

Men's and Women's Ice Hockey Programs Equipment

UConn Men's and Women's Ice Hockey programs equipment to be used for practice and competition.

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Commodity Codes

Commodity Code Description

25 Athletic Equipment and Services

Description

Intent to Bid Directions:

Suppliers intending to bid must read and follow the proposal Submittal Instructions provided below.

Questions Due November 14, 2019 @ 2:00 PM

Answers to questions will be provided by Thursday, November 21, 2019 @ 2:00 PM

About UConn - General:

The University is a Land, Sea, and Space Grant consortium institution, which occupies over 4302 acres, enrolling over 30,000 students for the academic year of 2016-2017. The total construction-related budget for fiscal year 2014 was \$2.1 billion dollars and on-going initiatives include UCONN 2000 & 21st Century UConn, Next Generation Connecticut, and Bioscience Connecticut. The main campus is located in Storrs, Connecticut and regional campuses located throughout Connecticut. Regional campuses include Avery Point in Groton, Stamford, Waterbury, and Hartford. Its academic health center, UConn Health, is located in Farmington, Connecticut. The UConn School of Law is located in West Hartford, Connecticut. Detailed University demographics are available via the following link:

2019 Fact Sheet.

Scope of Work:

The University of Connecticut is soliciting this Request for Proposal (RFP) to identify a supplier(s) to provide the UConn Men's and Women's Ice Hockey programs equipment to be used for practice and competition. This would include, but not limited to: Helmets, Facemasks, Stock/Custom Gloves, Stock/Custom Pants, Shoulder Pads, Elbow Pads, Shin Guards, Stock/Custom Skates, Hockey Specific Performance Apparel, Stock/Custom Composite Sticks, Goalie Helmets, Stock/Custom Goalie Pads, Stock/Custom Goalie Sticks, Skate Steel & Holders, Stock/Custom Stick & Equipment Travel Bags.

During fiscal year 2018, the University of Connecticut's Division of Athletics expended approximately \$110,000 (one hundred and ten thousand dollars) on goods and or services of this nature. This information is being provided for informational purpose only and should not be construed as a commitment by the University to purchase any specified quantities. Orders will be placed on an "as needed" basis only.

RFP Definitions:

"Request for Proposals (RFP)" means all documents, whether attached or incorporated by reference, utilized for soliciting proposals. Awards made as a result of an RFP shall be based upon "Competitive negotiations".

"Competitive negotiation" means a procedure for contracting for supplies, materials, equipment or contractual services, in which proposals are solicited from qualified suppliers by a request for proposals, and changes may be negotiated in proposals and prices after being submitted.

"Addenda" means written and/or graphic instructions issued by the University subsequent to the receipt of proposals that modify or interpret the Request for Proposal documents by addition, deletions, clarification, or corrections.

"Proposer" means a person, firm or corporation submitting a proposal in response to a Request for Proposal.

"Contractor" means any business that is awarded, or is a subcontractor under, a contract or an amendment to a contract with a state contracting agency under statutes and regulations concerning procurement, including, but not limited to, a small contractor, minority business enterprise, an individual with a disability, as defined in section 4a-60, or an organization providing products and services by persons with disabilities.

"Informal communications" means any communication method other than written emails to the Point of Contact Person identified for this RFP.

"Non-Acceptance of Proposal" means another proposal was deemed more advantageous to the University or that all proposals were rejected.

"Offer" or "Proposal" means the Proposer's response to this Request for Proposal.

"Services" shall mean all services described within the scope of this RFP.

"Agreement" shall mean the contract issued as a result of this Request for Proposal.

"CT-based Businesses" shall be a firm that is: (i) a business entity organized, headquartered and operating in the State of Connecticut for at least one year prior to the date of bid submission; or (ii) a business entity that is authorized to do business in Connecticut, maintains an operating location in Connecticut, and has generated over 50% of its annual gross revenues each year, over the past five (5) years prior to the date of bid submission, from work on projects located in Connecticut.

