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*** INVITATION TO BID ***

BID TYPE:	SUPPLEMENT
BID REFERENCE:	PV-CP-2015.001
BID PUBLIC NOTICE DATE:	April 29, 2015
BID OPENING DATE & TIME:	May 06, 2015, 9:00am EST
BID CONTRACT PERIOD:	May 07, 2015 – April 30, 2016
BID CATEGORY:	Copy Paper

STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- BID PURPOSE:** The Kentucky Educational Development Corporation (KEDC) Board of Directors, as the Legal Education Agency (LEA) for KPC solicits sealed bids that would, if accepted by the KEDC Board of Directors or its designee, establish contracts, with the general and detailed terms, conditions, and specifications contained in these standard terms and conditions and in the bid specific terms and conditions. This is a supplemental bid for a previously awarded preferred copy paper contract. KEDC is looking for a vendor to service the West Kentucky Region.
- INSTRUCTIONS FOR BIDDERS:** These standard terms and conditions along with the bid specific terms and conditions apply to all bids submitted. Explain any requested deviations or exceptions as part of your bid proposal. KEDC may, at its discretion, accept or reject any or all deviations or exceptions proposed. In the event of a discrepancy between the standard and bid specific terms the bid specific terms will govern.

The public notice for this invitation, the invitation itself, and any addendums are available for view, download, or print from the Internet at www.kpc4me.com on the bid public notice date and until the time and date specified for the bid opening. Bid tabulations will be made by KEDC staff and, after the Board or its designee has taken official action, will be posted to the above websites.

- BID FORMS AND RETURN INSTRUCTIONS:** KPC has an online interface that creates a confidential and encrypted electronic bid submission. Bid submission requires that each bidder has an updated vendor account. Instructions on how to register as a new vendor or update an existing account and complete the bid submission process can be found at <http://www.kpc4me.com/bid-opportunity>. For assistance with registration or technical questions regarding the online interface contact info@kpc4me.com.

Submit all bids and any attachments via the online application. No other form of bid submission (e.g., paper, telephone, facsimile, telegraph, mail, etc.) will be accepted. Bids submitted on company forms are subject to rejection.

The bidder acknowledges that the bidder has read this invitation, understands it, and agrees to bind by its terms and conditions.

4. **CLARIFICATION:** For clarification or additional information relative to this bid invitation or the online interface contact the KEDC Member Services Team by email at info@kpc4me.com or phone (606) 928-0205.
5. **PROCUREMENT CONSIDERATIONS:** KEDC conducts all procurement transactions in full compliance with all applicable federal and state statutes, regulations and rules.

It is the clear intention of KEDC to foster all procurement transactions in a manner to provide to the maximum extent practicable, open and free competition. (20 U.S.C. 1221e-3(a)(1) and 3474, - 22 CFR 135)

KEDC shall make positive efforts toward procuring and utilizing small business and minority-owned business sources of supplies and services. All such efforts shall be made to allow these sources the maximum feasible opportunity to compete for contracts.

All procurement procedures developed and implemented by KEDC shall assure that unnecessary or duplicative items are not purchased. Where appropriate, considerations of lease and purchase alternatives will be made to determine which would be the most economical and practical procurement.

All KEDC bids and solicitations for goods and services shall be based upon a clear and accurate description of the technical requirements for the material, product or service to be procured. Such description shall not, in competitive procurements, contain features that unduly restrict competition. Brand name or equal clause may be used as a means to define the performance of other salient requirements of procurement, and when so used to specify features of the named brand that must be met by bidders/offer's.

A contract will be entered into by KEDC with only responsible bidders who possess the potential ability to perform successfully under the terms and conditions. Consideration shall be made for such matters as a bidder's integrity, record of past performance, financial and technical resources or accessibility to other necessary resources.

6. **AUTHENTICATION OF BID: AUTHENTICATION OF BID AND STATEMENT OF NON-COLLUSION AND NON-CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND COMPLIANCE WITH THE KENTUCKY MODEL PROCUREMENT CODE.** By my signature on the bid certification, I hereby swear or affirm under penalty of false swearing as provided by KRS 523.040:

I am the bidder (if bidder is an individual), a partner in the bidder (if the bidder is a partnership), or an officer or employee of the bidding corporation having authority on its behalf (if the bidder is a corporation).

