments and Technology

Consider the following Question and Answer to be part of the above-titled solicitation documents. The remainder of the documents remain unchanged.

Question 1:

Is a proposer required to have a CAGE or Unique Entity Identifier (SAM) code?

Answer 1:

A CAGE or Unique Entity Identifier (SAM) code is not required to be considered for or awarded a Sourcewell contract. Proposals are evaluated based on the criteria as stated in the RFP.

Refer to the General Instructions above Questionnaire Table 1. Respond "N/A" if a question does not apply (preferably with an explanation).

End of Addendum

Acknowledgement of this Addendum to RFP 011723 posted to the Sourcewell Procurement Portal on 12/15/2022, is required at the time of proposal submittal.



12/21/2022

Addendum No. 2

Solicitation Number: RFP 011723

Solicitation Name: Heavy Construction Equipment with Related Attachments and Technology

Consider the following amendment to be part of the above-titled solicitation documents. The remainder of the documents remain unchanged.

RFP Amendment:

As the result of the publication of two RFPs included in the equipment, products, or services of this solicitation, RFP Subsections II. B. 4. g - h. are revised to remove the (RFP #####) placeholders, update the RFP title of RFP Subsection II. B. 4. g., and insert the actual RFP numbers, to read as follows:

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- g. Medium Duty and Compact Construction Equipment with Related Attachments (RFP #020223); and,
- h. Portable Construction Equipment with Related Accessories and Attachments (RFP #020923).

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The remainder of the RFP content remains unchanged.

End of Addendum

Acknowledgement of this Addendum to RFP 011723 posted to the Sourcewell Procurement Portal on 12/21/2022, is required at the time of proposal submittal.



12/29/2022

Addendum No. 3

Solicitation Number: RFP 011723

Solicitation Name: Heavy Construction Equipment with Related Attachments and Technology

Consider the following Questions and Answers to be part of the above-titled solicitation documents. The remainder of the documents remain unchanged.

Question 1:

What information does Sourcewell require, if any, on a quote provided by an awarded supplier to a participating entity?

Answer 1:

Refer to Section 6. A. – Orders and Payment, of the Sourcewell contract template. “...order flow and procedure will be developed jointly between Sourcewell and Supplier. Typically, a Participating Entity will issue an order directly to Supplier or its authorized subsidiary, distributor, dealer, or reseller.”

Question 2:

How does Sourcewell track what is sold on the contract for administrative fee verification from an awarded supplier?

Answer 2:

Refer to Section 8. A. – Contract Sales Activity Report, of the Sourcewell contract template. “Each calendar quarter, Supplier must provide a contract sales activity report (Report) to the Sourcewell Supplier Development Administrator assigned to this Contract.

Refer also to Section 8. B. – Administrative Fee, of the Sourcewell contract template. “Supplier agrees to cooperate with Sourcewell in auditing transactions under this Contract to ensure that the administrative fee is paid on all items purchased under this Contract.”

End of Addendum

Acknowledgement of this Addendum to RFP 011723 posted to the Sourcewell Procurement Portal on 12/29/2022, is required at the time of proposal submittal.



01/6/2023

Addendum No. 4

Solicitation Number: RFP 011723

Solicitation Name: Heavy Construction Equipment with Related Attachments and Technology

Consider the following Questions and Answers to be part of the above-titled solicitation documents. The remainder of the documents remain unchanged.

Question 1:

Is there a dollar amount limit for non-contract, sourced, or open market items that can be included in a proposal? Are they also subject to the administrative fee?

Answer 1:

Sourcewell has not set a specific dollar limit for non-contract, sourced, or open market items. However, to be considered for a contract award a proposer's primary offering of equipment, products, or services must be within scope of RFP Section II. B. – Requested Equipment, Products, or Services.

Refer to RFP Section III. B. – Administrative Fees and Section 8. B. – Administrative Fee of the Sourcewell contract template for additional information regarding administrative fees. It is left to the discretion of each proposer to determine and propose an administrative fee that is consistent with its business and its industry.

Question 2:

Can you elaborate more and/or give an example on what you are looking for in the question below from Table 10, Line Item 55 from the proposal questionnaire?

Describe any standard transaction documents that you propose to use in connection with an awarded contract (order forms, terms and conditions, service level agreements, etc.). Upload a sample of each (as applicable) in the document upload section of your response.

Answer 2:

It is left to the discretion of each proposer to determine the content and format of the data and documentation that best represents their proposal. Sourcewell will consider the relevant information submitted in each proposal and apply the evaluation criteria as set forth in the RFP.

End of Addendum

Acknowledgement of this Addendum to RFP 011723 posted to the Sourcewell Procurement Portal on 01/6/2023, is required at the time of proposal submittal.



01/10/2023

Addendum No. 5

Solicitation Number: RFP 011723

Solicitation Name: Heavy Construction Equipment with Related Attachments and Technology

Consider the following Questions and Answers to be part of the above-titled solicitation documents. The remainder of the documents remain unchanged.

Question 1:

Regarding Line Item 17 of the proposer questionnaire, are there any specific licenses or certifications that you are looking for?

Answer 1:

In the competitive process, Sourcewell will not advise a proposer on the content of the proposal. It is left to the discretion of each proposer to determine the information necessary to best demonstrate their ability to serve Sourcewell participating entities. Proposals are evaluated based on the criteria stated in the RFP.

Question 2:

Regarding Line Items 24 & 25 of the proposer questionnaire, if we don't do any direct business with eligible Sourcewell participants, government, education or non-profit customers are the references required?

Answer 2:

In the competitive process, Sourcewell will not advise a proposer on the content of the proposal. It is left to the discretion of each proposer to determine the information necessary to best demonstrate their financial viability and marketplace success. Proposals are evaluated based on the criteria stated in the RFP.

End of Addendum

Acknowledgement of this Addendum to RFP 011723 posted to the Sourcewell Procurement Portal on 01/10/2023, is required at the time of proposal submittal.



Solicitation Number: RFP # 011723

CONTRACT

This Contract is between Sourcewell, 202 12th Street Northeast, P.O. Box 219, Staples, MN 56479 (Sourcewell) and **Caterpillar Inc.**, 100 NE Adams Street, Peoria, IL 61629 (Supplier).

Sourcewell is a State of Minnesota local government unit and service cooperative created under the laws of the State of Minnesota (Minnesota Statutes Section 123A.21) that offers cooperative procurement solutions to government entities. Participation is open to eligible federal, state/province, and municipal governmental entities, higher education, K-12 education, nonprofit, tribal government, and other public entities located in the United States and Canada. Sourcewell issued a public solicitation for **Heavy Construction Equipment with Related Attachments and Technology** from which Supplier was awarded a contract.

Supplier desires to contract with Sourcewell to provide equipment, products, or services to Sourcewell and the entities that access Sourcewell's cooperative purchasing contracts (Participating Entities).

1. TERM OF CONTRACT

- A. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Contract is effective upon the date of the final signature below.
- B. EXPIRATION DATE AND EXTENSION. This Contract expires April 14, 2027, unless it is cancelled sooner pursuant to Article 22. This Contract may be extended one additional year upon the request of Sourcewell and written agreement by Supplier.
- C. SURVIVAL OF TERMS. Notwithstanding any expiration or termination of this Contract, all payment obligations incurred prior to expiration or termination will survive, as will the following: Articles 11 through 14 survive the expiration or cancellation of this Contract. All other rights will cease upon expiration or termination of this Contract.

2. EQUIPMENT, PRODUCTS, OR SERVICES

- A. EQUIPMENT, PRODUCTS, OR SERVICES. Supplier will provide the Equipment, Products, or Services as stated in its Proposal submitted under the Solicitation Number listed above. Supplier's Equipment, Products, or Services Proposal (Proposal) is attached and incorporated into this Contract.

Pursuant to Section 10(b), Supplier will subcontract certain obligations under this Contract to its dealers. Only those dealers that sign a Participation Agreement with Supplier obligating them to comply with the terms of this Contract will be eligible to provide Equipment, Products, or Services as a subcontractor under this Contract. In the event there is no dealer who has entered into a Participation Agreement available to provide Equipment, Products, or Services to a Participating Entity, Supplier will be under no obligation to provide Equipment, Products, or Services to such Participating Entity under this Contract. Supplier will provide a copy of this Contract to its dealers that would normally service Participating Entities and invite such dealers to enter into a Participation Agreement as a subcontractor of Supplier under the terms of this Contract.

All Equipment and Products provided under this Contract must be new and the current model. Supplier may offer close-out or refurbished Equipment or Products if they are clearly indicated in Supplier's product and pricing list. Unless agreed to by the Participating Entities in advance, Equipment or Products must be delivered as operational to the Participating Entity's site.

This Contract offers an indefinite quantity of sales, and while substantial volume is anticipated, sales and sales volume are not guaranteed.

B. **WARRANTY.** Supplier warrants that all Equipment, Products, and Services furnished are free from liens and encumbrances, and are free from defects in design, materials, and workmanship. In addition, Supplier warrants the Equipment, Products, and Services are suitable for and will perform in accordance with the ordinary use for which they are intended. Supplier's dealers and distributors must agree to assist the Participating Entity in reaching a resolution in any dispute over warranty terms with the manufacturer. Any manufacturer's warranty that extends beyond the expiration of the Supplier's warranty will be passed on to the Participating Entity.

C. **DEALERS, DISTRIBUTORS, AND/OR RESELLERS.** Upon Contract execution and throughout the Contract term, Supplier must provide to Sourcewell a current means to validate or authenticate Supplier's authorized dealers, distributors, or resellers relative to the Equipment, Products, and Services offered under this Contract, which will be incorporated into this Contract by reference. It is the Supplier's responsibility to ensure Sourcewell receives the most current information.

3. PRICING

All Equipment, Products, or Services under this Contract will be priced at or below the percentage list discount stated in the supplier's proposal.

Upon request made to a participating CAT dealer, from a Participating Entity identifying themselves as a Sourcewell member by providing their Sourcewell member number and contract number; formal quotes will list all costs, including all delivery expenses, such as freight and permits (when required).

Alternatively, Participating Entities may choose to make their own transportation arrangements. In such case, there would be no delivery charges from the local participating Cat dealer.

Regardless of the payment method chosen by the Participating Entity, the total cost associated with any purchase option of the Equipment, Products, or Services must always be disclosed in the pricing quote to the applicable Participating Entity at the time of purchase.

A. **SHIPPING AND SHIPPING COSTS.** All delivered Equipment and Products must be properly packaged. Damaged Equipment and Products may be rejected. If the damage is not readily apparent at the time of delivery, Supplier must permit the Equipment and Products to be returned within a reasonable time at no cost to Sourcewell or its Participating Entities. Participating Entities reserve the right to inspect the Equipment and Products at a reasonable time after delivery where circumstances or conditions prevent effective inspection of the Equipment and Products at the time of delivery. In the event of the delivery of nonconforming Equipment and Products, the Participating Entity will notify the Supplier as soon as possible and the Supplier will replace nonconforming Equipment and Products with conforming Equipment and Products that are acceptable to the Participating Entity.

Supplier must arrange for and pay for the return shipment on Equipment and Products that arrive in a defective or inoperable condition.

Sourcewell may declare the Supplier in breach of this Contract if the Supplier intentionally delivers substandard or inferior Equipment or Products.

B. **SALES TAX.** Each Participating Entity is responsible for supplying the Supplier with valid tax-exemption certification(s). When ordering, a Participating Entity must indicate if it is a tax-exempt entity.

C. **HOT LIST PRICING.** At any time during this Contract, Supplier may offer a specific selection of Equipment, Products, or Services at discounts greater than those listed in the Contract. When Supplier determines it will offer Hot List Pricing, it must be submitted electronically to Sourcewell in a line-item format. Equipment, Products, or Services may be added or removed from the Hot List at any time through a Sourcewell Price and Product Change Form as defined in Article 4 below.

Hot List program and pricing may also be used to discount and liquidate close-out and discontinued Equipment and Products as long as those close-out and discontinued items are clearly identified as such. Current ordering process and administrative fees apply. Hot List Pricing must be published and made available to all Participating Entities.