"Joint Venture" in this sourcing context refers to firms that may have familiarity within particular areas but may not be subject matter experts in all necessary areas; therefore, the University welcomes joint venture proposals.

"SBE/MBE Firm" shall refer to a certified Small Business Enterprise/Minority Business Enterprise firm that meets the qualifications as determined by legislation, Connecticut General Statute 4a-60g (Supplier Diversity Statue) as amended by Public Act 11-229.

"University" or "UConn" or a pronoun used in its place shall mean the University of Connecticut main campus at Storrs, Connecticut as well as its five regional campuses and the Cooperative Extension Offices.

"UConn Health" or "UCH" shall mean University of Connecticut Health and its affiliates.

Proposal Selection Evaluation Criteria:

All proposals will be evaluated by a selection committee, using the specific evaluation criteria listed in the table below. Each criterion has been assigned a point value. The evaluation committee will conduct a comprehensive review and analysis of the received proposals and recommend which proposals are the most advantageous to the needs of the University.

Evaluation Criteria Descriptions and Weights

Firm Information: History, experience, plan of operation to achieve objectives set forth in RFP. **Weight:** 5 Points

Technical Capabilities & Delivery of Services: Services offered, partnership relationships relevance to services offered. **Weight:** 20 Points

Demonstrated Experience, Qualifications & Customer Service in Support of Account: Experience in dealing with Division I College Hockey Programs, capability to staff, manage, evaluate risk & conduct services identified. Convenience and customer service. **Weight:** 15 Points

Quality of Proposal: Responsiveness to requirements and adequacy of information provided. **Weight:** 10 Points

Pricing/Fee Structure: Pricing Matrix, other financial incentives, additional value-added offers. **Weight:** 50 Points

Submittal Instructions:

There are a number of sections within this bid that requires your attention.

- 1. Prerequisites- If there are any forms or questions within this section they are required fields.
- 2. Buyer Attachments- These will be attachments related to the bid.
- 3. Supplier Attachments- This section is available to suppliers to upload any necessary attachments.
- 4. Questions- This section is a point by point response to a number of content including Scope of Work, References, Terms and Conditions, Contract Requirements and Required Submittals.
- 5. Additional Item Field- Not Applicable
- 6. Items- If applicable please provide any required pricing information.

[*If pricing is to be submitted in a separate document (outside of the Items page), the following should be requested:

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Pricing: Proposals must show stated quantity, unit price, extended amount and grand total with packing and delivery cost to destination included.]

No Substitute:

Unless qualified by the provision "NO SUBSTITUTE", the use of the name of a manufacturer, brand, make or catalog designation in specifying an item does not restrict proposers to the manufacturer, brand, make or catalog designation identification. This is used simply to indicate the character, quality and/or performance equivalence of the commodity desired, but the commodity on which proposals are submitted must be of the same or better character, quality and/or performance equivalence that it will serve the purpose for which it is to be used equally as well as that specified. In submitting a proposal on a commodity other than as specified, proposer shall furnish complete data and identification with respect to the alternate commodity bidder proposes to furnish. Consideration will be given to proposals submitted on alternate commodities to the extent that such action is deemed to serve best the interests of the State. If the proposer does not indicate that the commodity he/she proposes to furnish is other than specified, it will be construed to mean that the proposer proposes to furnish the exact commodity described. Any substitutions must meet or exceed all specification requirements and must receive approval in writing from the appropriate party at the University prior to any order being filled.

Point of Contact & Communication:

Upon formal issuance of a Sourcing Event, the University and Proposer(s) will cease all informal communications relevant to the Sourcing Event. All communications and/or inquiries regarding this Sourcing Event must be directed to the contact person identified within. All questions must be submitted through this portal. Upon Sourcing Event status change with the selected Proposer(s), all other Proposers will be notified as to their Sourcing Event status, or when the University formally rejects all proposals and cancels the Sourcing Event process. Failure to adhere this provision may result in a Proposer being declared ineligible, proposal rejection, or Sourcing Event cancellation. The University will not respond to any request for clarification received after the Deadline for Proposer Questions has expired.