The costs quoted in the bid response are correct and have been arrived at by the bidder independently and have been submitted without collusion and without agreement, understanding, or planned common course of action, with any vendor of materials, equipment, or services described in the invitation to bid, designed to limit independent bidding or competition.

The contents of the bid or bids have not been communicated by the bidder, or its employees, or agents to any person not an employee or agent of the bidder or its surety on any bond furnished with the bids and will not be communicated to any such person prior to the official opening of the bid or bids. Bidder certifies that this proposal is made without prior understanding, agreement, or connection with any corporation, firm or person submitting a proposal for the same materials, supplies, or equipment, and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud. The bidder certifies that collusive bidding is a violation of federal law and can result in fines, prison sentences and civil damage awards.

The KEDC collective bidding process is conducted consistent with KRS Chapter 45A:345 through 45A:460, the Model Procurement Code and that the contents of the bid response and the actions taken by the bidder in preparing and submitting the bid response are in compliance with above sections of the Model Procurement Code.

The bidder is legally entitled to enter into contracts with agencies of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and is not in violation of any prohibited conflict of interest, gratuities and kickbacks including those prohibited by the provisions of the Model Procurement Code (KRS Chapter 45A). Any employee or official of KEDC or member institution, who shall take, receive, or offer to take or receive, either directly or indirectly, any rebate, percentage of contract, money, or things of value as an inducement or intended inducement, or in the procurement of business, or the giving of business, for or to or from, any person, or in open market seeking to make sales to the membership shall be deemed guilty of a felony and upon conviction such person or persons shall be subject to punishment or fine in accord with state and/or federal laws.

7. **CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING:** The bidder certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:
- (1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
 - (2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.
 - (3) The bidder shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

8. **CERTIFICATION CONCERNING DISBARMENT AND SUSPENSION:** I certify on behalf of myself, the company and its key employees that I, the company, or its key employees have not been proposed for debarment, debarred, or suspended by KPC, the Commonwealth of Kentucky, or any Federal Agency and are not listed on the Excluded Parties List System provided by the United States Government General Services Administration at www.epls.gov.
9. **ERROR IN BID:** No bid may be altered, or amended after the specified time and date set for the bid opening. The KEDC Board or its designee reserves the right to waive defects and informalities in bids, to reject any or all bids, or to accept any bid as may be deemed to its interest. KEDC may allow the withdrawal of a bid where there is a patent error on the face of the bid document, or where the bidder presents sufficient evidence, substantiated by bid worksheets, that the bid was based upon an error in the formulation of the bid price.
10. **WITHDRAWAL OF BID:** All bids shall be valid for a period of thirty (30) days from the bid opening date to allow for tabulation, study, and consideration by the KEDC Board or its designee. The bidder may withdraw a bid, without prejudice, prior to the published bid opening date.
11. **ADDENDA:** KEDC may issue addenda to the bid after the bid has been released.
12. **REVIEW:** After the public opening of proposals received from the Bid Invitation, KEDC staff and member officials will review the results, develop a preliminary tabulation, and may contact the bidder for the purpose of clarification only. If necessary, members may purchase from the apparent low bidder pending approval by the KEDC Board of Directors or its designee.
13. **RESIDENT BIDDER STATUS:** The scoring of cost is subject to Reciprocal preference for Kentucky resident bidders
*Vendors not claiming resident bidder status need not submit the corresponding affidavit.

KRS 45A.490 Definitions for KRS 45A.490 to 45A.494.

As used in KRS 45A.490 to 45A.494:

- (1) "Contract" means any agreement of a public agency, including grants and orders, for the purchase or disposal of supplies, services, construction, or any other item; and
- (2) "Public agency" has the same meaning as in KRS 61.805.

KRS 45A.492 Legislative declarations.

The General Assembly declares:

- (1) A public purpose of the Commonwealth is served by providing preference to Kentucky residents in contracts by public agencies; and
- (2) Providing preference to Kentucky residents equalizes the competition with other states that provide preference to their residents.