4. PRODUCT AND PRICING CHANGE REQUESTS

Supplier may request Equipment, Product, or Service changes, additions, or deletions at any time. All requests must be made in writing by submitting a signed Sourcewell Price and Product Change Request Form to the assigned Sourcewell Supplier Development Administrator. This approved form is available from the assigned Sourcewell Supplier Development Administrator. At a minimum, the request must:

- Identify the applicable Sourcewell contract number;
- Clearly specify the requested change;
- Provide sufficient detail to justify the requested change;
- Individually list all Equipment, Products, or Services affected by the requested change, along with the requested change (e.g., addition, deletion, price change); and
- Include a complete restatement of pricing documentation in Microsoft Excel with the effective date of the modified pricing, or product addition or deletion. The new pricing restatement must include all Equipment, Products, and Services offered, even for those items where pricing remains unchanged.

A fully executed Sourcewell Price and Product Request Form will become an amendment to this Contract and will be incorporated by reference.

5. PARTICIPATION, CONTRACT ACCESS, AND PARTICIPATING ENTITY REQUIREMENTS

A. PARTICIPATION. Sourcewell's cooperative contracts are available and open to public and nonprofit entities across the United States and Canada; such as federal, state/province, municipal, K-12 and higher education, tribal government, and other public entities. Supplier may not enter into a contract with a U.S. Federal Government entity prior to obtaining necessary internal approvals and shall not be obligated to provide Equipment, Products or Services to any U.S. Federal Government entity under this Contract unless separately agreed in writing. Caterpillar may work with such parties and may agree to provide equipment or services under the Contract on a case-by-case basis.

The benefits of this Contract should be available to all Participating Entities that can legally access the Equipment, Products, or Services under this Contract. A Participating Entity's authority to access this Contract is determined through its cooperative purchasing, interlocal, or joint powers laws. Any entity accessing benefits of this Contract will be considered a Service Member of Sourcewell during such time of access. Supplier understands that a Participating Entity's use of this Contract is at the Participating Entity's sole convenience and Participating Entities reserve the right to obtain like Equipment, Products, or Services from any other source.

Supplier is responsible for familiarizing its sales and service forces with Sourcewell contract use eligibility requirements and documentation and will encourage potential participating entities

to join Sourcewell. Sourcewell reserves the right to add and remove Participating Entities to its roster during the term of this Contract.

B. PUBLIC FACILITIES. Supplier's employees may be required to perform work at government-owned facilities, including schools. Supplier's employees and agents must conduct themselves in a professional manner while on the premises, and in accordance with Participating Entity policies and procedures, and all applicable laws.

6. PARTICIPATING ENTITY USE AND PURCHASING

A. ORDERS AND PAYMENT. To access the contracted Equipment, Products, or Services under this Contract, a Participating Entity must clearly indicate to Supplier that it intends to access this Contract; however, order flow and procedure will be developed jointly between Sourcewell and Supplier. Typically, a Participating Entity will issue an order directly to Participating Dealers with payments made to the Participating Dealers. If a Participating Entity issues a purchase order, it may use its own forms, but the purchase order should clearly note the applicable Sourcewell contract number. All Participating Entity orders under this Contract must be issued prior to expiration or cancellation of this Contract; however, Supplier performance, Participating Entity payment obligations, and any applicable warranty periods or other Supplier or Participating Entity obligations may extend beyond the term of this Contract.

Supplier's acceptable forms of payment are included in its attached Proposal. Participating Entities will be solely responsible for payment and Sourcewell will have no liability for any unpaid invoice of any Participating Entity.

B. ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS/PARTICIPATING ADDENDUM. Additional terms and conditions to a purchase order, or other required transaction documentation, may be negotiated between a Participating Entity and Supplier's Participating Dealer, such as job or industry-specific requirements, legal requirements (e.g., affirmative action or immigration status requirements), or specific local policy requirements. Some Participating Entities may require the use of a Participating Addendum, the terms of which will be negotiated directly between the Participating Entity and Supplier's Participating Dealer or its authorized dealers, distributors, or resellers, as applicable. Any negotiated additional terms and conditions must never be less favorable to the Participating Entity than what is contained in this Contract.

C. SPECIALIZED SERVICE REQUIREMENTS. In the event that the Participating Entity requires service or specialized performance requirements not addressed in this Contract (such as e-commerce specifications, specialized delivery requirements, or other specifications and requirements), the Participating Entity and the Supplier may enter into a separate, standalone agreement, apart from this Contract. Sourcewell, including its agents and employees, will not be made a party to a claim for breach of such agreement.

D. **TERMINATION OF ORDERS.** Participating Entities may terminate an order, in whole or in part, immediately upon notice to Supplier in the event of any of the following events:

1. The Participating Entity fails to receive funding or appropriation from its governing body at levels sufficient to pay for the equipment, products, or services to be purchased; or
2. Federal, state, or provincial laws or regulations prohibit the purchase or change the Participating Entity's requirements.

E. **GOVERNING LAW AND VENUE.** The governing law and venue for any action related to a Participating Entity's order will be determined by the Participating Entity making the purchase.

7. CUSTOMER SERVICE

A. **PRIMARY ACCOUNT REPRESENTATIVE.** Supplier will assign an Account Representative to Sourcwell for this Contract and must provide prompt notice to Sourcwell if that person is changed. The Account Representative will be responsible for:

- Maintenance and management of this Contract;
- Timely response to all Sourcwell and Participating Entity inquiries; and
- Business reviews to Sourcwell and Participating Entities, if applicable.

B. **BUSINESS REVIEWS.** Supplier must perform a minimum of one business review with Sourcwell per contract year. The business review will cover sales to Participating Entities, pricing and contract terms, administrative fees, sales data reports, performance issues, supply issues, customer issues, and any other necessary information.

8. REPORT ON CONTRACT SALES ACTIVITY AND ADMINISTRATIVE FEE PAYMENT

A. **CONTRACT SALES ACTIVITY REPORT.** Each calendar quarter, Supplier must provide a contract sales activity report (Report) to the Sourcwell Supplier Development Administrator assigned to this Contract. Reports are due no later than 45 days after the end of each calendar quarter. A Report must be provided regardless of the number or amount of sales during that quarter (i.e., if there are no sales, Supplier must submit a report indicating no sales were made).

The Report must contain the following fields:

- Participating Entity Name (e.g., City of Staples Highway Department);
- Participating Entity Physical Street Address;
- Participating Entity City;
- Participating Entity State/Province;
- Participating Entity Zip/Postal Code;

- Participating Entity Contact Name;
- Participating Entity Contact Email Address;
- Participating Entity Contact Telephone Number;
- Sourcwell Assigned Entity/Participating Entity Number;
- Item Purchased Description;
- Item Purchased Price;
- Sourcwell Administrative Fee Applied; and
- Date Purchase was invoiced/sale was recognized as revenue by Supplier.

B. ADMINISTRATIVE FEE. In consideration for the support and services provided by Sourcwell, the Supplier will pay an administrative fee to Sourcwell on all Equipment, Products, and Services provided to Participating Entities. The Administrative Fee must be included in, and not added to, the pricing. Supplier may not charge Participating Entities more than the contracted price to offset the Administrative Fee.

The Supplier will submit payment to Sourcwell for the percentage of administrative fee stated in the Proposal multiplied by the total sales of all Equipment, Products, and Services purchased by Participating Entities under this Contract during each calendar quarter. Payments should note the Supplier's name and Sourcwell-assigned contract number in the memo; and must be mailed to the address above "Attn: Accounts Receivable" or remitted electronically to Sourcwell's banking institution per Sourcwell's Finance department instructions. Payments must be received no later than 45 calendar days after the end of each calendar quarter.

Supplier agrees to cooperate with Sourcwell in auditing transactions under this Contract to ensure that the administrative fee is paid on all items purchased under this Contract.

In the event the Supplier is delinquent in any undisputed administrative fees, Sourcwell reserves the right to cancel this Contract and reject any proposal submitted by the Supplier in any subsequent solicitation. In the event this Contract is cancelled by either party prior to the Contract's expiration date, the administrative fee payment will be due no more than 30 days from the cancellation date.

9. AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

Sourcwell's Authorized Representative is its Chief Procurement Officer.

Supplier's Authorized Representative is the person named in the Supplier's Proposal. If Supplier's Authorized Representative changes at any time during this Contract, Supplier must promptly notify Sourcwell in writing.

10. AUDIT, ASSIGNMENT, AMENDMENTS, WAIVER, AND CONTRACT COMPLETE

A. **AUDIT.** Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 16C.05, subdivision 5, the books, records, documents, and accounting procedures and practices relevant to this Contract are subject to examination by Sourcewell or the Minnesota State Auditor for a minimum of six years from the end of this Contract. This clause extends to Participating Entities as it relates to business conducted by that Participating Entity under this Contract.

B. **ASSIGNMENT.** Neither party may assign or otherwise transfer its rights or obligations under this Contract without the prior written consent of the other party and a fully executed assignment agreement. Such consent will not be unreasonably withheld. Any prohibited assignment will be invalid. Provided, however, that Supplier is permitted to subcontract certain of its rights and obligations to Supplier Participating Dealers for performance without Sourcewell's prior written consent.

C. **AMENDMENTS.** Any amendment to this Contract must be in writing and will not be effective until it has been duly executed by the parties.

D. **WAIVER.** Failure by either party to take action or assert any right under this Contract will not be deemed a waiver of such right in the event of the continuation or repetition of the circumstances giving rise to such right. Any such waiver must be in writing and signed by the parties.

E. **CONTRACT COMPLETE.** This Contract represents the complete agreement between the parties. No other understanding regarding this Contract, whether written or oral, may be used to bind either party. For any conflict between the attached Proposal and the terms set out in Articles 1-22 of this Contract, the terms of Articles 1-22 will govern.

F. **RELATIONSHIP OF THE PARTIES.** The relationship of the parties is one of independent contractors, each free to exercise judgment and discretion with regard to the conduct of their respective businesses. This Contract does not create a partnership, joint venture, or any other relationship such as master-servant, or principal-agent.

11. INDEMNITY AND HOLD HARMLESS

Intentionally omitted.

12. GOVERNMENT DATA PRACTICES

Supplier and Sourcewell must comply with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Minnesota Statutes Chapter 13, as it applies to all data provided by or provided to Sourcewell

under this Contract and as it applies to all data created, collected, received, maintained, or disseminated by the Supplier under this Contract.

13. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY, PUBLICITY, MARKETING, AND ENDORSEMENT

A. Intentionally Deleted.

B. PUBLICITY. Any publicity regarding the subject matter of this Contract must not be released without prior written approval from the Authorized Representatives. Publicity includes notices, informational pamphlets, press releases, research, reports, signs, and similar public notices prepared by or for the Supplier individually or jointly with others, or any subcontractors, with respect to the program, publications, or services provided resulting from this Contract.

C. MARKETING. Any direct advertising, marketing, or offers with Participating Entities must be approved by Sourcewell. Send all approval requests to the Sourcewell Supplier Development Administrator assigned to this Contract.

D. ENDORSEMENT. The Supplier must not claim that Sourcewell endorses its Equipment, Products, or Services.

14. GOVERNING LAW, JURISDICTION, AND VENUE

The substantive and procedural laws of the State of Minnesota will govern this Contract. Venue for all legal proceedings arising out of this Contract, or its breach, must be in the appropriate state court in Todd County, Minnesota or federal court in Fergus Falls, Minnesota.

15. FORCE MAJEURE

Neither party to this Contract will be held responsible for delay or default caused by acts of God or other conditions that are beyond that party's reasonable control. A party defaulting under this provision must provide the other party prompt written notice of the default.

16. SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this Contract is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be illegal, unenforceable, or void then both parties will be relieved from all obligations arising from that provision. If the remainder of this Contract is capable of being performed, it will not be affected by such determination or finding and must be fully performed.

17. PERFORMANCE, DEFAULT, AND REMEDIES

A. PERFORMANCE. During the term of this Contract, the parties will monitor performance and address unresolved contract issues as follows:

1. *Notification.* The parties must promptly notify each other of any known dispute and work in good faith to resolve such dispute within a reasonable period of time. If necessary, Sourcewell and the Supplier will jointly develop a short briefing document that describes the issue(s), relevant impact, and positions of both parties.
2. *Escalation.* If parties are unable to resolve the issue in a timely manner, as specified above, either Sourcewell or Supplier may escalate the resolution of the issue to a higher level of management. The Supplier will have 30 calendar days to cure an outstanding issue.
3. *Performance while Dispute is Pending.* Notwithstanding the existence of a dispute, the Supplier must continue without delay to carry out all of its responsibilities under the Contract that are not affected by the dispute. If the Supplier fails to continue without delay to perform its responsibilities under the Contract, in the accomplishment of all undisputed work, the Supplier will bear any additional costs incurred by Sourcewell and/or its Participating Entities as a result of such failure to proceed.