Under no circumstances, may any proposer or its representative contact any employee or representative of the University regarding this Sourcing Event prior to the closing date. Strict adherence to this important procedural safeguard is required and appreciated. Any violation of this condition may result in proposer being considered as non-compliant and ineligible for award.

Questions and Answers:

Please submit all questions through this portal. All Questions and answers will be managed through this portal. Question and answers are incorporated into the Sourcing Event and may be incorporated along with the Sourcing Event into any resulting contract. Failure of a Proposer to not acknowledge the Questions and Answers shall not relieve the Proposer of any responsibility for complying with the terms thereof.

<u>Campus Visitor Parking:</u> At all Campuses parking is strictly regulated and violations are subject to monetary fines. Visitors must park only in areas specifically designated for general public parking (signed, paved, and lined parking areas and/or parking garage). Detailed parking information is available at the following links:

UCONN Parking Services (Main and Regional Campuses)

On-Site Accommodations:

If a Proposer requires on-site accommodations, the University recommends visitors stay on campus at the Nathan Hale Inn. This facility provides parking, complimentary access to the campus should may

provide preferred rates for long term stays. Contact information is available at the following link: www.nathanhaleinn.com.

Supplier Diversity:

The University of Connecticut is committed to providing a professionally inclusive environment within which small and minority businesses are encouraged to participate in the procurement experience, as they are afforded equal access to the bid process that transfers goods and services to the campus communities. As such, we encourage participation by Small (SBE), Minority-Owned (MBE), Woman-Owned (WBE) businesses, and businesses owned by persons with a disability (DisBE), certified as such by the State of Connecticut's Department of Administrative Services (DAS) Supplier Diversity Division, pursuant to Connecticut General Statute 32-9e. Additionally, the University encourages Connecticut-based businesses to participate within this public bid process.

To become a DAS-Certified S/M/W/DisBE, your company must meet the qualifications as determined by legislation, under §4a-60g of the Connecticut General Statutes (CGS). For further information, please visit this website: https://portal.ct.gov/DAS/Services/Licensing-Certification-Permitting-and-Codes/Small-Minority-Business-Center or contact the DAS Supplier Diversity Division (Set-Aside Program) at (860) 713-5057. To learn about the University of Connecticut's Supplier Diversity Program (USDP), please visit http://supplierdiversity.uconn.edu, or contact the USDP by e-mail at supplierdiversity@uconn.edu or by phone at (860) 486-2614.

Contract Term:

Initial term of three (3) years, plus two (2) additional one (1) extensions, or any part or combination thereof, for a total potential contract terms of five (5) years.

Prerequisites Required to View Event

★ Required to Enter Bid

There are no Prerequisites added to this event.

Buyer Attachments

1. Pricing Matrix

Questions ★ Required Q		uestions
Group 1.1:	Executive Summary	
1.1.1	Provide a summary to include what is being proposed, the important points of the proposal and key benefits of being selected as the Contractor.	*
Group 1.2:	Form of Proposal	
1.2.1	Proposer understands that the University reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, waive irregularities or technicalities in any offer, and accept any offer in whole or in part which it deems to be in its best interest.	*
1.2.2	Proposer hereby certifies: (a) that this proposal is genuine and is not made in the interest of or on behalf of any undisclosed person, firm or corporation; (b) that the proposer has not directly or indirectly induced or solicited any other proposer to put in a false or sham bid; (c) that the proposer has not solicited or induced any person, firm or corporation to refrain from bidding; and (d) that the proposer has not sought by collusion to obtain any advantage over any other proposer or over the University.	*
1.2.3	Proposer agrees that the response to this proposal is a legal and binding offer and the authority to make the offer is vested in the signer. Minor differences and informalities will be resolved by negotiation prior to acceptance of the offer.	*
1.2.4	Is proposer currently a State of Connecticut Small Business Enterprise and certified with the State of CT Department of Administrative Services?	*

- 1.2.5 Please acknowledge by entering "Agree" for payment terms of 2% 15 days, Net 45 days or provide alternate payment terms.
- 1.2.6 Sales Representative Contact Information please include name, telephone #, email address and attach resume.