**KRS 45A.494 Reciprocal preference to be given by public agencies to resident bidders -- List of states --
Administrative regulations.**

- (1) Prior to a contract being awarded to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder on a contract by a public agency, a resident bidder of the Commonwealth shall be given a preference against a nonresident bidder registered in any state that gives or requires a preference to bidders from that state. The preference shall be equal to the preference given or required by the state of the nonresident bidder.
- (2) A resident bidder is an individual, partnership, association, corporation, or other business entity that, on the date the contract is first advertised or announced as available for bidding:
 - (a) Is authorized to transact business in the Commonwealth; and

- (b) Has for one (1) year prior to and through the date of the advertisement, filed Kentucky corporate income taxes, made payments to the Kentucky unemployment insurance fund established in KRS 341.490, and maintained a Kentucky workers' compensation policy in effect.
- (3) A nonresident bidder is an individual, partnership, association, corporation, or other business entity that does not meet the requirements of subsection (2) of this section.
- (4) If a procurement determination results in a tie between a resident bidder and a nonresident bidder, preference shall be given to the resident bidder.
- (5) This section shall apply to all contracts funded or controlled in whole or in part by a public agency.
- (6) The Finance and Administration Cabinet shall maintain a list of states that give to or require a preference for their own resident bidders, including details of the preference given to such bidders, to be used by public agencies in determining resident bidder preferences. The cabinet shall also promulgate administrative regulations in accordance with KRS Chapter 13A establishing the procedure by which the preferences required by this section shall be given.
- (7) The preference for resident bidders shall not be given if the preference conflicts with federal law.
- (8) Any public agency soliciting or advertising for bids for contracts shall make KRS 45A.490 to 45A.494 part of the solicitation or advertisement for bids.

The reciprocal preference as described in KRS 45A.490-494 above shall be applied in accordance with 200 KAR 5:400.

An offeror claiming Kentucky resident bidder status shall complete the attached Required Affidavit for Bidders, Offerors, and Contractors Claiming Resident Bidder Status. KEDC reserves the right to request documentation supporting a claim of resident bidder status. Failure to provide such documentation upon request shall result in disqualification of the offeror or contract termination.

A nonresident offeror shall submit its certificate of authority to transact business in the Commonwealth as filed with the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Secretary of State. The location of the principal office identified therein shall be deemed the state of residency for that offeror. If the offeror is not required by law to obtain said certificate, the state of residency for that offeror shall be deemed to be that which is identified in its mailing address as provided in its proposal.

An offeror requesting consideration as a Kentucky resident bidder should print and mail the form located at the end of this document to:

KEDC
904 Rose Road
Ashland, KY 41102

The outside of the envelope should be clearly marked **PV-CP-2015**. As a reminder KPC will not accept mailed bid submissions.

14. **CONTRACTOR CERTIFICATION:** CONTRACTOR CERTIFICATION/CONTRACTOR'S EMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY: By entering the contract, contractor warrants compliance with the federal immigration and nationality act (FINA), and all other federal and state immigration laws and regulations. The contractor warrants that it is in compliance with the various state statutes of all states it is will operate this contract in.

Participating government entities including school districts may request verification of compliance from any contractor or contractor's supplier performing work under this contract. These entities reserve the right to confirm compliance in accordance with applicable laws.

Should the participating entities suspect or find that the contractor or any of its suppliers are not in compliance, they may pursue any and all remedies allowed by law, including, but not limited to: suspension of work, termination of the contract for default, and suspension and/or debarment of the contractor. All costs necessary to verify compliance are the responsibility of the contractor.

The offeror complies and maintains compliance with the appropriate statues which requires compliance with federal immigration laws by state employers, state contractors and state subcontractors in accordance with the e-verify employee eligibility verification program (<http://www.uscis.gov/e-verify>).

Contractor and contractor's vendors and their employees shall not provide services on school district properties until authorized by the district.

Contractor shall comply with governing board policy of the KPC participating entities in which work is being performed.

15. **PROTEST PROCEDURES:** The KEDC Board of Directors or its designee, shall have authority to determine protests and other controversies of actual or prospective bidders in connection with the solicitations or selection for award of a contract.

Any actual or prospective bidder, who is aggrieved in connection with solicitation or selection for award of a contract, may file protest with the Office of the Executive Director of KEDC. A protest or notice of other controversy must be filed promptly within two (2) calendar weeks after the actual or prospective bidder knows or should have known of the facts giving rise thereto. All protests or notices of other controversies must be in writing and addressed to:

**Executive Director
KEDC
904 Rose Road
Ashland, KY 41102
(606) 928-0205**

The KEDC Board of Directors or its designee shall issue a decision in writing. A copy of that decision shall be mailed or otherwise furnished to the aggrieved party and shall state the reasons for the action taken.