B. **DEFAULT AND REMEDIES.** Either of the following constitutes cause to declare this Contract, or any Participating Entity order under this Contract, in default:

1. Nonperformance of contractual requirements, or
2. A material breach of any term or condition of this Contract.

The party claiming default must provide written notice of the default, with 30 calendar days to cure the default. Time allowed for cure will not diminish or eliminate any liability for liquidated or other damages. If the default remains after the opportunity for cure, the non-defaulting party may:

- Exercise any remedy provided by law or equity, or
- Terminate the Contract or any portion thereof, including any orders issued against the Contract.

18. INSURANCE

A. **REQUIREMENTS.** At its own expense, Supplier must maintain insurance policy(ies) in effect at all times during the performance of this Contract with insurance company(ies) licensed or authorized to do business in the State of Minnesota having an "AM BEST" rating of A- or better, with coverage and limits of insurance not less than the following:

1. *Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability.*

Workers' Compensation: As required by any applicable law or regulation.

Employer's Liability Insurance: must be provided in amounts not less than listed below:

Minimum limits:

\$500,000 each accident for bodily injury by accident

\$500,000 policy limit for bodily injury by disease

\$500,000 each employee for bodily injury by disease

2. *Commercial General Liability Insurance.* Supplier will maintain insurance covering its operations, with coverage on an occurrence basis, and must be subject to terms no less broad than the Insurance Services Office (“ISO”) Commercial General Liability Form CG0001 (2001 or newer edition), or equivalent. At a minimum, coverage must include liability arising from premises, operations, bodily injury and property damage, independent contractors, products-completed operations including construction defect, contractual liability, blanket contractual liability, and personal injury and advertising injury. All required limits, terms and conditions of coverage must be maintained during the term of this Contract.

Minimum Limits:

\$1,000,000 each occurrence Bodily Injury and Property Damage

\$1,000,000 Personal and Advertising Injury

\$2,000,000 aggregate for products liability-completed operations

\$2,000,000 general aggregate

3. *Commercial Automobile Liability Insurance.* During the term of this Contract, Supplier will maintain insurance covering all owned, hired, and non-owned automobiles in limits of liability not less than indicated below. The coverage must be subject to terms no less broad than ISO Business Auto Coverage Form CA 0001 (2010 edition or newer), or equivalent.

Minimum Limits:

\$1,000,000 each accident, combined single limit

4. *Umbrella Insurance.* During the term of this Contract, Supplier will maintain umbrella coverage over Employer’s Liability, Commercial General Liability, and Commercial Automobile.

Minimum Limits:

\$2,000,000

Failure of Supplier to maintain the required insurance will constitute a material breach entitling Sourcewell to immediately terminate this Contract for default.

B. CERTIFICATES OF INSURANCE. Prior to commencing under this Contract, Supplier must furnish to Sourcewell a certificate of insurance, as evidence of the insurance required under this Contract. Prior to expiration of the policy(ies), renewal certificates must be mailed to Sourcewell, 202 12th Street Northeast, P.O. Box 219, Staples, MN 56479 or sent to the Sourcewell Supplier Development Administrator assigned to this Contract. The certificates must be signed by a person authorized by the insurer(s) to bind coverage on their behalf.

Failure to request certificates of insurance by Sourcewell, or failure of Supplier to provide certificates of insurance, in no way limits or relieves Supplier of its duties and responsibilities in this Contract.

C. **ADDITIONAL INSURED ENDORSEMENT AND PRIMARY AND NON-CONTRIBUTORY INSURANCE CLAUSE.** Supplier agrees to list Sourcewell and its Participating Entities, including their officers, agents, and employees, as an additional insured under the Supplier's commercial general liability insurance policy with respect to liability arising out of activities, "operations," or "work" performed by or on behalf of Supplier, and products and completed operations of Supplier. The policy provision(s) or endorsement(s) must further provide that coverage is primary and not excess over or contributory with any other valid, applicable, and collectible insurance or self-insurance in force for the additional insureds. A Participating Dealer may name a Participating Entity as an additional insured on a case-by-case basis.

WAIVER OF SUBROGATION. Supplier waives and must require (by endorsement or otherwise) all its insurers to waive subrogation rights against Sourcewell and other additional insureds for losses paid under the insurance policies required by this Contract or other insurance applicable to the Supplier or its subcontractors. The waiver must apply to all deductibles and/or self-insured retentions applicable to the required or any other insurance maintained by the Supplier or its subcontractors.

D. **UMBRELLA/EXCESS LIABILITY/SELF-INSURED RETENTION.** The limits required by this Contract can be met by either providing a primary policy or in combination with umbrella/excess liability policy(ies), or self-insured retention.

19. COMPLIANCE

A. **LAWS AND REGULATIONS.** All Equipment, Products, or Services provided under this Contract must comply fully with applicable federal laws and regulations, and with the laws in the states and provinces in which the Equipment, Products, or Services are sold.

B. **LICENSES.** Supplier's Participating Dealers must maintain a valid and current status on all required federal, state/provincial, and local licenses, bonds, and permits required for the operation of the business that the Participating Dealer conducts with Sourcewell and Participating Entities.

20. BANKRUPTCY, DEBARMENT, OR SUSPENSION CERTIFICATION

Supplier certifies and warrants that it is not in bankruptcy or that it has previously disclosed in writing certain information to Sourcewell related to bankruptcy actions. If at any time during this Contract Supplier declares bankruptcy, Supplier must immediately notify Sourcewell in writing.

Supplier certifies and warrants that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from programs operated by the State of Minnesota; the United States federal government or the Canadian government, as applicable; or any Participating Entity. Supplier certifies and warrants that neither it nor its principals have been convicted of a criminal offense related to the subject matter of this Contract. Supplier further warrants that it will provide immediate written notice to Sourcwell if this certification changes at any time.

21. PROVISIONS FOR NON-UNITED STATES FEDERAL ENTITY PROCUREMENTS UNDER UNITED STATES FEDERAL AWARDS OR OTHER AWARDS

Intentionally omitted.

22. CANCELLATION

Sourcwell or Supplier may cancel this Contract at any time, with or without cause, upon 60 days' written notice to the other party. However, Sourcwell may cancel this Contract immediately upon discovery of a material defect in any certification made in Supplier's Proposal. Cancellation of this Contract does not relieve either party of financial, product, or service obligations incurred or accrued prior to cancellation.

Sourcewell

Caterpillar Inc.

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RFP 011723 - Heavy Construction Equipment with Related Attachments and Technology

Vendor Details

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Specifications

Table 1: Proposer Identity & Authorized Representatives

General Instructions (applies to all Tables) Sourcewell prefers a brief but thorough response to each question. Do not merely attach additional documents to your response without also providing a substantive response. Do not leave answers blank; respond "N/A" if the question does not apply to you (preferably with an explanation).

Line Item	Question	Response *
1	Proposer Legal Name (one legal entity only): (In the event of award, will execute the resulting contract as "Supplier")	Caterpillar Inc.
2	Identify all subsidiary entities of the Proposer whose equipment, products, or services are included in the Proposal.	N/A
3	Identify all applicable assumed names or DBA names of the Proposer or Proposer's subsidiaries in Line 1 or Line 2 above.	N/A
4	Provide your CAGE code or Unique Entity Identifier (SAM):	11083
5	Proposer Physical Address:	5212 N O'Connor Blvd Ste. 1100, Irving, TX 75039
6	Proposer website address (or addresses):	https://www.caterpillar.com/ , https://www.cat.com/en_US.html
7	Proposer's Authorized Representative (name, title, address, email address & phone) (The representative must have authority to sign the "Proposer's Assurance of Compliance" on behalf of the Proposer and, in the event of award, will be expected to execute the resulting contract):	Primary Contact: Patrick Kearns Title: Vice President Sales & Marketing Address: 100 NE Adams St, Peoria, IL 61629 Email: Kearns_Patrick@Cat.Com Phone: (309) 675-5181
8	Proposer's primary contact for this proposal (name, title, address, email address & phone):	Primary Contact: Sean Egel Title: Governmental Sales Consultant Address: 100 NE Adams St, Peoria, IL 61629 Email: Egel_Sean_J@Cat.Com Phone: (309) 675-1399
9	Proposer's other contacts for this proposal, if any (name, title, address, email address & phone):	Primary Contact: Marta Sevilla Title: Governmental Marketing Manager Address: 100 NE Adams St, Peoria, IL 61629 Email: Sevilla_Marta_E@Cat.com Phone: (309) 578-1150

Table 2: Company Information and Financial Strength

Line Item	Question	Response *
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10	Provide a brief history of your company, including your company's core values, business philosophy, and industry longevity related to the requested equipment, products or services.	<p>The history of Caterpillar is all about doing: creating, building, problem solving, innovating, testing, servicing and improving. We're proud of the ingenious machines that are part of our rich heritage. More importantly, we are proud of the people who founded and built the company one breakthrough at a time. Beginning with Benjamin Holt and C. L. Best, the people of Caterpillar have always been - and continue to be - extraordinary.</p> <p>In 1925, when Holt and Best merged to form their new tractor company, they used the name so familiar to people around the world: Caterpillar. The Caterpillar Tractor Company is today known as Caterpillar Inc.</p> <p>With 2021 sales and revenues of \$51.0 billion, Caterpillar Inc. is the world's leading manufacturer of construction and mining equipment, off-highway diesel and natural gas engines, industrial gas turbines and diesel-electric locomotives. For nearly 100 years, we've been helping customers build a better, more sustainable world and are committed and contributing to a reduced-carbon future. Our innovative products and services, backed by our global dealer network, provide exceptional value that helps customers succeed. Caterpillar does business on every continent, principally operating through three primary segments – Construction Industries, Resource Industries and Energy & Transportation – and providing financing and related services through our Financial Products segment.</p> <p>Our Worldwide Code of Conduct, first published in 1974, defines what we stand for and believe in, documenting the uncompromisingly high ethical standards our company has upheld since its founding in 1925. The Code helps Caterpillar employees put our values and principles into action every day by providing detailed guidance on the behaviors and actions that support our values of Integrity, Excellence, Teamwork, Commitment and Sustainability.</p> <p>Caterpillar's Code of Conduct that can be found at https://www.caterpillar.com/en/company/code-of-conduct.html</p>	*
11	What are your company's expectations in the event of an award?	<p>Caterpillar is honored to have served Sourcewell and its members who have purchased Cat® construction equipment, attachments (work tools), and electrical power generation products through Sourcewell since 2008. Furthermore, we are proud to have earned the Sourcewell Legacy Award in 2019, and have recently been awarded contracts 060122-CAT and 092222-CAT.</p> <p>Caterpillar's expectations in the event of an award would be to focus on customer needs and continued growth across all governmental segments. Sourcewell has built a strong reputation within the industry that has shown the importance of how this cooperative contract delivers upon customer needs. This contract will be a top factor in our go to market strategy within our strong Cat dealer network. If awarded, we will send out an email to our entire sales force, applicable to governmental, introducing the contract along with ways to train our salesforce, market, and grow the contract.</p> <p>We look forward to the opportunity to further grow business and serve member needs together in this new Heavy Construction Equipment RFP opportunity.</p>	*
12	Demonstrate your financial strength and stability with meaningful data. This could include such items as financial statements, SEC filings, credit and bond ratings, letters of credit, and detailed reference letters. Upload supporting documents (as applicable) in the document upload section of your response.	<p>Caterpillar Inc. is a publicly traded company, and as such, its financial information is updated quarterly and available at: https://investors.caterpillar.com/overview/default.aspx</p> <p>Caterpillar's 2021 Annual Report provides details about our financial position. Our SEC filing documents can be found at: https://investors.caterpillar.com/financials/sec-filings/default.aspx. Both documents are included as attachments in our Financial Strength and Stability Documents.</p> <p>As 2022 results are yet to be released, below you can find a summary of our full year 2021 financials.</p> <p>In 2021 full year sales and revenues were \$51B of which, North American sales were \$22B. Operating profit was \$6.9B with a profit per share of USD \$11.83. Dividends paid per share of USD \$4.28.</p>	*
13	What is your US market share for the solutions that you are proposing?	Caterpillar is a significant contributor to the overall Heavy Equipment sector within the US and Canada. Market share information beyond what is made publicly available through our annual reports is considered confidential.	*
14	What is your Canadian market share for the solutions that you are proposing?	Caterpillar is a significant contributor to the overall Heavy Equipment sector within the US and Canada. Market share information beyond what is made publicly available through our annual reports is considered confidential.	*
15	Has your business ever petitioned for bankruptcy protection? If so, explain in detail.	No.	*