Confidential Information: The University treats Proposals as confidential until after the award is issued. At that time they become subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act. If a bidder wishes to supply any information, which it believes is exempt from disclosure under the act, said bidder should summarize such information in a separate file, upload here

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Freedom of Information: The University is subject to the CT Freedom of Information Act,

found in Chapter 14 of the CT General Statutes. Two exceptions may apply are as follows: (1) Conn. Gen. Stat. sec. 1-210(b)(24) permits the University to withhold records related to the procurement process while bidding and contract negotiations are underway (this moratorium is temporary and lasts only until the contract has been executed or negotiations are abandoned); and Conn. Gen. Stat. sec. 1-20(b)(5) permits the University to withhold records in its possession in the event they contain trade secrets (or really any intellectual property). In the event that the University determines that Conn. Gen. Stat. sec. 1-210(b)(5) may apply to a given request for the records in questions, the responsibility to substantiate

Conflict of Interest: The bidder shall disclose and identify to the University, with its proposal, any relationships, which may constitute a potential conflict of interest with the University of Connecticut Procurement Services Department, or any other University organizations or departments for the purpose of determining whether a conflict of interest exists. All such disclosures require acceptance/approval action on the part of the University, who shall determine, in its sole discretion, whether an impermissible conflict exists.

claims that said would reveal trade secrets and meet the exemption requirements would

need to be borne by the owner of said trade secrets, not the University.

Compliance is responsible for handling anonymous ethics and compliance reporting. As a provider of goods and/or services to the University, you are hereby required to notify your employees, as well as any subcontractors, who are involved in the implementation of this contract, of this reporting mechanism. Any person who is aware of unethical practices, fraud, violation of state laws or regulations, or other concerns relating to University policies and procedures can report such matters anonymously using the information provided on their website at https://compliance.uconn.edu

Ethics and Compliance Reporting/Whistleblower Protection: The Office of University

Communications: All formal communications in regards to this solicitation must be in writing in the portal. Until the time when the University posts notification of intent to award; all communications in regards to this solicitation must be sent to the Procurement representative via email. Failure to adhere to this provision may result in a proposer being declared ineligible, proposal rejection, or solicitation cancellation.

a case by case basis, the Contractor shall have no right to use, and shall not use, the name of the University of Connecticut, its officials or employees, or the Seal of the University, a) in any advertising, publicity, promotion; nor b) to express or imply any endorsement of Contractor's products or services; nor c) to use the name of the state, its officials or employees or the University seal in any manner (whether or not similar to uses prohibited by subparagraphs (a) and (b) above) except only to manufacture and deliver in accordance with this agreement such items as are hereby contracted by the University.

The proposing vendor must certify that no elected or appointed official or employee or

Unless specifically authorized in writing by the University's Communications Department on

student of the University has benefited, or will benefit financially or materially from the proposed services. The University may terminate any contract resulting from this bid, if it is determined that gratuities of any kind were either offered to, or received by, any University officer or employee contract to this policy. The authorized signatory of a submitted proposal automatically attests this to be true. (See also Attachment of Governor Rell's Memo to Vendors Conducting Business with the State of Connecticut). The laws of the State of Connecticut provide it is a felony to offer, promise or give anything of value or benefit to a State employee with intent to influence that employee's acts, opinion, judgment or exercise of discretion with respect to that employee's duty. Evidence of violation of this statute will be turned over to the proper prosecuting attorney. See Code of Ethics in CT

Group 1.3: Standard Contract Terms and Conditions

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The following terms and conditions will govern in the submission and evaluation of proposals and the award of a contract. Bidders are requested to carefully review the terms and conditions, as they will become part of any subsequent agreement and award process. Contract Status: The response to this solicitation will be considered an offer to contract. Final ★ negotiations on the highest evaluated offer will be conducted to resolve any differences and informalities. After final negotiations, the University will issue an acceptance of the proposal offer.