The decision of the KEDC Board of Directors shall be final and conclusive.

16. **PRE-QUALIFICATION:** KPC reserves the right to pre-qualify any bidder, especially those which has not previously participated in the KPC bid program. Criteria for qualification shall include:
- a. Product Line: The bidder shall provide proof that all items listed in the catalog are in stock or quickly obtained.

- b. Physical Facilities - Bidder must have the warehouse facilities required to safely and securely store the products required by these specifications. KEDC reserves the right to pre-qualify any or all bidders and to reject any bidder not meeting the requirements in the areas of warehouse facilities and equipment.
 - c. Financial Capacity - The potential bidder shall have financing adequate to purchase items in the most economical quantities. References may be requested to document adequate financial capacity.
 - d. Service Level - If KPC does not have adequate historical data to determine the bidder's ability to comply with the service level requirement outlined in this bid invitation, then three letters of reference from previous school district customers shall be provided.
 - e. Past Performance – The bidder must demonstrate an acceptable level of past performance under previously awarded contracts including conformance to contract requirements, industry standards of performance, reasonable and cooperative behavior, commitment to customer satisfaction, and record of integrity and business ethics.
17. **NON-ASSIGNABILITY OF AWARD:** The awarded bidder cannot convey this contract to its successors or assigns without the prior, express approval of the Board of Directors of KEDC or its designee.
18. **LIABILITY:** The awarded firm agrees to protect, defend, and save harmless KEDC, KPC, and members from any suits or demands for payment that may be brought against it for the use of any patented material, process, article, or device that may enter into the manufacture, construction, or form a part of the work covered by either order or contract; and awarded bidder further agrees to indemnify and save harmless KEDC, KPC, and members from suits or actions of every nature and description brought against it for, or on account of any injuries or damages received or sustained by any party or parties by, or for any of the acts of the bidders, his servants or agents. The awarded firm will hold KEDC and participating members harmless for any and all damages resulting from consumption of products delivered under this contract when such damages are attributed to foreign materials or other defects in products delivered by the awarded firm.
19. **TRANSMITTAL OF ORDERS:** KEDC shall issue purchasing guidelines to KPC members. The members will use formal purchase orders in ordering from the awarded bidder. The successful bidder acknowledges that orders from KPC members transmitted from KEDC's office on the member's behalf are acceptable. The successful bidder may use salespeople for in-person and/or telephone solicitation of orders in accordance with a mutually arrived schedule developed between the members and the awarded bidder. The bidder shall accept orders electronically from KEDC and/or KPC members.
20. **QUANTITIES:** It shall be understood that the bid contract will not obligate KPC or its members to purchase from the Bid Contract.
21. **WARRANTY:** The awarded bidder shall make available and honor all manufacturer's warranties, standard and extended, to all KPC members.
22. **RECALLS:** The awarded bidder shall notify KPC and its members immediately of any product recalls. The awarded bidder will issue a credit or comparable substitute for any delivered, recalled product at the member's discretion. All costs associated with voluntary and involuntary product recalls shall be borne by the awarded bidder.

23. **RETURNS:** The successful bidder must provide a Return Material Authorization within 1 working day of the request by a KPC member. Bidder must restock returned materials at no charge to the member (special order and custom crafted items excluded).
24. **ACCOUNTING PRACTICES:** During the life of any contract awarded as a result of this bid, the successful firm must clearly demonstrate the capacity to provide accurate, reliable, and timely reports in terms of invoices, statements, credits, and usage data. Further, they must demonstrate the ability and capability to provide any and all data necessary to accomplish an accurate and time efficient audit of cost on items being purchased under the cost process.
25. **ITEM SUBSTITUTION AND OUT-OF-STOCK BACK-ORDERS:** Substitutions require prior written authorization from the member. The bidder is required to notify the member if an item is out of stock, backordered, or if timely delivery is not feasible. Upon member notification, the bidder must receive written directions from the member on how to proceed (i.e. cancel, process, etc.).
26. **PENALTY:** The bidder agrees to provide total requirements as listed herein, thereby minimizing occurrences when a member may have to seek other interim product sources. The bidder is to deliver 100% of stock items within 10 business days; repeated failure to do so will result in default.
27. **PRODUCT AND SAFETY INFORMATION:** It is the bidder's responsibility to comply with all local, state, and federal regulations.
28. **CONTRACT SUSPENSION:** KPC may, at its sole discretion, suspend the awarded contract for a period of up to 90 days to investigate alleged instances of material breach of contract or material non-compliance. Breach of contract, default, or noncompliance renders the awarded contract null and void. The awarded firm agrees that they have no legal recourse of any nature against KEDC, KPC, or member entities except for services that are due for prior purchases under the awarded contract. The decision of KPC regarding suspension and/or termination is final.
29. **WARNING AND TERMINATION OF CONTRACT:** KEDC may terminate the contract with 30 day notice without cause. KEDC may terminate the contract in a shorter timeframe if the bidder violates the contract terms and conditions. In the event of termination, the members shall not be liable for any costs other than the cost of items delivered and accepted prior to the date of termination. The bidder may terminate the contract if the members fail to meet mutually agreeable and specified payment terms.

