

**SUPERIOR COURT OF SANTA CRUZ COUNTY**  
**REQUEST FOR QUOTE (RFQ) – SERVICES**

**RFQ NO.: 9-13-ASVCS**

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**Date Issued:** \_\_\_\_\_

**To:**

Vendor: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Contact:

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Acceptable Delivery Methods:    Mail or Express Delivery: X    Hand Delivery: X    Facsimile: X

**THIS IS NOT AN ORDER**

**Deadline For Submitting Questions:**    9/13/13 1:00pm (Pacific Time)

**Quote Submittal Date:**    9/17/13 (Pacific Time)

**Required Delivery Date:** \_\_\_\_\_    **Payment:**    Net 30 days

**Evaluation Criteria** – Quotes will be evaluated to determine the quote that offers the best value to the Court. The evaluation will be based upon the following criteria, listed in order of descending priority. Although some factors are weighted more than others, all are considered necessary, and a quote must be technically acceptable in each area to be eligible for award. With regards to cost, the Court reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to reject any quote whose price is outside of the competitive range.

Cost/Pricing factors	Certificate of Insurance
Ability to meet timing requirements	Experience on similar assignment

**Description of Requested Service**

Superior Court of California, Santa Cruz is seeking quotes from firms and/or individuals interested in providing armored vehicle transport of Court's daily bank deposits: **1-Pick Up per a Business Day** from Watsonville Courts 1 Second St, Watsonville, CA 95076; **1-Delivery & Pick Up per a Business Day** from Watsonville To Santa Cruz Courts 701 Ocean St; **1-Final Delivery per a Business Day** from Santa Cruz Courts 701 Ocean St to Vault. **A Total of 2-Pick Ups and 2-Deliveries per a day at 5-days a week.**

It is intended the successful firm will enter into contract (via purchase order) with the Court for a one (1) year term with three (3), one-year renewals by mutual agreement between the Court and contracted firm at the same unit prices as well as the terms and conditions of this solicitation.

**Total Cost:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Other information:**    The Solicitation Instructions and General Terms and Conditions are attached.

**Quote Valid Through** \_\_\_\_\_

Federal Tax ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Vendor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_    Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

# SOLICITATION INSTRUCTIONS

## **SUBMITTAL OF QUOTES AND RESERVATION OF RIGHTS**

The vendor must complete one copy of the Request for Quote form ("RFQ form"). The completed RFQ must be delivered to the Court contact listed on the RFQ form prior to the quote submittal date and time indicated.

All information entered on the RFQ must be clearly written or typed. No erasures are permitted. Errors may be crossed out and corrections printed in ink or typewritten adjacent and must be initialed in ink by the person signing the RFQ.

The Court reserves the right to reject any and all quotes, in whole or in part, as well as the right to issue similar RFQs in the future.

## **RFQ ADDENDA**

The Court may modify this solicitation document prior to the date fixed for submission of quotes by providing notice to potential proposers. If any potential vendor determines that an addendum unnecessarily restricts its ability to propose, it must notify the Court no later than three (3) business days following the date the addendum was provided.

**Pricing shall reflect all addenda issued by the Court. Failure to do so will permit the Court to interpret the quote to include all addenda issued in any resulting contract.**

## **PRE-QUOTE CONFERENCE/WALK-THROUGH**

The Court may require that interested vendors attend a mandatory pre-quote conference to discuss the scope of work. If the Court elects to require a pre-quote conference, the Court will notify vendors of the location, date and time. In the event a potential vendor is unable to attend the pre-quote conference, an authorized representative may attend on their behalf. A representative may only sign in for one vendor. Quotes from vendors who did not attend the pre-quote conference will not be accepted and will be returned unopened.

## **AMBIGUITY, DISCREPANCIES, OMISSIONS**

If a vendor submitting a quote discovers any ambiguity, conflict, discrepancy, omission, or other error in this solicitation document, the vendor shall immediately provide the Court written notice of the problem and request that the solicitation document be clarified or modified.

If prior to the quote submittal deadline a vendor submitting a quote knows of or should have known of an error in the solicitation document but fails to notify the Court of the error, the vendor shall submit a quote at its own risk, and if the vendor is awarded the purchase, the vendor shall not be entitled to additional compensation or time by reason of the error or its later correction.

## **CONTACT WITH COURT**

Questions regarding this RFQ must be directed to the individual named in the Court Contact Info on the RFQ form. Vendors are specifically directed NOT to contact any other Court personnel or consultants regarding this RFP at any time prior award. Unauthorized contact with any Court personnel or consultants may be cause for rejection of the vendor's response.

## **ACCEPTANCE OF TERMS**

The requested goods and services will be provided pursuant to the attached terms General Terms and Conditions. Submittal of a proposal indicates that the vendor accepts the General Terms and Conditions.