1.3.2	Contract Modification: All changes to the contract must be agreed to, in writing, by both parties prior to executing any change.	*
1.3.3	Contract Assignment or Subcontract: The resulting contract shall not be assigned, transferred, or sublet in whole or in part without the prior written approval of the University.	*
1.3.4	Notification of Selected Firm: All Proposers will receive written notification of the selected firm after the evaluation committee has approved their selection.	*
1.3.5	Contract Commencement: The contract will commence upon execution and final approval by the Office of the Attorney General. The Project covered under the contract will be based on the specific University requirements or requests. The University can neither project nor guarantee a specific volume of business over the term of any contract that may result from this solicitation.	*
1.3.6	Ownership of Subsequent Samples: Any product, whether acceptable or unacceptable, developed under a contract awarded as a result of this RFP shall be the sole property of the University, when applicable, unless otherwise stated in the contract.	*
1.3.7	Samples: When applicable, the quality of accepted samples does not supersede the specifications for quality in the RFP unless the sample is superior in quality. All deliveries shall have at least the same quality as the accepted sample.	*
1.3.8	Samples: When applicable, samples shall be furnished free of charge. Bidders must indicate if return of any sample is desired. The University shall comply with such request provided samples are returned at bidder's sole cost and expense, FOB Bidder's destination, and that they have not been made useless by testing. If they are useless by testing, the State may dispose of the samples as it deems to be appropriate. Samples may be held for comparison with deliveries.	*
1.3.9	If the vendor fails to deliver or has delivered nonconforming goods, the University shall provide a cure notice as soon as discrepancy is identified. The vendor shall have up to ten (10) business days to correct the deficiency. If the vendor continues to be in default, Procurement will have the right to procure the correct goods from another source and charge the difference between the contracted price and the market price to the defaulting vendor.	*
1.3.10	Unless otherwise noted, prices shall include delivery and transportation charges fully prepaid F.O.B. DESTINATION. No extra charges for packing or packages will be allowed.	*
Group 1.4:	State of Connecticut Terms and Conditions	
1.4.1	Please indicate that your firm agrees to all the State of Connecticut terms and conditions found at this website: http://contracting.uconn.edu/terms-and-conditions. If your firm disagrees to any, please choose disagree and provide explanation and/or alternate language in the next line.	*
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2.1.1	In soliciting bids, it is the University's intent to establish a single primary source for this product. If, in the University's opinion, savings can be realized by using additional providers, the University will reserve the right to do so. The University will also reserve the right to negotiate by line item prior to any award and place orders in any manner deemed by the University to be in its best interest. The University reserves the right to make multiple awards resulting from this Request for Proposal should it believe that it would be in its best interest to do so.	*
Group 2.2:	3.1 Company & Management Information	
2.2.1	Minimum requirements: Must have at least ten (10) years of experience providing Ice Hockey Equipment to collegiate level student-athletes.	*
2.2.2	Please provide a historical perspective of your company, for example: years in business, growth via mergers and acquisitions, key industry innovations, etc.	*
2.2.3	What are your company's corporate values? Please describe your corporate culture. Please provide your company's mission, values, and vision statement.	*
2.2.4	How many total employees work for your company?	*
2.2.5	Are you registered with the State of Connecticut as a small disadvantaged, women, or veteran owned business?	*
2.2.6	Describe your company's office locations and types (full service, on-site, out-plant, etc.) including any affiliate relationships.	*
2.2.7	Describe the qualities that differentiate your company from competition as it relates to Ice Hockey Equipment.	*
2.2.8	Why are you the best partner for us now? Why are you the best partner for us in the future?	*
Group 2.3:	3.2 Account Management and Supplier Management	
2.3.1	Minimum requirements: The Respondent shall designate at least one (1) dedicated individual for UCONN Athletics. The account manager will be responsible for compliance with the terms and conditions of this agreement, including, but not limited to: providing the programs with superior customer service and delivering a line of product that meets an Olympic caliber level athlete in a timely fashion while meeting all rule and regulations set forth by the NCAA and conference.	*
2.3.2	Please describe your organization's management hierarchy. Who will be responsible locally, regionally, and/or nationally for this account? Please provide specific names, titles, locations, and phone numbers. Will each of these resources be exclusively assigned to support the University account? If not, how many other accounts will they support? Provide the resume of the proposed account manager that will be assigned to this initiative.	*
2.3.3	What is your process for reporting ongoing progress and/or issues with the University's account?	*
2.3.4	Describe your process for annual reviews and for benchmarking the relationship with our programs. Who will perform that role?	*
2.3.5	How can you assist the University with its goal for cost reduction?	*
Group 2.4:	Billing, Payments and Invoicing	
2.4.1	Invoices: Please describe how the billing structure will work and who the University will deal with in this area.	*
2.4.2	Billing Dispute Resolution: All Respondent-caused billing errors/disputes must be completely resolved by the Respondent within thirty (30) days after notification.	*
2.4.3	Returns: Do you except returns of new and unused products? What is your return policy?	*
Group 2.5:	Contract Transition	
2.5.1	At the end of the contract term resulting from this RFP, the University may publish another RFP for such services. The awarded vendor of this current RFP agrees to provide a smooth and orderly transition to any new Ice Hockey Equipment provider (Successor) to ensure minimal disruption and to avoid any decline in service to University staff and student-athletes. Respondent must be available and cooperative in any transition at the contract close-out.	*
Group 2.6:	Pricing (Financial Proposal)	
2.6.1	Include the following in your proposal: 1) A detailed financial proposal in the Pricing Matrix included in the Buyer Attachments. 2) A current listing of all Ice Hockey Equipment offered in your proposal. 3) All products offered and discount off manufacturer pricing. 4) Value-added financial incentives such as volume discounts, incentive programs, sponsorship agreements, etc.	*