16	<p>How is your organization best described: is it a manufacturer, a distributor/dealer/reseller, or a service provider? Answer whichever question (either a) or b) just below) best applies to your organization.</p> <p>a) If your company is best described as a distributor/dealer/reseller (or similar entity), provide your written authorization to act as a distributor/dealer/reseller for the manufacturer of the products proposed in this RFP. If applicable, is your dealer network independent or company owned?</p> <p>b) If your company is best described as a manufacturer or service provider, describe your relationship with your sales and service force and with your dealer network in delivering the products and services proposed in this RFP. Are these individuals your employees, or the employees of a third party?</p>	<p>Caterpillar is a world class manufacturer which distributes products through a vast and capable independent dealer network. Our dealers are strong independently owned companies and in North America alone our 47 dealers have a combined net worth of billions of dollars. Their large valuation is a competitive advantage because it allows them to have the infrastructure to support customers regardless of location, industry, fleet size, or application.</p> <p>Another advantage of independently owned dealers is that they know their customers and market well. They tailor their services specifically to their customers' needs.</p> <p>Although we will sign this contract as a manufacturer, our Cat dealers will be given the opportunity to avail themselves of the opportunity presented by the contract and will execute all the transactions with governmental customers as they do today. This includes but is not limited to consultation, quoting, accepting payment, delivery, warranty support, parts sales, and service.</p> <p>Caterpillar dealers heartily embrace the other Sourcewell contracts currently available to them (032119-CAT, 092222-CAT, 062320-CAT, 060122-CAT). They have all been trained on contract usage. In fact, the current Heavy Equipment contract is leveraged by 95% of our dealers in North America. Caterpillar offers specific discounts to Sourcewell members. By using any Sourcewell Contract, our dealers agree to honor those discounts.</p>
17	<p>If applicable, provide a detailed explanation outlining the licenses and certifications that are both required to be held, and actually held, by your organization (including third parties and subcontractors that you use) in pursuit of the business contemplated by this RFP.</p>	<p>Caterpillar and its subsidiaries operate across the globe in a variety of markets that require Caterpillar to adhere to all locally mandated laws and regulations in order to do business. With regards to the territories covered by this RFP, Caterpillar will comply with applicable laws in order to do business in the territories described herein.</p> <p>As an equipment manufacturer focused on quality, Caterpillar created the Caterpillar Quality Management System, which is a process-based, ISO 9001:2015 compliant quality management system used throughout Caterpillar to continually improve the quality of our products and services to meet customer, statutory, and regulatory requirements. It is registered with IRCA (International Register of Certificated Auditors) as Caterpillar Quality Management System CAT791A.</p>
18	<p>Provide all "Suspension or Debarment" information that has applied to your organization during the past ten years.</p>	<p>N/A</p>

Table 3: Industry Recognition & Marketplace Success

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19	Describe any relevant industry awards or recognition that your company has received in the past five years	<p>Please note: To list all the awards received in the past 5 years would unnecessarily lengthen our response. For brevity, we are highlighting some recognition received in 2020, 2021 and 2022. Also note there are many global awards.</p> <p>Fortune Magazine #78 on the Fortune 500 2021 Fortune Magazine World's Most Admired Companies World & North America Dow Jones Sustainability Index Forbes Best Employers for diversity 2020 and 2021 #82 Best Global Brands- Interbrand 2021 The Wall Street Journal Best Managed Companies in 2020 and 2021 The Wall Street Journal World's Most Sustainably Managed Companies Human Rights Campaign Foundation Corporate Equality Index Dow Jones Sustainability Index (World and North America) 21 years World's Most Sustainably Managed Companies – The Wall Street Journal United Way World Wide's Global Corporate Leadership Program U.S. President's Volunteer Service Award from Junior Achievement Corporate Equality Index – Human Rights Campaign Foundation CSR China Top 100 – the 4th CSR China Education Award (China) China CSR Excellence Award – China Philanthropy Times (China) Corporate Social Responsibility Research Center of Southern Weekly (China) Outstanding Contribution to Poverty Alleviation – China Foundation for Poverty Alleviation (China) 2020 Global 500 – Fortune Magazine America's Most Responsible Companies 2020, 2021 & 2022 – Newsweek Best-Managed Companies of 2020 & 2021 – The Wall Street Journal Top Companies for Customer Satisfaction – The Wall Street Journal The CEO Leaderboard: COVID-19 Reputation Rankings – SJR All-America Executive Team – Institutional Investor Top 150 Global Licensors – Global License Best Global Brands Top 100 – Interbrand World's Most Valuable Brands 2020 – Forbes 2020 Best Places to Work for Disability Inclusion – Disability Equality Index World's Best Employers 2020 – Forbes Best Employers for Women 2020 – Forbes America's Best Employers by State 2020 – Forbes America's Best Employers for Diversity 2020 – Forbes Best Employers for New Grads 2020 – Forbes Global 2000 – Forbes 2020, 2021 & 2022 Best Employers for Veterans 2020 and 2021– Forbes Top Veteran-Friendly Company – U.S. Veterans Magazine #1 Great Place to Work – Great Place to Work Institute (Brazil) #1 Great Place to Work in the Ag Business - Great Place to Work Institute (Brazil) Chile's 20 Best Places in 2020 to Work for LGBTQ Equality, pwc Human Rights Campaign Top of Mind Company "Industry category" (Piracicaba, Brazil) Certification on Promoting Work-Life Balance in Hyogo Prefecture – Hyogo Work and Life Center (Japan) Hyogo's Women's Success in Business Promotion Company – Hyogo Women Empowerment & Promotion Center (Japan) Hanada Award for WIN Akashi – Hyogo Women and Future Association (Japan) Hyogo Childcare Supporting Company Award (Japan) Science & Technology Industry Summit: Outstanding Contribution – The Economic Observer (China)</p>	
20	What percentage of your sales are to the governmental sector in the past three years	<p>The governmental and educational sector is extremely important to Caterpillar. We have a dedicated team to support governmental customers and their specific needs. However, percentage of sales to governmental is considered confidential.</p>	*
21	What percentage of your sales are to the education sector in the past three years	<p>The governmental and educational sector is extremely important to Caterpillar. We have a dedicated team to support governmental customers, including the education sector, and their specific needs. However, percentage of sales to education is considered confidential.</p>	*
22	List any state, provincial, or cooperative purchasing contracts that you hold. What is the annual sales volume for each of these contracts over the past three years?	<p>While Cat dealers would typically hold contracts with states and provinces, as an exception Caterpillar holds the state contract with Ohio and NY. Additionally, we are contract holders with OMNIA and NASPO ValuePoint.</p> <p>Just as we would never share Sourcewell sales information with other cooperatives, we also keep the sales volumes from other cooperatives confidential.</p>	*

23	List any GSA contracts or Standing Offers and Supply Arrangements (SOSA) that you hold. What is the annual sales volume for each of these contracts over the past three years?	Listed below are the current GSA contracts that Caterpillar holds: SIN 333924 Utility Trucks and Tractors: 2020=\$6,857,211 2021=\$14,071,364 SIN 333120 Street Repair and Cleaning Equipment and Attachments: 2020=\$0 / 2021=\$143,837 SIN 335999 Power Distribution Equipment: 2020=\$151,267.70 / 2021=\$9,473.07 These contracts are used by Caterpillar, but we do not allow our dealers to use GSA contracts. Final sales for the year 2022 have yet to be fully reported.
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Table 4: References/Testimonials

Line Item 24. Supply reference information from three customers who are eligible to be Sourcewell participating entities.

Entity Name *	Contact Name *	Phone Number *
Baltimore County, MD	Jamie Donahue	410-952-6981
Washington DC Fleet	Greg Harrelson	202-437-3799
Town of Scituate Mass.	Kevin Cafferty	781-545-8732

Table 5: Top Five Government or Education Customers

Line Item 25. Provide a list of your top five government, education, or non-profit customers (entity name is optional), including entity type, the state or province the entity is located in, scope of the project(s), size of transaction(s), and dollar volumes from the past three years.

Entity Name	Entity Type *	State / Province *	Scope of Work *	Size of Transactions *	Dollar Volume Past Three Years *
Virginia Department of Transportation - Central	Government	Virginia - VA	State Department of Transportation for Virginia. Caterpillar requests that Sourcewell treat the information in this table as confidential.	Purchased 41 units.	\$12,321,972
State of Idaho	Government	Idaho - ID	State of Idaho. Caterpillar requests that Sourcewell treat the information in this table as confidential.	Purchased 39 units.	\$10,304,218
Alaska Department of Transportation	Government	Alaska - AK	State Department of Transportation for Alaska. Caterpillar requests that Sourcewell treat the information in this table as confidential.	Purchased 37 units.	\$12,176,875
Arkansas State	Government	Arkansas - AR	State of Arkansas. Caterpillar requests that Sourcewell treat the information in this table as confidential.	Purchased 28 units.	\$10,053,000
Suwannee County	Government	Florida - FL	A county local to Florida. Caterpillar requests that Sourcewell treat the information in this table as confidential.	Purchased 26 units.	\$6,567,420

Table 6: Ability to Sell and Deliver Service

Describe your company's capability to meet the needs of Sourcewell participating entities across the US and Canada, as applicable. Your response should address in detail at least the following areas: locations of your network of sales and service providers, the number of workers (full-time equivalents) involved in each sector, whether these workers are your direct employees (or employees of a third party), and any overlap between the sales and service functions.

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26	Sales force.	<p>The Cat dealer salesforce is highly capable and trained in the construction industry. The Cat dealer salespeople are consultants to their customers and advise their customers on the best solutions for their application and job. As a manufacturer we request our dealers to follow strict training protocols to ensure our sales force remains current on all product updates. Specifically, as it relates to governmental sales, each dealer has one or more people named to be a key liaison between us as manufacturer and their dealer sales team. They're offered additional in depth training on Sourcewell and ensures that all contract terms are followed.</p> <p>Caterpillar has Operational Excellence Programs that recognize dealers' excellence in marketing and sales processes and operations, among other areas of the business.</p> <p>In North America, our dealers employ more than 53,000 people across the machine, energy, parts and service divisions. The dealer sales teams are supported by a network of Caterpillar professionals. Each dealer has in territory support of 5 to 8 Caterpillar sales/marketing employees. It is the responsibility of these people to ensure that the dealer and Caterpillar are working well together to constantly improve and to adapt to marketplace changes. Beyond the territory experts, the sales and marketing department at Caterpillar is staffed by more than 600 people whose mission is to focus on customer satisfaction. Even more are employed "behind-the-scenes" to ensure industry leading product design, up to date product information, and maintaining the ease of doing business in an increasingly connected marketplace.</p>
27	Dealer network or other distribution methods.	<p>The Cat dealer network is key to the success of our company. Boasting over 160 dealers throughout 193 countries worldwide, the Cat dealer network is widely considered to be the best in industry. Within Canada and the United States, we have 47 dealers and more than 800 dealer owned locations that sell and rent equipment. Please refer to our directory listing of Cat dealer locations and our easy to view locations map in the attached "Additional Documents" zip file. Cat dealers are independently-owned. Each dealer has multiple branches and a mobile service fleet than can serve customers regardless of location. These are full physical locations our governmental customers can use.</p> <p>Because of the size of Cat dealers, they are exceptionally capable to serve governmental customers. Dealers have trained specialists that cover many industries including heavy equipment.</p> <p>Collectively, Cat dealers' large net worth permits them to stock a high volume of replacement parts - allowing governmental customers the fastest turnaround on parts availability and repair time. Cat dealers recognize the importance of governmental business to their overall success and they each have one or more governmental specialists whose job it is to serve governmental agencies well.</p> <p>Please refer to the Cat dealer locations map included in "Additional Documents". Additionally, you can leverage https://www.cat.com/en_US/support/dealer-locator.html to locate dealers by location.</p>