Each party shall follow the following procedure if the contract is to be terminated:

Step 1 - Issue a warning letter outlining the violations and state the length of time to correct the problem(s).

Step 2 - Issue a letter of intent to cancel contract, if the problem(s) is not resolved by a given date.

Step 3 - Issue a letter to cancel contract.

In the event the physical facilities of the bidder are destroyed or a labor dispute makes performance under the terms of the contract impossible, the bidder shall not be held liable by KPC or the members.

30. **OTHER CONDITIONS:**

- a. The awarded bidder shall be in compliance and will comply with any and all local, state, and federal laws and regulations related to the awarded contract and the rendering of goods and /or services.

- b. The awarded contract shall be governed in all respects as to validity, construction, capacity, performance, or otherwise by the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.
- c. Any suit, action or other proceeding regarding the execution, validity, interpretation, construction, or performance of this agreement shall be filed in the Boyd County Circuit Court of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.
- d. The bidder assures KEDC they are conforming and will continue to conform to the provisions of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended.
- e. Kentucky Sales and Use Tax Certificate of Exemption Form will be issued upon request.
- f. The awarded bidder shall provide access to KPC members, KEDC, the Comptroller General of the United States, the United States Department of Agriculture, the Kentucky Department of Education, the Kentucky Auditor of Public Accounts or any of their duly authorized representatives to any books, documents, papers, and records of the contractor which are directly pertinent to that specific contract for the purpose of making audit, examination, excerpts, and transcriptions (7 CFR § 3016.36). Such access shall be used to ensure compliance with all applicable Federal and state statutes, regulations and rules, including but not limited to cost principles set forth in 2 CFR § 225.
- g. The awarded bidder shall comply with all applicable cost principles, including but not limited to those set forth in 2 CFR § 225.
- h. The awarded bidder shall retain all required records for three years after KPC members make final payments and all other pending matters are closed (7 CFR § 3016.36).
- i. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits discrimination against its customers, employees, and applicants for employment on the bases of race, color, national origin, age, disability, sex, gender identity, religion, reprisal, and where applicable, political beliefs, marital status, familial or parental status, sexual orientation, or if all or part of an individual's income is derived from any public assistance program, or protected genetic information in employment or in any program or activity conducted or funded by the Department.
- j. The bidder is and shall remain in compliance with the Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act (18 U.S.C. 874) as supplemented in Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 3).
- k. The bidder is and shall remain in compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 276a to 276a-7) as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5).
- l. The bidder is and shall remain in compliance with Sections 103 and 107 of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 327-330) as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 CFR Part 5).
- m. The bidder is and shall remain in compliance with all applicable standards, orders or requirements issued under Section 306 of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C.) 187 [h], Section 508 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1368, Executive Order 11738 and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations, (40 CFR Part 15).

- n. The bidder is and shall remain in compliance with all mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency contained in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (Pub. L. 94–163, 89 Stat. 871).
- o. By submitting this document, the bidder certifies that this response is made without prior understanding, agreement, or connection with any corporation, firm or person submitting a response. For the same materials, supplies, or equipment, and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud. The bidder acknowledges that collusive bidding is a violation of federal law and can result in fines, prison sentences and civil damage awards.
- p. The bidder is legally entitled to enter into contracts with agencies of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and is not in violation of any prohibited conflict of interest, including those prohibited by provisions of KRS 164.390, KRS 61.092-61.096, KRS 42.990, KRS 45A.335-490. Any employee or official of KEDC or member institution, elective or appointive, who shall take, receive, or offer to take or receive, either directly or indirectly, any rebate, percentage of contract, money, or things of value as an inducement or intended inducement, or in the procurement of business, or the giving of business, for or to or from, any person, or in open market seeking to make sales to the membership shall be deemed guilty of a felony and upon conviction such person or persons shall be subject to punishment or fine in accord with state and/or federal laws.
- q. KEDC reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids and to waive informalities. A contract, based on this sealed bid, may or may not be awarded.