Group 2.7:	Specifications and Pricing	
2.7.1	The below items are standard issue items in the University's Division of Athletics. Upload the warranty information for all items as well as all other equipment items offered by your company, not listed below. You may upload the warranty information for each individual item below or a file can be uploaded in the Supplier Attachments.	
2.7.2	Helmets	
2.7.3	Facemasks	
2.7.4	Stock/Custom Gloves	
2.7.5	Stock/Custom Pants	
2.7.6	Shoulder Pads	
2.7.7	Elbow Pads	
2.7.8	Shin Guards	
2.7.9	Stock/Custom Skates	
2.7.10	Hockey Specific Performance Apparel	
2.7.11	Stock/Custom Composite Sticks	
2.7.12	Goalie Helmets	
2.7.13	Stock/Custom Goalie Pads	
2.7.14	Stock/Custom Goalie Sticks	
2.7.15	Skate Steel & Holders	
2.7.16	Stock/Custom Stick & Equipment Travel Bags	
Group 3.1:	Affidavits and Certifications	
3.1.1	Form 1 Gift and Campaign Contribution Certification, please download, complete and attach http://www.ct.gov/opm/lib/opm/OPM_Form_1_Gift_and_Campaign_Contribution_Certification_3-28-14.pdf	*
3.1.2	Form 5 Consulting Agreement, please download, complete and attach http://www.ct.gov/opm/lib/opm/OPM_Form_5_Consulting_Agreement_Affidavit_3-28-14.pdf	*
3.1.3	Non-Discrimination Certification http://www.ct.gov/opm/cwp/view.asp?a=2982&Q=390928	*
Group 3.2:	Additional Required Forms and Acknowledgements	
3.2.1	Bidder Contract Compliance Monitoring Report http://www.ct.gov/chro/lib/chro/pdf/notificationtobidders.pdf	*
3.2.2	SEEC Form 10 Acknowledgement of Receipt http://www.ct.gov/seec/lib/seec/forms/contractor_reporting_/seec_form_10_final.pdf	*
3.2.3	Please acknowledge you have read and will comply with the University's Vendor Code of Conduct located at: http://policy.uconn.edu/2013/02/12/vendor-code-of-conduct/	*
3.2.4	CT Economic Impact Form http://www.biznet.ct.gov/SCP_Documents/Groups/1/Connecticut Economic Impact Form (DAS-46).pdf	*
3.2.5	Non-Collusion Affidavit: Please download and sign, then upload the signed copy.	\star
3.2.6	State Ethics Policy - Vendors Conducting Business with the State of Connecticut. Please review this policy.	*
Group 4.1:	References	
4.1.1	Provide references - these references should be of comparable size and scope to the University's requirements in this solicitation. Reference #1 Customer Name	*
4.1.2	Reference #1 Street Address, City, State, Zip	*
4.1.3	Reference #1 Contact Name	*
4.1.4	Reference #1 Email Address for Contact	*
4.1.5	Reference #1 Phone Number for Contact	*
4.1.6	Reference #1 Contract Dates	*
4.1.7	Reference #1 Contract Summary - Please describe reference project emphasizing similarities to the University requirements.	*
4.1.8	Reference #2 Customer Name	*
4.1.9	Reference #2 Street Address, City, State, Zip	*
4.1.10	Reference #2 Contact Name	*