28	Service force.	<p>At Caterpillar we are very proud of the saying "The sales department sells the first machine; the service department sells every one after that." The Cat dealer network in North America collectively employs more than 20,000 factory trained technicians, parts experts, product support managers and other service-oriented staff. These subject matter experts are supported by the best repair shop equipment and materials. As machines and engines are constantly updated, so too are our service experts. We conduct product-specific training every week of the year. Technician shortage is an industry-wide concern, but because Cat dealers are large, long established companies, they can offer strong compensation and benefit packages that encourage the best people to seek employment and to retain them once hired. Caterpillar works very closely with dealers and through a program called "ThinkBIG", we are able to keep the pipeline of high quality employees full. ThinkBIG is a Caterpillar-specific instructional program that pays the student while they train to become a technician. It is a 2-year program with lab and classroom work, and a paid internship at a sponsoring Cat Dealer. As a result, the student will graduate with an accredited degree backed with over 2,000 hours of work experience.</p> <p>In addition to the technicians and mechanics that work on the machines directly, each dealer has a service support staff that includes customer-facing consultants who are responsible for working with customers to set up maintenance and repair schedules to ensure the best possible up-time.</p> <p>Collectively, service support staff makes up the bulk of each dealers' staff. Roughly half of their personnel investment goes to ensuring customer success via product support.</p> <p>The dealer service teams are supported by a network of Caterpillar professionals. Each dealer has in territory support of 5 to 8 Caterpillar parts/service employees. It is the responsibility of these specialists to ensure that the dealer and Caterpillar are working well together to constantly improve and to adapt to marketplace changes. Beyond the territory experts, the service and support groups at Caterpillar are staffed by thousands of people whose mission is to focus on post-sale customer satisfaction. Even more are employed "behind-the-scenes" to ensure technical literature is up to date, service standards are adhere to and repair questions are answered quickly. We exceed our 95% 2-hour response rate target in responding to dealer service inquiries.</p>
29	Describe the ordering process. If orders will be handled by distributors, dealers or others, explain the respective roles of the Proposer and others.	<p>Our simple order process has been and will continue to be well appreciated by Sourcewell and Sourcewell members:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) When a member decides to purchase a new Cat machine, they simply include their Sourcewell member number on the Purchase Order they issue to the Cat dealer. 2) The Cat dealer then accepts the PO, issues the invoice, accepts payment and delivers the machine. 3) After the machine has been delivered, the dealer, as part of their normal process, includes the member number when filing their sales claims with Caterpillar. 4) At month's end, Caterpillar aggregates these reports and sends the sales information quarterly to Sourcewell along with the administrative fee. <p>IMPORTANT NOTE: Should a member wish to include additional terms and conditions to this contract, or to otherwise request a Participating Addendum, that agreement / PA should be executed between the member and Cat dealer directly.</p>

30	Describe in detail the process and procedure of your customer service program, if applicable. Include your response-time capabilities and commitments, as well as any incentives that help your providers meet your stated service goals or promises.	<p>We are proud that our reputation stands on having the best customer support in the industry. In fact, our capabilities are industry leading. In the event a customer ever has a problem or issue with a machine, their Cat dealer is empowered to resolve that issue locally. If the problem is a result of a defect in material or workmanship, within the standard warranty period, the local Cat dealer will work with Caterpillar to apply the appropriate warranty, and keep the customer informed. Every Cat dealer has a common detailed service process in place. Caterpillar supports and verifies that all the dealer service technicians are supplied with the tools and equipment needed to repair all Cat products.</p> <p>Technicians have access to an electronic library of technical information including Service Letters, Technical Information Bulletins, System Operations, Troubleshooting and Disassembly and Assembly manuals. These manuals are provided for every Cat product. Each dealer also has one or more "Technical Communicators" who are dedicated to supporting the service technicians by acting as a liaison between the shop personnel and Caterpillar.</p> <p>The service technicians also have a dealer support network (DSN) system with direct access to Caterpillar's Service Engineers. Caterpillar responds to more than 95% of all high priority tickets within one hour.</p> <p>Caterpillar is got everything customers need to keep their Cat machines in top shape. Whether they want Genuine Cat parts, manuals and resources to do maintenance and repairs themselves, or prefer to have one of our expert dealer technicians do the work. We make it easy to keep their Cat equipment running.</p> <p>Some of our service solutions include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Cat Fleet Management (Condition Monitoring) - Lowers the total cost of ownership of machine. By connecting your fleet, you will be able to: track the location of your assets, monitor & manage the fuel consumption, identify the operators who would need extra training, and plan & schedule your maintenance. All of which will maximize your uptime. -Customer Value Agreements (CVA) - Customizable plans for your equipment new or used - to do more work with lower, more predictable costs. It's a convenient plan to get the most from your equipment throughout its life. Examples of CVAs may include but are not limited to: Maintenance CVAs, Component CVAs, and Machine CVAs. -S•O•S SM Services - A fluid analysis program that provides results that you can trust including trend analysis that provides benefit to your machine and fleet. -Cat Inspect - A digital way to perform checklists, pre-work inspections, annual inspections and PM checklists. All of which can be captured in the easy to use app.
31	Describe your ability and willingness to provide your products and services to Sourcewell participating entities in the United States.	<p>We are proud to serve all geographic areas and all Sourcewell member sectors within the United States to offer our complete products and services. Caterpillar has successfully and proudly utilized Sourcewell to sell machines in all 50 states.</p> <p>Caterpillar's global reach and presence is unmatched in the industry, and we serve customers around the globe. Our manufacturing, marketing, logistics, services, research and development and related facilities, along with our dealer locations, total more than 500 locations worldwide. North America specifically is home to 47 factories and 10 parts distribution centers, which make up 40% of our global footprint! The Caterpillar parts network delivers 98% of the parts orders within 24 hours.</p> <p>In addition to our facilities listed above, Cat Parts are available through the Cat dealer network in at different price points, including: Cat New, Cat General Duty and Cat Reman. The Cat dealer network also have the capability to provide dealer exchange components, dealer rebuilt components and used parts when available. Each dealer can match the appropriate parts offering to match the customers application and productivity. For example, Cat dealers offer Cat factory remanufactured parts (Cat reman) to follow the same quality, performance, and reliability as Cat new parts. This product line provides the same as new parts warranty, includes critical engineering changes, reduces waste, and protects the environment and saves critical repair time on machines. Cat reman also uses 100% Cat parts in the remanufacture process.</p> <p>Our 1.4 million parts are available to order 24/7 on Parts.Cat.Com.</p>

32	Describe your ability and willingness to provide your products and services to Sourcewell participating entities in Canada.	<p>We are serve all geographic areas and all Canoe member sectors within Canada with our complete product and service offerings. In fact, we see the Canadian market as a significant growth opportunity for Canoe through Sourcewell contract usage. We have gained momentum with our current contract 032119-CAT in Canada.</p> <p>Caterpillar's global reach and presence is unmatched in the industry, and we serve customers around the globe. Our manufacturing, marketing, logistics, services, research and development and related facilities, along with our dealer locations, total more than 500 locations worldwide. North America specifically is home to 47 factories and 10 parts distribution centers, which make up 40% of our global footprint! The Caterpillar parts network delivers 98% of the parts orders within 24 hours.</p> <p>In addition to our facilities listed above, Cat Parts are available through the Cat dealer network in at different price points, including: Cat New, Cat General Duty and Cat Reman. The Cat dealer network also have the capability to provide dealer exchange components, dealer rebuilt components and used parts when available. Each dealer can match the appropriate parts offering to match the customers application and productivity. For example, Cat® dealers offer Cat® factory remanufactured parts (Cat reman) to follow the same quality, performance, and reliability as Cat new parts. This product line provides the same as new parts warranty, includes critical engineering changes, reduces waste, and protects the environment and saves critical repair time on machines. Cat reman also uses 100% Cat parts in the remanufacture process.</p> <p>Our 1.4 million parts are available to order 24/7 on Parts.Cat.Com.</p>	*
33	Identify any geographic areas of the United States or Canada that you will NOT be fully serving through the proposed contract.	We are proud to serve all geographic areas of the United States and Canada.	*
34	Identify any Sourcewell participating entity sectors (i.e., government, education, not-for-profit) that you will NOT be fully serving through the proposed contract. Explain in detail. For example, does your company have only a regional presence, or do other cooperative purchasing contracts limit your ability to promote another contract?	<p>We are proud to serve all Sourcewell Member sectors within the United States and Canada with our complete product and service offering through Sourcewell.</p> <p>Caterpillar's cooperative purchasing contracts are non-exclusive; i.e. none of them restrict Caterpillar from promoting our Sourcewell contracts.</p>	*
35	Define any specific contract requirements or restrictions that would apply to our participating entities in Hawaii and Alaska and in US Territories.	There are no restrictions or limitations for sales to members in Hawaii, Alaska or U.S. Territories.	*

Table 7: Marketing Plan

Line Item	Question	Response *
36	Describe your marketing strategy for promoting this contract opportunity. Upload representative samples of your marketing materials (if applicable) in the document upload section of your response.	<p>Our current marketing strategy with Sourcewell contract 032119-CAT proves to be effective with year over year sales growth. Our primary strategy to promote this contract with participating entities is through our Cat dealers' sales force. We provide group and individual training to our dealer sales reps, focusing on benefits from selling through cooperative contracts vs bids. We proudly announce the award publicly through our multiple customer facing touchpoints which may include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Press Release 2) Government Solutions Magazine (Caterpillar produced magazine distributed to governmental customers in the US and Canada) 3) Government Training & Safety Days (Government customer training events at Caterpillar facilities) 4) Announcement in our governmental customer e-newsletter 5) Feature on our governmental focused website: www.cat.com/governmental 6) Announcement on our social media channels (FB, Instagram, LinkedIn) 7) Display mentions at all governmental tradeshow we attend. (NACE Annual Conference, APWA Snow Show, Waste EXPO, GFX, NIGP Annual Forum & Products Expo, and APWA PWX & Annual Rodeo) 8) Update literature with the new contact information. (An updated version can be found within our attached marketing plan attachment.)
37	Describe your use of technology and digital data (e.g., social media, metadata usage) to enhance marketing effectiveness.	<p>Caterpillar and the Cat dealer network are leaders in using technologies to reach our customers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Focus on organic search and Search Engine Optimization (SEO) to help our customers digitally find our products and the information they need. - Leverage Caterpillar's social media platforms (YouTube, Facebook, LinkedIn, Instagram, etc) and ability to target governmental segments. - Leverage predictive data analytics (past purchase history and financing information) to recognize in advance when customers may be considering replacing machines they currently own. - Leverage Deltek's GovWIN data in the US and Canada for governmental lead generation. <p>Caterpillar has a Customer Interaction Center available 24/7 who handles digital leads received from cat.com, social media, etc. Our team qualifies those leads and passes them on to our Cat Dealer network using the Salesforce platform (Customer Relationship Management system). We have processes that allows us to confirm our Cat dealers have reached out to those customers.</p>
38	In your view, what is Sourcewell's role in promoting contracts arising out of this RFP? How will you integrate a Sourcewell-awarded contract into your sales process?	<p>Sourcewell is a well-respected contracting agency within the public procurement industry. It is important, in the event of an award, that our products and logos be included in Sourcewell marketing and website. We believe that the most important role that Sourcewell can play in marketing our contract and products, is to market themselves and promote contract purchasing across the industry.</p> <p>In the event of an award, Caterpillar will put high priority in building awareness and enthusiasm within our dealer network and customer base to leverage the Sourcewell contract as our go to market strategy.</p>
39	Are your products or services available through an e-procurement ordering process? If so, describe your e-procurement system and how governmental and educational customers have used it.	<p>We do offer a e-procurement ordering process for parts via parts.cat.com. We can also integrate into a variety of procurement systems for high volume customers.</p> <p>Our wide machine portfolio and multiple configurations per machine model allows us to provide the best machine for the customer need. Our Cat dealers are trained to configure our equipment and advise the customer on the best machine and configuration for their application. Therefore, a consultative salesperson is integral in this process, and we do not use an e-procurement machine ordering process.</p>