BID SPECIFIC TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- 1. **INSTRUCTIONS FOR BIDDERS:** These bid specific terms and conditions along with the standard terms and conditions apply to all bids submitted. Explain any requested deviations or exceptions as a part of the bid proposal. KEDC may, at its discretion, accept or reject any or all deviations or exceptions proposed. In the event of a discrepancy between the standard and bid specific terms the bid specific terms will govern.
- 2. **PARTICIPATING AGENCIES:** Any institution that is a participating member of KPC is eligible to utilize the bid contract; however, this does not mean that all members will participate. The bidder will have the opportunity to select which members they can serve during the online bid process. The bidder is not required to serve all members.
- 3. **AWARD:** After the review of the bid responses, the KEDC Board or its designee may award multiple contracts based on the criteria below. The bid proposals will be evaluated based on the points awarded to each potential contractor utilizing the following scale.

CRITERIA	POINTS
Core item cost calculations	50
Number of KPC Members served	10
Minimum order per location	10
General discount	10
Delivery Timelines	10

Prompt Payment Discount	5
Past Performance	5
TOTAL	100

4. **ADMINISTRATIVE FEES:** The bidder will pay an administrative fee of two percent (2%) on all sales to KPC Members under the bid. This fee must be included in bidder’s submitted pricing and cannot be listed as a separate charge.

If the bidder holds multiple bid awards from KPC, the highest fee structure applies to all purchases.

5. **SALES REPORTING:** Awarded bidder(s) will be required to compile and enter quarterly sales into the KPC Sales Portal at www.kpc4me.com . The bidder must report sales to KPC members in the quarter that they are invoiced. All sales to KPC members are to be included in the quarterly report regardless of category. It is the bidder’s responsibility to track and report all purchases made by KPC members. All sales to KPC members will occur under this contract unless the bidder holds an individual bid with the purchasing member. It is the bidder’s responsibility to provide proof of individual bids.

Awarded bidder(s) must report all maintenance agreements, lease agreements, and professional service contracts as purchases.

6. **REMITTANCE:** Remit the administrative fee payment quarterly to KEDC, 904 Rose Road, Ashland, KY 41102-7104. For your reference, KEDC’s FEIN is 61-0659010.

The bidder will remit reports and fees to KEDC on the following schedule:

<u>Bid Period/Quarter</u>	<u>Remittance Deadline</u>
April 1 – June 30	July 25 th
July 1 – September 30	October 25 th
October 1 – December 31	January 25 th
January 1 – March 31	April 25 th

7. **CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION:** KEDC reserves the right to transfer administration of all contracts awarded under this bid to a third party provider.
8. **CONTRACT PERIOD:** The bid contract is for the time-period indicated on page one of this bid document. KEDC may extend the contract on an annual basis, not to exceed five years total including the first contract period. KEDC shall notify the bidder of its intent to extend or not to extend the contract by May 15 of each year. If KEDC notifies bidder of intent to extend the contract by one year, bidder shall respond by June 1 if they elect not to extend or with any necessary discount level increases or decreases for the extended year. The determination to renew the contract beyond the initial year shall be determined in part by the performance of the awarded bidder and by price stability during the contract period. If price increases submitted are deemed excessive by KEDC, then KEDC shall have cause to not extend the contract. KEDC reserves the right to renew and/or solicit additional bids for subsequent contract periods.

Any contract extension is contingent upon written agreement of KEDC and the awarded bidder. The bid will not automatically extend beyond any current year unless expressly approved by KEDC. KEDC reserves the right on any contract extension to revise, update, or supplement the contract terms and conditions including the assessment of administrative fees to the awarded bidder as needed to cover the cost of KEDC servicing the bid contract for the participating agencies.

KEDC reserves the right to extend the term for up to 180 days to continue a source of supply until new or replacement contracts are completed.