## **CONFIDENTIAL OR PROPRIETARY INFORMATION**

All materials submitted in response to this solicitation will become the property of the Court and will be returned only at the Court's option and at the expense of the vendor submitting the quote. One copy of a submitted quote will be retained for official files and become a public record. Any material that a vendor considers as confidential but does not meet the disclosure exemption requirements of the California Public Records Act should not be included in the vendor's proposal as it may be made available to the public.

## **ERROR IN SUBMITTED QUOTE**

If an error is discovered in a vendor's quote, the Court may at its sole option retain the quote and allow the vendor to submit certain arithmetic corrections. In determining if a correction will be allowed, the Court will consider the conformance of the quote to the format and content required by the solicitation, the significance and magnitude of the correction, and any unusual complexity of the format and content required by the solicitation.

If prior to an award, a vendor discovers a mistake in their quote that renders the vendor unwilling to perform under any resulting contract, the vendor must immediately notify the Court in writing and request to withdraw the quote. It shall be solely within the Court's discretion as to whether withdrawal will be permitted.

*End of Instructions*

## GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

**ACCEPTANCE:** BY DELIVERING THE ORDERED GOODS OR SERVICES, SELLER AGREES TO THE SPECIFICATIONS, TERMS, AND CONDITIONS SPECIFIED ON THE FACE AND REVERSE OF THIS DOCUMENT AND ANY REFERENCED DOCUMENTS (COLLECTIVELY, THE "ORDER"). SELLER'S ADDITIONAL OR DIFFERENT TERMS AND CONDITIONS ARE EXPRESSLY EXCLUDED FROM THIS ORDER AND THE COURT DOES NOT AGREE TO SUCH TERMS OR CONDITIONS. THIS ORDER'S TERMS AND CONDITIONS MAY ONLY BE VARIED BY A WRITING SIGNED BY THE COURT'S DULY AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE. SELLER MAY NOT ALTER, ADD TO, OR OTHERWISE MODIFY THESE TERMS AND CONDITIONS.

**AUDIT RIGHTS:** Seller agrees to maintain records relating to performance and billing by Seller under this Order for a period of three years after final payment. During the period of time that Seller is required to retain such records, the Court or its representative may, during normal business hours, inspect and make extracts or copies of such records and other materials for purposes of confirming the accuracy of invoices submitted hereunder.

**CHANGES:** No change or modification in terms, quantities, or specifications may be made without express authorization in writing from the Court.

**DELIVERY AND PACKING SLIPS:** Time is of the essence to delivery and any other performance required of Seller. No charge for delivery, drayage, express, parcel post, packing, cartage, insurance, license fees, permits, cost of bonds, or any other purpose shall be paid by the Court unless it is expressly included on the face of this Order. Unless stated otherwise in this Order, the shipping point for all deliveries under this Order shall be F.O.B. "Destination". Unless otherwise shown on this Order, on "F.O.B. Shipping Point" transactions, Seller shall arrange for lowest-cost transportation, prepay and add freight to its invoice, and furnish supporting freight bills over \$25. If delivery is to be made by a carrier, an itemized delivery ticket must be attached to the outside of the package. Each container must be marked with the Order number, part number and quantity. Any itemized packing slip bearing the Court's Order number as shown thereon must be left with the goods to insure their receipt.

**INDEMNITY:** SELLER SHALL INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS THE COURT AND ITS OFFICERS, AGENT AND EMPLOYEES FROM AND AGAINST ALL CLAIMS, DAMAGES, LOSSES, LIABILITIES, COSTS AND EXPENSES ARISING OUT OF OR RESULTING IN ANY WAY FROM ANY DEFECT, WHETHER LATENT OR PATENT, IN THE GOODS OR SERVICES PURCHASED HEREUNDER OR FROM ANY ACT OR OMISSION OF SELLER, ITS AGENTS OR EMPLOYEES, INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS OR SUBCONTRACTORS. THIS INDEMNIFICATION SHALL BE IN ADDITION TO THE WARRANTY OR OTHER OBLIGATIONS OF SELLER AND SHALL APPLY WITHOUT REGARD TO WHETHER THE CLAIM, DAMAGE, LOSS, LIABILITY, COST OR EXPENSES IS BASED ON BREACH OF WARRANTY, NEGLIGENCE, STRICT LIABILITY, OR ANY OTHER LEGAL OR EQUITABLE THEORY. THE INDEMNITY SHALL SURVIVE DELIVERY AND ACCEPTANCE OF GOODS OR SERVICES.

**INFRINGEMENT PROTECTION:** Seller shall hold the Court and its officers, agents, and employees harmless from liability of any nature or kind, including costs and expenses, for infringement or use of any copyrighted or uncopyrighted composition, secret process, or patented or unpatented invention, article, or appliance furnished or used in connection with this Order.