Table 8: Value-Added Attributes

Line Item	Question	Response *
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40	Describe any product, equipment, maintenance, or operator training programs that you offer to Sourcwell participating entities. Include details, such as whether training is standard or optional, who provides training, and any costs that apply.	<p>All dealers offer basic operation, safety, and maintenance training with every sale. Should a customer desire more advanced training, such as productivity improvement or advanced repairs, each of our dealers can supply that training. Often there is a cost associated with that specific training and it would be negotiated between the dealer and the customer.</p> <p>Caterpillar also offers training programs directly to customers in three areas: operation, safety and service. Members may access courses online, via CD's, or through instructor-led classes leading to operator certifications. The fees for these services vary depending on the depth of training desired. These high-level instruct-led courses can be conducted at one of our dedicated training facilities in the US or on a customer's local site using their own equipment.</p> <p>Caterpillar also has a licensed supplier that offers Cat Simulators to teach operational techniques from real job sites. For more information visit: https://catsimulators.com/</p>
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41	Describe any technological advances that your proposed products or services offer.	<p>Cat technology gives you the power to track, monitor, automate and manage all types of assets- from a single machine, engine, to an entire fleet. We even offer technologies that protect your people. Listed below are a few technology offerings (standard and optional) that are used throughout the world in our Cat equipment.</p> <p>Next Generation Excavators: Cat Vision Link - Delivering valuable data with connected machine.</p> <p>Cat Payload - Precisely load targets every time for faster cycle times.</p> <p>Cat Skid Steer and Compact Track Loaders: Electronic Torque Management System - Helps maximize performance, minimize fuel consumption.</p> <p>Sealed and Pressurized Cabs - Provides a cleaner, quieter work environment.</p> <p>Cat Backhoe Loaders: Selectable Power Management Modes - Saves fuel while maintaining machine performance.</p> <p>Load-Sensing Hydraulic System - Provides excellent response for improved hoe and loader productivity and greater bucket breakout force.</p> <p>Cat Tractors: Stable Blade - Produces a smoother surface finish.</p> <p>Autocarry - Automatic raising and lowering of blade to maximize pushing capacity and prevent excessive track slippage.</p> <p>Cat Wheel Loaders: Operator Assist - Helps the operator reduce tire slippage, automatic rimpull management and provides up to 10% better cycle time resulting in higher productivity.</p> <p>Autodig - consistent high bucket fill factors delivers up to 10% more productivity. *</p> <p>Cat Off Highway Trucks: Adaptive Economy Mode - Automatically optimizes fuel consumption without affecting productivity just pressing a button.</p> <p>Truck Production Management System (TPMS) - Weighting system with side indicator lights showing the operator when they are on last pass and when the truck is fully loaded.</p> <p>Cat Articulated Trucks: Advanced Automatic Traction Control (AATC) - Technology that proactively applies inter- and cross-axle differential locks 'on-the-go' when needed without assistance from operator's interaction.</p> <p>Cat Detect with Stability Assist - Warns the operator if machine is approaching a pre-set angle during operation, when driving and tipping.</p> <p>Machine/Operator Safety Technology: Machine Security System - Gives you control over who can operate your machines and when. Prevents theft.</p> <p>Seat Belt Reminder - Cost effective safety upgrade that significantly improves operator safety.</p> <p>Cat Detect for Personnel - Alert ground crews in close proximity to mobile equipment. Cat® Detect for Personnel sounds an immediate, unique alert that cuts through the white noise of engines, generators, cell phones and job site chatter to protect ground workers from equipment backing incidents.</p> <p>Cat Command - Remote control in operations where an operator could be at safety risk.</p> <p>Whether you're looking to add technology to your current machine, or want new ways to get more value out of the technology on your equipment, we have options for you.</p>
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42	Describe any "green" initiatives that relate to your company or to your products or services, and include a list of the certifying agency for each.	<p>Caterpillar shares the concerns of governments and the public about the risks of climate change and supports global efforts to mitigate its impact. We are committed to contributing to a reduced-carbon future.</p> <p>We demonstrate this in many ways including through our significant progress in reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from our operations and our continued investment in new products, technologies and services.</p> <p>Caterpillar is engineering a brighter future through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Product innovations - Advanced technologies leveraging know-how and R&D - Usage of renewable fuels and fluids - Solutions to improve jobsite efficiency - Maintenance solutions - Manufacturing operations' carbon efficiency <p>Caterpillar's long-standing commitment to sustainability inspires us to set and achieve meaningful environmental, social and governance (ESG) goals and develop innovative products, technologies and services to support our customers on their sustainability journey.</p> <p>Caterpillar is fully committed to our customers' success by not only the design and manufacture of durable, reliable, innovative and rebuildable construction equipment, but also through our extensive and unmatched dealer network that provides you the best service and support to keep your equipment running, regardless of the environment or challenges.</p> <p>We consider this as we work toward a vision of a world in which people's basic needs - such as shelter, clean water, education, and reliable energy - are fulfilled. We provide work environments, products, services, and solutions that make productive and efficient use of resources as we strive to achieve our vision. We believe this commitment supports the enduring success of our customers, stockholders, dealers, and our people.</p> <p>Caterpillar is a proud 20-year member of the Dow Jones Sustainability Indices, including both the World and North America Indices. The annuals DJSI process follows a best-in-class approach, evaluating numerous corporate economic, environmental, and social performance factors.</p> <p>For more on sustainability please visit our full report attached in the Financial and Stability attachment section.</p>	*
43	Identify any third-party issued eco-labels, ratings or certifications that your company has received for the equipment or products included in your Proposal related to energy efficiency or conservation, life-cycle design (cradle-to-cradle), or other green/sustainability factors.	<p>Plants certified with ISO 14001:2004 Environmental Management System include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Anchor Coupling - Goldsboro NC, ISO 14001:2004- Sept 2018 2) Anchor Coupling - Menominee - ISO 14001: 2015 - Jan. 2021 3) Gen Sets - Newberry 0 ISO 14001:2004 - Nov. 2017 4) Mapleton - 14001:2004 self-certification issued Jan 2013 5) Reman Services - Corinth MS - ISO 14001-2015- Sept. 2021 6) Reman Services - Franklin - ISO 14001:2004-May 2017 	*

44	Describe any Women or Minority Business Entity (WMBE), Small Business Entity (SBE), or veteran owned business certifications that your company or hub partners have obtained. Upload documentation of certification (as applicable) in the document upload section of your response.	<p>Caterpillar has long drawn on the diversity of its people as a source of innovation and competitive advantage. We are proud that our people come from across the globe, with diverse backgrounds, experiences and perspectives. Despite our differences – in geography, culture, language and business – we are one Caterpillar, one company united by these common principles with a shared commitment to the highest standards of conduct.</p> <p>For example: Foley Equipment, a Cat® dealer, with territory primarily in Kansas and Missouri, is woman owned. In addition to Foley equipment, there are 31 other women in our North American dealer network who hold the titles of President, Vice President or Director.</p> <p>One of the more recognized initiatives within Caterpillar's Global Supply Network Division is the Caterpillar Inc. Proprietary Information Supplier Diversity Program which spurs economic growth by increasing business opportunities to minority-owned, women-owned, veteran and service disabled veteran-owned, small disadvantaged businesses and those certified in HUBZones, all while ensuring expectations are met with regards to quality, velocity, capacity, and cost. Currently more than 37% of our direct and indirect purchasing is conducted with suppliers in these categories.</p> <p>Caterpillar is a proud member of the National Minority Supplier Development Council (NMSDC). We also use the System for Aware Management (SAM), SBA, and NMSDC databases to locate SDB, VOSB, SDVOSB and HUBZone suppliers.</p> <p>Supplier Diversity is discussed with Global Supply Network Division leadership during the Monthly Operating Results Review meetings. This in turn forces accountability for supplier inclusion by measuring drivers, such as the number of sourcing projects, which include Divers Suppliers and the values of the projects in which they participate. The goal is to create greater transparency to determine which teams are creating inclusive environments and which are not.</p> <p>For more detail, please see our attached 2021 Global Diversity & Inclusion Report in the Additional Documents folder.</p>
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45	<p>What unique attributes does your company, your products, or your services offer to Sourcewell participating entities? What makes your proposed solutions unique in your industry as it applies to Sourcewell participating entities?</p>	<p>BEST OVERALL VALUE / LOWEST LIFE CYCLE COST: Cat products deliver the best value for the money. While we rarely have the lowest initial purchase price, we are happy to demonstrate to customers that our machines offer the lowest overall owning and operating costs when factors such as fuel efficiency, repair frequency, productivity, and resale value are factored in. We believe that government agencies are tasked to be the best stewards of taxpayer funds and our products can prove that they are the best solution. Sourcewell members are in the best position to allow these discussions to take place in contrast to a local bid situation where the focus is often only on initial price.</p> <p>CAT SAFETY SERVICES / SAFETY FEATURES: In addition to the tangible, measurable aspects of the life cycle cost equation, we also bring our focus on safety to every product that we manufacture. Quantifying a human life or debilitating injury is impossible, but each machine has industry-leading features that strive to minimize the possibility for accidents.</p> <p>In addition to built-in safety features, we also offer products and services that are unique in the industry.</p> <p>Cat Safety Services include, but are not limited to, the following: Safety Perception Survey - Used to establish a baseline safety-culture assessment by measuring employee perceptions and gaps in beliefs between management and employees on the front line across 20 Safety Culture Indicators.</p> <p>Safety Leadership Assessment - Used to measure individual safety leadership capability around four domains of safety leadership.</p> <p>Worksite Assessment - Compares onsite observations of safety practices and employee interview data to the documented processes and procedures.</p> <p>Continuous Improvement Process - Involving all levels of the organization to generate engagement, involvement, and ownership in the safety improvement process.</p> <p>Training - can be conducted with e-learning courses on http://safelyhome.cat.com, instructor-led training products or as Supplier-facilitated workshops. Topics available include, but are not limited to, safety culture, effective communication, supervisor safety training, recognition, etc.</p> <p>Fleet Management & Services through Caterpillar Job Site Solutions: We leverage the power of Caterpillar and our dealers by designing innovative solutions that solve customer problems and that have a positive impact on their bottom line. We approach each site differently, striving to deliver exactly what's needed — no more, no less. Every solution includes a unique mix of Caterpillar and dealer capabilities using industry best products, technology, services and expertise necessary to meet the customer's definition of success. The goal is to leave customers better off tomorrow than they are today.</p> <p>Details on products and services are available at www.cat.com/safety. More information can be found in the additional document section. Pricing can be found in the pricing document section.</p>
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Table 9: Warranty

Describe in detail your manufacturer warranty program, including conditions and requirements to qualify, claims procedure, and overall structure. You may upload representative samples of your warranty materials (if applicable) in the document upload section of your response in addition to responding to the questions below.