9. **PRICING:** Pricing may be adjusted quarterly. Price adjustments for the upcoming quarter must be received ten business days prior to the start of the new quarter. If no price changes are received the current price will remain in effect. All price increases shall be accompanied by proper documentation of price increase to the contractor. Proper documentation shall include market bulletin(s) from an independent source, manufacturer's invoices, and freight bills. Price change notifications will follow the same pattern as above for any years in which this contract is extended.

All bid prices must include transportation and delivery charges to the location (school district, KEDC, etc.) specified during ordering. A minimum order may be required. Fuel surcharges and other similar charges are not permitted. Replacement and/or supplemental products that meet or exceed the minimum bid requirements may be added to this contract at the sole discretion of KEDC. Replacement/supplemental products shall be offered at a discount equal to or greater than the original award. The bidder shall submit, on its letterhead the request to add products/services. The request shall be submitted by an authorized representative of the organization. KEDC is under no obligation to accept the offerings.

The bidder shall provide each item on this bid to all KPC members at the same price. Bidders MAY NOT submit multiple discount levels for the same product by KPC member (i.e., Regional Bidding is NOT permissible).

10. **PAYMENTS:** Each member shall be responsible for making payment to the contractor. Normally, members pay bills only after approval from the member board, which meets monthly. As the end of the fiscal year approaches members shall have the option of delivery and billing before or after July 1.
11. **PROMPT PAYMENT DISCOUNT:** Bidder may provide a prompt payment percentage discount for invoice payments postmarked less than 30 days from the invoice date. The discount may take the form of either a deduction from the total invoice or a check in an amount equal to the same. Example: 1% discount for invoices postmarked within 10 days of the invoice date.
12. **DELIVERY CHARGES:** Orders meeting the minimum quantity and truckload delivery to one location must be free of charge. Vendor can specify a delivery charge for orders delivered to more than one location.
13. **PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS:** All paper must be acid-free, sold and produced by American Mills, and meet the following target specifications: 4.7% Moisture; 4.0 MLS Caliper; 160 Smoothness; 88% Tappi Capacity; 2.2 Taber-MD Stiffness; 1.1 Taber-CD Stiffness; averages 10% post-consumer recycle content. Bidders are limited to bidding from the following list of Preferred Brands for items which have "Preferred or Equal" designated for Brand. Preferred Brands: Hammermill, Mead Chief, Badger, Xerographic, Hammermill Tidal DP, Carolina Xerocopy DP by Weyerhaeuser, Acclaim (Georgia Pacific), Nashua (by Mead), Mead Matrix, or Econosource. Any

bidder wishing to bid a brand not listed as a preferred brand but is of equal quality, must provide KEDC with a sample ream of the brand in question.

14. **SAFETY AND HEALTH:** The paper shall not emit any obnoxious or irritating odor, nor release volatiles in sufficient quantities to be harmful to human health, when heated to temperatures normal in any Xerographic fusing system. Additionally, the paper shall not cause skin irritation or sensitization.

15. **PRODUCT EVALUATION:** Samples requested must be furnished free of expense to KEDC and or the school district for evaluation. If not destroyed or consumed in testing or evaluating, or required in connection with the award, furnished samples will, upon request, be returned at the bidder's expense. Right is reserved to mutilate or destroy any samples if considered necessary for testing purposes.

REQUIRED AFFIDAVIT FOR BIDDERS, OFFERORS AND CONTRACTORS

CLAIMING RESIDENT BIDDER STATUS

FOR BIDS AND CONTRACTS IN GENERAL:

The bidder or offeror hereby swears and affirms under penalty of perjury that, in accordance with KRS 45A.494(2), the entity bidding is an individual, partnership, association, corporation, or other business entity that, on the date the contract is first advertised or announced as available for bidding:

1. Is authorized to transact business in the Commonwealth;
2. Has for one year prior to and through the date of advertisement
 - a. Filed Kentucky corporate income taxes;
 - b. Made payments to the Kentucky unemployment insurance fund established in KRS 341.49; and
 - c. Maintained a Kentucky worker's compensation policy in effect.

The BIDDING AGENCY reserves the right to request documentation supporting a bidder's claim of resident bidder status. Failure to provide such documentation upon request shall result in disqualification of the bidder or contract termination.

Signature Printed Name

Title Date

Company Name _____
Address _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me by _____
(Affiant) (Title)

of _____ this _____ day of _____, 20____ .
(Company Name)

Notary Public
[seal of notary] My commission expires: _____