**INSPECTION AND ACCEPTANCE:** Notwithstanding any prior inspection or payments, all goods and services delivered hereunder shall be subject to final inspection and acceptance or rejection by the Court at any time within thirty days after delivery to the Court. All items which are not in compliance with the specifications hereof, which are not as warranted or which are shipped late, shipped in excess or insufficient quantities or substituted for items ordered hereunder may be rejected by the Court and returned or held at Seller's expense and risk. Payment shall not constitute an acceptance of the material nor impair the Court's right to inspect or any of its remedies.

**INSURANCE:** Seller agrees, warrants and represents to the Court that Seller shall maintain adequate insurance to cover any liabilities that may occur in the performance of services and delivery of goods under this Order. Seller further warrants and represents to the Court that Seller shall maintain adequate insurance to cover any public liability, property damage and/or automobile liability for any damage incurred with Seller's performance of any work on or about the Court's premises or third-party premises to which the goods and services are to be delivered as indicated on the face of this Order. Seller shall maintain proper Workers' Compensation Insurance covering all employees providing service or performing work under this Order.

**INVOICES, PAYMENT AND SETOFF:** The Court shall have no obligation to pay for any item until one original and two copies of a correct, itemized invoice for the item is received at the address shown on the face of this Order. Payment is due thirty days from receipt of a correct, itemized invoice. Each invoice shall be printed on Seller's standard printed bill form, and shall include at a minimum (i) the Order number, (ii) Seller's name and address, (iii) the nature of the invoiced charge, (iv) the total invoiced amount, and (v) such detail as is reasonably necessary to permit the Court to evaluate the goods received and the services performed, if any, including without limitation the number of hours worked and the applicable hourly rate. Amounts owed to the Court due to rejections of goods or services or discrepancies in an invoice shall be, at the Court's option, fully credited against future invoices payable by the Court, or paid by Seller within thirty days from Seller's receipt of a debit memo or other written request for payment by the Court. The Court shall have the right at any time to set off any amount owing from Seller to the Court against any amount payable by the Court pursuant to this Order or any other transaction or occurrence.

**LEGAL COMPLIANCE:** (a) Seller shall observe and comply with all federal, state, city, and local laws, rules, and regulations affecting goods and services under this Order. (b) Seller and its subcontractors, if any, shall not unlawfully discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, national origin, ancestry, physical handicap, medical condition, marital status, age (over 40), sex or sexual orientation. Seller shall ensure that the evaluation and treatment of employees and applicants for employment are free of such discrimination. Seller and its subcontractors, if any, shall give written notice of their obligations under this clause to labor organizations with which they have a collective bargaining or other agreement. (c) Seller shall comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990 (42 USC Sec. 012101 et seq.) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability, as well as with all applicable regulations and guidelines issued pursuant to the ADA.

**MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEETS:** If some or all of the goods being provided by Seller are on CAL OSHA's "Hazardous Substances List," Seller shall, upon request, forward a completed Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) to the Court.

**RISK OF LOSS:** Seller shall bear the risk of loss or damage to the ordered goods until Seller delivers the goods to the Court's place of business unless a different F.O.B. point is indicated on the face of this Order. Notwithstanding such delivery, Seller shall bear the risk of loss or damage to the goods purchased under this Order in the event of and from the time the Court gives notice of rejection or termination of this Order.

**STATUS AS INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR AND SUBCONTRACTS:** Seller is an independent contractor and while performing work on or off the Court's premises neither it nor any of its agents or employees shall be considered agents or employees of the Court. Seller shall not subcontract or delegate its obligations under this Order without the prior written consent of the Court.

**TERMINATION:** The Court may terminate all or part of this Order for any or no reason at any time by giving notice to Seller. Should Court terminate this Order for convenience, the Court's liability shall be: (a) for standard or off-the-shelf products, a reasonable restocking charge not to exceed ten percent of the purchase price; (b) for custom products, the lesser of (i) a reasonable price for raw materials, components, work in progress, and any finished units on hand, or (ii) the price, set forth in this Order, per finished unit, after giving effect to any discount the Court would otherwise be entitled to. For termination of any separate services specifically ordered, liability shall be the lesser of (a) a reasonable price for the services rendered prior to termination, or (b) the price for the services. If any hourly or other time-based rate for services is specified in this Order, such rate shall be used in determining a reasonable price. Upon receipt of a termination notice, Seller shall, unless otherwise directed, cease work and follow the Court's directions as to work in progress and finished goods.

**WARRANTIES:** Seller warrants that all goods delivered shall (a) be free from defects in workmanship, material, and manufacture (including, without limitation, defects which could create a hazard to life or property); (b) be new, not refurbished or reconditioned, unless stated otherwise in this Order; (c) be of merchantable quality and shall be fit for the purposes intended by the Court to the extent disclosed by Seller; (d) comply with the requirements of this Order; and (e) comply with all applicable laws and regulations. Seller further warrants that all services shall be rendered in a good and workmanlike manner by skilled personnel in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations.

*End of General Terms and Conditions*