4.1.11	Reference #2 Email Address for Contact	\star
4.1.12	Reference #2 Phone Number for Contact	*
4.1.13	Reference #2 Contract Dates	*
4.1.14	Reference #2 Contract Summary - Please describe reference project emphasizing similarities to the University requirements.	*
4.1.15	Reference #3 Customer Name	*
4.1.16	Reference #3 Street Address, City, State, Zip	*
4.1.17	Reference #3 Contact Name	*
4.1.18	Reference #3 Email Address for Contact	*
4.1.19	Reference #3 Phone Number for Contact	*
4.1.20	Reference #3 Contract Dates	*
4.1.21	Reference #3 Contract Summary - Please describe reference project emphasizing similarities to the University requirements.	*
Group 5.1:	Evaluation Criteria	
5.1.1	All proposals will be evaluated by a selection committee, using the specific evaluation criteria provided in the description of this solicitation. Each criterion has been assigned a point value. The evaluation committee will conduct a comprehensive review and analysis of the received proposals and recommend which proposals are the most advantageous to the needs of the University.	*
Group 6.1:	Financial Statements	
6.1.1	After evaluation, proposers may be required to submit their most current, within the last three (3) years, 10-K financial statements package including: Balance Sheet, Cash Flow statements, Statement of Stockholders Equity, and Income Statements. If a current 10-K is unavailable, financial statements which have been audited and certified by an independent Certified Public Accountant (CPA) shall be deemed acceptable. If audited financial statements are unavailable, provide financial statements which have been reviewed by an independent Certified Public Accountant (CPA). The University reserves the right to request additional information to provide any assurances of financial surety it deems appropriate.	*
6.1.2	Provide reason if your answer was Disagree above	
Group 7.1:	Inclement Weather Information	
7.1.1	Inclement Weather: Be advised that in the event of an official University closing or early dismissal due to inclement weather or other reason this bid will be due and opened at 2:00 PM on the next business day. Please call the University Emergency Information Line at 860-486-3768 for up to date information on official cancellations or early closings.	*
Group 8.1:	Insurance Requirements with \$2,000,000.00 Limit	
8.1.1	Insurance: The Proposer agrees to provide adequate insurance coverage on a primary and comprehensive basis and to hold such insurance at all times during the Term of this Agreement. The Contractor accepts full responsibility for identifying and determining the type(s) and extent of insurance necessary to provide reasonable financial protection for the Contractor and the University under this Agreement. The Contractor shall maintain statutory workers' compensation and employers' liability insurance, comprehensive automobile liability insurance and commercial general liability insurance not less than the minimum limits as set forth below all at no cost to the University or the State of Connecticut.	*
8.1.2	Statutory Workers' Compensation and Employers' Liability: Workers' Compensation: Statutory limits Employers' Liability: Bodily injury by accident: \$100,000 each accident Bodily injury by illness: \$100,000 each employee \$500,000 policy limit	*
8.1.3	Commercial General Liability: Combined single limit: \$1,000,000 each occurrence \$2,000,000 annual aggregate	*
8.1.4	Comprehensive Automobile Liability: (to include owned, non-owned and hired vehicles): Combined single limit: \$1,000,000 each occurrence	*
8.1.5	Umbrella Liability: \$2,000,000 each occurrence	*