Line Item	Question	Response *
46	Do your warranties cover all products, parts, and labor?	Caterpillar has extensive warranty coverage. Please see our warranty statements attached in the warranty information documents.
47	Do your warranties impose usage restrictions or other limitations that adversely affect coverage?	Please see applicable warranty statements in the attached documents.
48	Do your warranties cover the expense of technicians' travel time and mileage to perform warranty repairs?	Caterpillar does not cover travel time and mileage. Dealer territories vary considerably from state to state as do their policies about travel time and mileage during the warranty period.
49	Are there any geographic regions of the United States or Canada (as applicable) for which you cannot provide a certified technician to perform warranty repairs? How will Sourcewell participating entities in these regions be provided service for warranty repair?	One of our key differentiating strengths is our ability to service equipment regardless of where it is located. Please see applicable warranty statements in the attached documents.
50	Will you cover warranty service for items made by other manufacturers that are part of your proposal, or are these warranties issues typically passed on to the original equipment manufacturer?	Warranty service for machines ordered from a Caterpillar facility are generally provided by Caterpillar and performed by Cat dealers. Some items, such as tires, are covered under their manufacturers' warranties.
51	What are your proposed exchange and return programs and policies?	Please see applicable warranty statements in the attached documents.
52	Describe any service contract options for the items included in your proposal.	<p>We have a large variety of service contract options which can all be customized according to customer needs. Below are just two examples. More solutions are available and we encourage members and dealers to explore all options.</p> <p>1) Equipment Protection Plans (EPP): After the initial warranty period ends, members may choose to purchase additional protection plans to reduce their exposure to unplanned costs. These policies are written based on months and hours of operation. There are four standard levels of coverage:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Powertrain 2) Powertrain + Hydraulics 3) Powertrain + Hydraulics + Technology 4) Premier <p>A description of all these options is included in the attached Equipment Protection Plans document. EPP can be purchased at the same time as the machine purchase, or anytime before the standard warranty expires.</p> <p>2) Customer Value Agreements (CVA's): A member may choose to enter into an agreement with their Cat dealer to perform routine maintenance and/or repairs. These contracts are customizable based on member needs.</p> <p>The selling Cat dealer can take responsibility for some or all the required service and maintenance needs to allow the agency to gain efficiency by focusing on the performance demands more than maintenance. CVA's are a useful tool to manage expenses. CVAs can be purchased at the same time as the machine purchase, or anytime after. Cat Financial also offers CVAs, which can be performed by Cat dealers in the United States, and are particularly helpful for customers who move their machine fleet to multiple locations which may have different servicing Cat dealers.</p>

Table 10: Payment Terms and Financing Options

Line Item	Question	Response *	
53	Describe your payment terms and accepted payment methods.	Cat dealers are independently owned businesses. As such their payment terms and accepted payment methods vary, but all will be stated on individual invoices. The most common terms are net 30.	*
54	Describe any leasing or financing options available for use by educational or governmental entities.	<p>We offer both leasing and financing options to governmental members of Sourcwell at rates lower than available to the general public.</p> <p>Caterpillar has its own financing arm, Cat Financial. Cat Financial was founded in 1981 and serves Cat customers and dealers. With over 1,900 employees, Cat Financial is active in more than 40 countries covering more than 148,000 customers worldwide. Cat Financial offers you a complete solution for your acquisition needs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Equipment & Attachments - Parts - Service - Rebuilds <p>Financial products are aligned and customized with the project and work site requirements such as operating lease, loan or finance lease. Find more information from Cat Financial here: https://www.cat.com/en_US/support/financing-protection.html</p>	*
55	Describe any standard transaction documents that you propose to use in connection with an awarded contract (order forms, terms and conditions, service level agreements, etc.). Upload a sample of each (as applicable) in the document upload section of your response.	Cat dealers are independently owned businesses. As such their standard transaction documents will vary.	*
56	Do you accept the P-card procurement and payment process? If so, is there any additional cost to Sourcwell participating entities for using this process?	Because Cat dealers will be receiving payments directly from members, accepting P-card procurement will be at their discretion. Many dealers do accept this method without additional fees. Some have limitations on the amount that can be processed.	*

Table 11: Pricing and Delivery

Provide detailed pricing information in the questions that follow below. Keep in mind that reasonable price and product adjustments can be made during the term of an awarded Contract as described in the RFP, the template Contract, and the Sourcewell Price and Product Change Request Form.

Line Item	Question	Response *
57	Describe your pricing model (e.g., line-item discounts or product-category discounts). Provide detailed pricing data (including standard or list pricing and the Sourcewell discounted price) on all of the items that you want Sourcewell to consider as part of your RFP response. If applicable, provide a SKU for each item in your proposal. Upload your pricing materials (if applicable) in the document upload section of your response.	We offer a deep list discount off the current Caterpillar machine and work tool list prices to all Sourcewell members. We have provided base machine list pricing in the document pricing section. Base machines must be properly configured with other mandatory and optional items from the price list before they are considered operational. For the execution of the agreement we will ask our Cat dealer and Sourcewell member to use the Caterpillar price list that is current at the time of the quote. Dealers, in consultation with the member, will configure the machine to the desired specifications and apply the stated list discount to that configured list price amount. Dealer and members should remember to factor in any expected price increases if a machine will be built to order. The pricing document, in the applicable pricing document attachment section, shows the list discount offered for each new machine. Additionally, we are pleased to offer a list discount of 15% off all products and consulting services under Cat Safety Services.
58	Quantify the pricing discount represented by the pricing proposal in this response. For example, if the pricing in your response represents a percentage discount from MSRP or list, state the percentage or percentage range.	Pricing in this proposal is a percentage discount from list on current machine and work tools list prices. Our discount range varies between 3 - 34% off of the list price depending on the product family or model.
59	Describe any quantity or volume discounts or rebate programs that you offer.	Our dealers are empowered to consider purchase order volume, repeat purchases, etc. They may offer members additional discounts and /or services at their discretion.
60	Propose a method of facilitating "sourced" products or related services, which may be referred to as "open market" items or "nonstandard options". For example, you may supply such items "at cost" or "at cost plus a percentage," or you may supply a quote for each such request.	Sourced goods / Open Market Items are available to members from Cat dealers. The prices for these good or services will represent fair marketing value and will be determined between the member and the selling dealer. We encourage our dealers and members to use these options as it facilitates complimentary products and streamlines the procurement process. Customers and dealers are responsible for including their Sourcewell member numbers on all documentation related to these purchases. Caterpillar Inc. is not a party to these sales and is exempted from including them in quarterly reports. For audits, inclusion of a customer's Sourcewell member number on the PO and /or invoice shall be deemed sufficient.
61	Identify any element of the total cost of acquisition that is NOT included in the pricing submitted with your response. This includes all additional charges associated with a purchase that are not directly identified as freight or shipping charges. For example, list costs for items like pre-delivery inspection, installation, set up, mandatory training, or initial inspection. Identify any parties that impose such costs and their relationship to the Proposer.	Machines are unique in their requirements for preparation prior to use. Some may require local final assembly due to their large size others may have locally installed options (fire suppression, beacons, auto lube systems for example). When a dealer issues a quote for a machine, any dealer costs (like pre-delivery inspection, installation, set up, training, etc.) will be itemized separately and are not subject to the Caterpillar list discount for Sourcewell members.
62	If freight, delivery, or shipping is an additional cost to the Sourcewell participating entity, describe in detail the complete freight, shipping, and delivery program.	There is no additional cost to members who choose to pick up their machines from the Cat dealer. Dealers may charge fees for delivery to the Sourcewell member's location.
63	Specifically describe freight, shipping, and delivery terms or programs available for Alaska, Hawaii, Canada, or any offshore delivery.	Just as for members in the 48 contiguous states, there is no additional cost to members who choose to pick up their machine from their Cat dealer. Dealers may charge fees for delivery to the Sourcewell members' location.
64	Describe any unique distribution and/or delivery methods or options offered in your proposal.	Machines are large purchases and if there are unique Sourcewell member requirements our dealers will be happy to discuss on a case by case basis.

Table 12: Pricing Offered

Line Item	The Pricing Offered in this Proposal is: *	Comments
65	b. the same as the Proposer typically offers to GPOs, cooperative procurement organizations, or state purchasing departments.	Caterpillar wants to provide the governmental customer the best list discount possible to allow them to be good stewards of tax-payers funds. We want our governmental customers to have the ability to choose which cooperative contract better fits their needs.

Table 13: Audit and Administrative Fee

Line Item	Question	Response *
66	Specifically describe any self-audit process or program that you plan to employ to verify compliance with your proposed Contract with Sourcwell. This process includes ensuring that Sourcwell participating entities obtain the proper pricing, that the Vendor reports all sales under the Contract each quarter, and that the Vendor remits the proper administrative fee to Sourcwell. Provide sufficient detail to support your ability to report quarterly sales to Sourcwell as described in the Contract template.	<p>We plan to continue our very robust process to ensure reporting speed, accuracy, and contract compliance. Caterpillar and our Cat dealers have very close and trusting relationships. Our dealers are long-established, and the current process (under contract #032119-CAT) is working well.</p> <p>1) To ensure pricing accuracy, we maintain our current Sourcwell customer discount sheet on our dealer facing pricing pages. Dealers integrate these numbers automatically in their quoting software.</p> <p>2) To ensure new machines and work tool sales are recorded properly, we use our post-sale credit system. In a nutshell, this means that we corporately support the pricing offered in this contract at a level below what's available to other customers. To receive this additional monetary support after the machine is delivered, dealers must supply the member's name, address, and member number. There is no additional burden or cost to our dealers to use the Sourcwell contract and this is part of the reason for their high engagement and our high reporting accuracy.</p> <p>3) At month end, we gather the new machine and work tool sales data attributed to Sourcwell and aggregate it for our reporting.</p> <p>4) After quarter end, we will send the quarterly sales report and administration fee payment to Sourcwell for all items that are subject to the administrative fee.</p>
67	If you are awarded a contract, provide a few examples of internal metrics that will be tracked to measure whether you are having success with the contract.	We regularly track the % of sales that are sold using a cooperative contract. We will continue this practice if we are awarded a contract for RFP 011723.
68	Identify a proposed administrative fee that you will pay to Sourcwell for facilitating, managing, and promoting the Sourcwell Contract in the event that you are awarded a Contract. This fee is typically calculated as a percentage of Vendor's sales under the Contract or as a per-unit fee; it is not a line-item addition to the Member's cost of goods. (See the RFP and template Contract for additional details.)	Per amendment #1 to Contract #032119-CAT, we will be pleased to offer an administrative fee of 0.33% of Caterpillar's list price for each piece of new equipment and serialized work tools purchased by Sourcwell's Participating Entities. Caterpillar will pay this fee and will not ask dealers or members to pay the fee.

Table 14A: Depth and Breadth of Offered Equipment Products and Services

Line Item	Question	Response *
69	Provide a detailed description of the equipment, products, and services that you are offering in your proposal.	<p>The Cat equipment product line, consisting of more than 300 machines, sets the standard for our industry. We plan to help you meet your needs with our equipment, with our distribution and product support system, and the continual introduction and updating of products.</p> <p>Caterpillar is pleased to offer a wide variety of products for Sourcwell members. Excluding paving products, equipment and services awarded on 060122-CAT these include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cat Backhoe Loaders (9 models offered) - Cat Compact Track Loader/Skid Steer Loader (14 models offered) - Cat Track/Wheel Hydraulic Excavators (41 models offered) - Cat Motor Graders (7 models offered) - Cat Telehandlers (8 models offered) - Cat Track Loaders (3 models offered) - Cat Track/Wheel Dozers (15 models offered) - Cat Wheel Loaders (19 models offered) - Cat Wheel Tractor Scrapers (7 models offered) - Cat Articulated Trucks (5 models offered) - Cat Rigid Frame Trucks (2 models offered) - Cat Material Handlers (3 models offered) - Cat Landfill Compactors (3 models offered) <p>- Product offerings by model and discount can be found in the pricing attachment within the applicable proposal pricing section.</p> <p>Services and support include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cat Attachments (Worktools) - Cat Technology - Cat Safety Services - Cat Job Site Solutions <p>- Product offerings by model and discount can be found in the pricing attachment within the applicable proposal pricing section.</p> <p>- Services and support brochures can be found in the additional documents section by name of offering.</p> <p>For more detailed information on each of these products/offering see the following website: https://www.cat.com/en_US.html</p>
70	Within this RFP category there may be subcategories of solutions. List subcategory titles that best describe your products and services.	N/A

Table 148: Depth and Breadth of Offered Equipment Products and Services

Indicate below if the listed types or classes of equipment, products, and services are offered within your proposal. Provide additional comments in the text box provided, as necessary.

Line Item	Category or Type	Offered	Comments
71	Wheeled, tracked, and backhoe loaders	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	Manufactured by Caterpillar. Offerings listed in applicable pricing attachment section.
7	Motor Graders	Yes No	Manufactured by Caterpillar. Offerings listed in applicable pricing attachment section.
73	Wheeled and tracked excavators	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	Manufactured by Caterpillar. Offerings listed in applicable pricing attachment section.
74	Bulldozers, compactors, scrapers, articulated and rigid haulers	Yes No	Manufactured by Caterpillar. Offerings listed in applicable pricing attachment section.
75	Cranes	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	NIA
76	Accessories or attachments for the offering in #71-75 above	Yes No	Manufactured by Caterpillar. Offerings listed in applicable pricing attachment section.
77	Technology or services for the offering in #71-75 above	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	Manufactured or offered by Caterpillar. Offerings listed in applicable pricing attachment section.

Table 14C: Required Offering of Equipment

Indicate below if the proposer's proposal includes at least one (1) of the following listed types or classes of equipment. Provide additional comments in the text box provided, as necessary.