Professional Services Liability Insurance: (If applicable) The Contractor will furnish evidence, by way of a certificate of insurance, that it has obtained a professional services liability insurance policy with \$1,000,000.00 minimum coverage for negligent errors and omissions. If any claims are made against its professional services liability insurance policy, the Contractor agrees to purchase additional insurance in order to maintain the minimum coverage of \$1,000,000.00. The insurance will remain in effect during the entire duration of this Contract and for eight (8) years after substantial completion of the Project. For policies written on a "Claims Made" basis, the Contractor agrees to maintain a retroactive date prior to or equal to the effective date of this Contract.

The Contractor will contractually require any architectural or engineering firm it hires to maintain professional liability insurance in the same amount and with the same provisions indicated above. The Contractor's policy will provide coverage for the Contractor's obligation under this Contract to indemnify and hold harmless the University and the State, and their employees and agents, from claims, liabilities, demands, damages, costs or expenses (including all reasonable attorney's fees) to the extent caused by or resulting from any negligent act or omission of the Contractor or anyone for whom the Contractor is responsible in the performance of this Contract, and each policy held by a Contractor of the Contractor shall provide the same coverage to the extent of such Contractor's negligent acts or

Each of the policies for the insurance mentioned above will be issued by an insurance company or companies satisfactory to the University and will contain a provision that coverages will not be changed, canceled, or non-renewed until at least thirty (30) calendar days prior written notice has been given to the University. Each insurance policy will state that the insurance company agrees to investigate and defend the insured against all claims for damages to the extent that all alleged damages might be covered by insurance. Such insurance policies will name the State of Connecticut, the University of Connecticut, their officers, officials, employees, agents, boards and commissions as additional insured, except that the University and the State will not be named as an additional insured with respect to the coverage for the statutory workers' compensation and employer's liability insurance.

Certificates of insurance shall clearly indicate the title and date of this Agreement or some easily identifiable reference to the Contractor's relationship to the University. Certificates of insurance showing such coverages as required in this section will be filed with the University prior to the time this Agreement is executed on behalf of the University. Upon the request of the University, the Contractor will provide to the University a copy of any of the aforementioned policies, and any endorsements or amendments thereto.

Group 9.1: Advertising/Sponsorship Opportunities and Licensed Merchandise

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In submitting a proposal, the Proposer agrees, unless specifically authorized in writing by the University on a case by case basis, that it shall have no right to use, and shall not use, the name of the University of Connecticut, its officials or employees, or the Seal of the University, a) in any advertising, publicity, promotion; nor b) to express or imply any endorsement of agency's services; nor c) to use the name of the state, its officials or employees or the University seal in any manner (whether or not similar to uses prohibited by subparagraphs (a) and (b) above) except only to manufacture and deliver in accordance with this agreement such services as are hereby contracted by the University. Should the Proposer be interested in pursuing a formalized sponsorship agreement with the University through its Division of Athletics, which may include advertising benefits and use of University marks, please contact the procurement official identified in this solicitation for details.

9.1.2 Pre-authorization must be received from the University for the use of University's names, marks, and logos.

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