Line Item	Category or Type	Offered	Comments
78	Wheel loader with published net horsepower (HP) of at least 300 HP	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	Manufactured by Caterpillar. Offerings listed in applicable pricing attachment section.
79	Wheeled or tracked excavator with a published net horsepower (HP) of at least 150 HP	Yes No	Manufactured by Caterpillar. Offerings listed in applicable pricing attachment section.
80	Motor Grader with a published maximum operating weight of at least 30,000 lbs.	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	Manufactured by Caterpillar. Offerings listed in applicable pricing attachment section.
81	Rough terrain, all terrain, crawler, floating, lattice, or telescopic crane with a published maximum lifting capacity of at least 300 tons and a published maximum boom length of at least 150 feet	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	NIA

Exceptions to Terms, Conditions, or Specifications Form

Only those Proposer Exceptions to Terms, Conditions, or Specifications that have been accepted by Sourcewell have been incorporated into the contract text.

Documents

Ensure your submission document(s) conforms to the following:

1. Documents in PDF format are preferred. Documents in Word, Excel, or compatible formats may also be provided.
2. Documents should NOT have a security password, as Sourcewell may not be able to open the file. It is your sole responsibility to ensure that the uploaded document(s) are not either defective, corrupted or blank and that the documents can be opened and viewed by Sourcewell.
3. Sourcewell may reject any response where any document(s) cannot be opened and viewed by Sourcewell.
4. If you need to upload more than one (1) document for a single item, you should combine the documents into one zipped file. If the zipped file contains more than one (1) document, ensure each document is named, in relation to the submission format item responding to. For example, if responding to the Marketing Plan category save the document as "Marketing Plan."
 - [Pricing](#) - Machine Pricing.zip - Tuesday January 17, 2023 15:29:45
 - [Financial Strength and Stability](#) - Fin Strength and Stability.zip - Tuesday January 17, 2023 10:31:16
 - [Marketing PlanSamples](#) - Marketing Plan.pdf - Tuesday January 17, 2023 14:53:49
 - WMBEIMBEISBE or Related Certificates (optional)
 - [Warranty Information](#) - Warranty Combined.pdf - Monday January 16, 2023 10:36:31
 - Standard Transaction Document Samples (optional)
 - [Upload Additional Document](#) - Additional Documents.zip - Tuesday January 17, 2023 16:05:29

Addenda, Terms and Conditions

PROPOSER AFFIDAVIT AND ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE

I certify that I am the authorized representative of the Proposer submitting the foregoing Proposal with the legal authority to bind the Proposer to this Affidavit and Assurance of Compliance:

1. The Proposer is submitting this Proposal under its full and complete legal name, and the Proposer legally exists in good standing in the jurisdiction of its residence.
2. The Proposer warrants that the information provided in this Proposal is true, correct, and reliable for purposes of evaluation for contract award.
3. The Proposer, including any person assisting with the creation of this Proposal, has arrived at this Proposal independently and the Proposal has been created without colluding with any other person, company, or parties that have or will submit a proposal under this solicitation; and the Proposal has in all respects been created fairly without any fraud or dishonesty. The Proposer has not directly or indirectly entered into any agreement or arrangement with any person or business in an effort to influence any part of this solicitation or operations of a resulting contract; and the Proposer has not taken any action in restraint of free trade or competitiveness in connection with this solicitation. Additionally, if Proposer has worked with a consultant on the Proposal, the consultant (an individual or a company) has not assisted any other entity that has submitted or will submit a proposal for this solicitation.
4. To the best of its knowledge and belief, and except as otherwise disclosed in the Proposal, there are no relevant facts or circumstances which could give rise to an organizational conflict of interest. An organizational conflict of interest exists when a vendor has an unfair competitive advantage or the vendor's objectivity in performing the contract is, or might be, impaired.
5. The contents of the Proposal have not been communicated by the Proposer or its employees or agents to any person not an employee or legally authorized agent of the Proposer and will not be communicated to any such persons prior to Due Date of this solicitation.
6. If awarded a contract, the Proposer will provide to Sourcewell Participating Entities the equipment, products, and services in accordance with the terms, conditions, and scope of a resulting contract.
7. The Proposer possesses, or will possess before delivering any equipment, products, or services, all applicable licenses or certifications necessary to deliver such equipment, products, or services under any resulting contract.
8. The Proposer agrees to deliver equipment, products, and services through valid contracts, purchase orders, or means that are acceptable to Sourcewell Members. Unless otherwise agreed to, the Proposer must provide only new and first-quality products and related services to Sourcewell Members under an awarded Contract.
9. The Proposer will comply with all applicable provisions of federal, state, and local laws, regulations, rules, and orders.
10. The Proposer understands that Sourcewell will reject RFP proposals that are marked "confidential" (or "nonpublic," etc.), either substantially or in their entirety. Under Minnesota Statutes Section 13.591, subdivision 4, all proposals are considered nonpublic data until the evaluation is complete and a Contract is awarded. At that point, proposals become public data. Minnesota Statutes Section 13.37 permits only certain narrowly defined data to be considered a "trade secret," and thus nonpublic data under Minnesota's Data Practices Act.
11. Proposer its employees, agents, and subcontractors are not:
 1. Included on the "Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons" list maintained by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the United States Department of the Treasury found at: <https://www.treasury.gov/ofac/downloads/sdnlist.pdf>;
 2. Included on the government-wide exclusions lists in the United States System for Award Management found at: <https://sam.gov/SAM/>; or
 3. Presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from programs operated

by the State of Minnesota; the United States federal government or the Canadian government, as applicable; or any Participating Entity. Vendor certifies and warrants that neither it nor its principals have been convicted of a criminal offense related to the subject matter of this solicitation.

By checking this box I acknowledge that I am bound by the terms of the Proposer's Affidavit, have the legal authority to submit this Proposal on behalf of the Proposer, and that this electronic acknowledgment has the same legal effect, validity, and enforceability as if I had hand signed the Proposal. This signature will not be denied such legal effect, validity, or enforceability solely because an electronic signature or electronic record was used in its formation. - Sean Egel, Sales Support Consultant, Caterpillar Inc.

The Proposer declares that there is an actual or potential Conflict of Interest relating to the preparation of its submission, and/or the Proposer foresees an actual or potential Conflict of Interest in performing the contractual obligations contemplated in the bid.

Yes No

The Bidder acknowledges and agrees that the addendum/addenda below form part of the Bid Document.

Check the box in the column "I have reviewed this addendum" below to acknowledge each of the addenda.

File Name	I have reviewed the below addendum and attachments (if applicable)	Pages
Addendum_5_Heavy_Construction_Equipment_RFP_011723 Tue January 10 2023 08:47 AM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1
Addendum_4_Heavy_Construction_Equipment_RFP_011723 Fri January 6 2023 09:51 AM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2
Addendum_3_Heavy_Construction_Equipment_RFP_011723 Thu December 29 2022 12:33 PM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2
Addendum_2_Heavy_Construction_Equipment_RFP_011723 Wed December 21 2022 01:49 PM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1
Addendum_1_Heavy_Construction_Equipment_RFP_011723 Thu December 15 2022 09:27 AM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1

SOURCEWELL TRADEMARK LICENSE ADDENDUM

This Addendum is by and between **SOURCEWELL**, 202 – 12th Street NE, PO Box 219, Staples, Minnesota 56479 (“Sourcewell”) and **Caterpillar Inc.**, having its principal place of business at 5212 N. O’Connor Blvd., Suite 1100, Irving, TX 75039, and offices at 100 NE Adams Street, Peoria, Illinois, 61629 (“Caterpillar” or “Vendor”). Sourcewell and Caterpillar may be referred to in this Agreement as a “Party” and collectively as the “Parties.”

The Parties maintain a contractual relationship for Vendor to provide equipment, products, or services to Sourcewell’s cooperative purchasing contracts as follows:

Sourcewell Contract 011723 – CAT (Solicitation Number: 011723)

Sourcewell and Vendor each own all right, title, and interest in their respective names, trademarks, service marks, related logos, and all other rights in the names, designs, likenesses and visual representations thereof (“Licensed Trademarks”), and desire to grant each other a royalty-free license to use certain Licensed Trademarks owned by the other Party under the terms and conditions set forth herein.

ARTICLE I: GRANT OF LICENSE

A. GRANT OF LICENSE. During the term of the Contract:

1. Sourcewell grants to Vendor a royalty-free, worldwide, non-exclusive right and license to use Sourcewell’s Licensed Trademarks provided to Vendor by Sourcewell in advertising and promotional materials for the purpose of marketing Sourcewell’s relationship with Vendor.
2. Vendor grants to Sourcewell a royalty-free, worldwide (except for those jurisdictions that are prohibited by applicable Anti-Corruption and International Trade Laws), non-exclusive right and license to use Vendor’s Licensed Trademarks provided to Sourcewell by Vendor in advertising and promotional materials for the purpose of marketing Vendor’s relationship with Sourcewell.

“Anti-Corruption and International Trade Laws” means all statutes, regulations, rules, executive orders, supervisory requirements, directives, ordinances, circulars, opinions, interpretive letters, and official releases of or by any government, or any authority, department or agency thereof or self-regulatory organization related to bribery, fraud, corruption, or international trade.

3. The Parties agree that each is the owner of all rights, including without limitation common law rights and goodwill, in relation to their respective Licensed Trademarks, and that any goodwill derived from the use of Licensed Trademarks by the other Party shall inure to the owner of the respective Licensed Trademarks.

B. LIMITED RIGHT OF SUBLICENSE. The rights and licenses granted herein includes a limited right of each Party to grant sublicenses to its and their respective distributors, marketing representatives, and agents (collectively “Permitted Sublicensees”) in advertising and promotional materials for the purpose of marketing the Contract. Any sublicense granted will be subject to the terms and conditions of this Addendum. Each Party will be responsible for any breach of this Article by any of their respective sublicensees.

C. USE; QUALITY CONTROL.

1. Neither Party may alter the other Party's Licensed Trademarks from the form provided by the other Party and must comply with the other Party's removal requests as to specific uses of its Licensed Trademarks.
2. Each Party agrees to use, and to cause its Permitted Sublicensees to use, the other Party's Licensed Trademarks only in good faith and in a dignified manner consistent with such Party's use of the Licensed Trademarks. Upon written notice to the breaching Party, the breaching Party or their Permitted Sublicensees have thirty (30) days of the date of the written notice to cure the breach or the license will be terminated.
3. Beyond what is permitted in this Addendum, neither Party will:
 - a. attempt to register, or register any trademark, service mark, symbol, logo, get-up or device which is confusingly similar to any of the other Party's Licensed Trademarks in any jurisdiction;
 - b. represent that it has any rights of any nature in the Licensed Trademarks other than those enjoyed under the terms of this Agreement;
 - c. use the other Party's trademarks, service marks or copyrights, translations thereof or marks similar thereto, as part of its corporate name, trade name or a d/b/a name, favicons, social media names/handles, email addresses, email extensions, or domain names without prior written approval from the other Party; or
 - d. use the other Party's trade names, trademarks, or service marks on any collateral business materials (e.g., business cards, letterhead, invoices, pens, notepads, fax cover sheets, etc.), unless otherwise approved in writing by the other Party.

ARTICLE II: TERM, TERMINATION, AND MISCELLANEOUS.

- A. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Addendum is effective upon the date of the final signature below.
- B. **TERMINATION.** Unless earlier terminated in accordance with this Article, this Addendum expires immediately upon the expiration or termination of the Contract.
 1. *Termination for Convenience.* This Addendum may be terminated by either Party at any time upon ninety (90) days' prior written notice to the other Party.
 2. *Termination for Breach.* This Addendum may be terminated by either Party upon a breach of the terms of this Addendum by the other Party, upon written notice of breach to the breaching Party, and only if such breach is not cured within thirty (30) days of the date of the written notice.
 3. *Effect of Termination.* Upon the termination of this Addendum for any reason, each Party will have thirty (30) days to, and require its Permitted Sublicensees to, remove all Licensed Trademarks from signage, websites, and the like bearing the other Party's name or logo

(excepting Sourcewell's pre-printed catalog of vendors which may be used until the next printing). Vendor must return all marketing and promotional materials, including signage, provided by Sourcewell, or dispose of it according to Sourcewell's written directions.

- 4. Miscellaneous. The terms and conditions of this Addendum shall have no effect on the terms and conditions of any other trademark licenses signed by the Parties.

All other terms of the Contract remain in full force and effect, unless otherwise terminated.

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