

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
FOR
FURNISHING AND DELIVERY
OF
DATA TRANSPORT SERVICES
FOR
THE CURATORS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI
ON BEHALF OF
THE MISSOURI RESEARCH AND EDUCATION NETWORK (MORENET)
RFP # MN-0-0801
OPENING DATE: THURSDAY, AUGUST 1, 2019
TIME: 2:00 CDT

THE CURATORS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI

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NOTICE TO REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The University of Missouri System requests Request for Proposals for Furnishing and Delivery of Data Transport Services, RFP # MN-0-0801 which will be received by the undersigned at the **University of Missouri System Supply Chain office until Thursday, August 1, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. CT. Request for Proposals will be opened and identified starting at 2:05 p.m., CT. . The University assumes no responsibility for any vendor's on-time receipt at the designated proposal/bid opening location.**

Specifications and the conditions of Request for Proposal together with the printed form on which Request for Proposals must be made may be obtained by accessing the following website: <http://www.umssystem.edu/ums/fa/procurement> or from the Strategic Sourcing Specialist identified within this document.

In the event a Respondent chooses to use the Word version of the RFP to aid in preparation of its response, the Respondent should only complete the response information. Any modification by the Respondent of the specifications provided will be ignored, and the original wording of the RFP shall be the prevailing document.

If you have any questions regarding the RFP, please send them to:

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The University reserves the right to waive any informality in Request for Proposals and to reject any or all Request for Proposals.

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**UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)
GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS
&
INSTRUCTIONS TO RESPONDENTS**

A. General Terms and Conditions

1. **Purpose:** The purpose of these specifications is to require the furnishing of the highest quality equipment, supplies, material and/or service in accordance with the specifications. These documents, and any subsequent addenda, constitute the complete set of specification requirements and proposal response forms.
2. **Governing Laws and Regulations:** Any contract issued as a result of this RFP shall be construed according to the laws of the State of Missouri. Additionally, the contractor shall comply with all local, state, and federal laws and regulations related to the performance of the contract to the extent that the same may be applicable.
3. **Taxes:** The contractor shall assume and pay all taxes and contributions including, but not limited to, State, Federal and Municipal which are payable by virtue of the furnishing and delivery of item(s) specified herein. Materials and services furnished the University are not subject to either Federal Excise Taxes or Missouri Sales Tax.
4. **Sovereign Immunity:** The Curators of the University of Missouri, due to its status as a state entity and its entitlement to sovereign immunity, is unable to accept contract provisions, which require The Curators to indemnify another party (537.600, RSMo). Any indemnity language in proposed terms and conditions will be modified to conform to language that The Curators are able to accept.
5. **Preference for Missouri Firms:** In accordance with University policy, preference shall be given to Missouri products, materials, services and firms when the goods or services to be provided are equally or better suited for the intended purpose. As long as quality is equal, preference by a differential not to exceed 5% shall be given. Firms are considered "Missouri firms" if they maintain a regular place of business in the State of Missouri.
6. **Equal Opportunity and Non-Discrimination:** In connection with the furnishing of equipment, supplies, and/or services under the contract, the contractor and all subcontractors shall agree not to discriminate against any recipients of services, or employees or applicants for employment on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, disability, or veteran status. The contractor shall comply with federal laws, rules and regulations applicable to subcontractors of government contracts including those relating to equal employment of minorities, women, persons with disabilities, and certain veterans. Contract clauses required by the United States Government in such circumstances are incorporated herein by reference.

7. **Supplier Diversity Participation:** The University of Missouri System is committed to and supports supplier diversity because it is essential to the University's mission and core values. Diverse suppliers must be at least 51% owned and controlled by someone in one of the recognized groups (see below). These firms can be a sole proprietorship, partnership, joint venture or corporation. Diverse suppliers should be certified from a recognized certifying agency. A list of certifying agencies can be found at: <https://www.umssystem.edu/ums/fa/procurement/sdsbd/what-is-supplier-diversity>. The definition of what counts as a diverse supplier for the University of Missouri System are:

- MBE (Minority Owned Business Enterprise)
 - African American
 - Asian American
 - Pacific Asian American
 - Subcontinent Asian American
 - Hispanic American
 - Native American
- WBE (Women Owned Business Enterprise)
- DVBE (Service Disabled Veteran Owned Business Enterprise)
- VBE (Veteran Owned Business Enterprise)
- LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender)
- DBE (Disadvantaged Business Enterprise)

Tier 2 Diverse Supplier Spending and Reporting: The University strongly encourages Supplier Diversity participation in all of its contracts for goods and services. Tier 2 spend is spend reported by primary suppliers of the University of Missouri who subcontract work to, or make purchases from a diverse supplier. Depending upon the contract, primary suppliers may be asked to submit Tier 2 information with Women and Diverse Owned companies. Suppliers have two options in reporting Tier 2 dollars depending on the terms of the contract: Direct and Indirect.

- Direct dollars - those dollars directly spent with Women and Diverse Owned suppliers in the fulfillment of the contract.
- Indirect dollars - based on a percentage of revenue the University represents to the supplier. An example is as follows:
 - 1) Supplier's Total Revenues: \$10,000,000
 - 2) Revenues from University \$: \$ 4,000,000
 - 3) University % of Total Revenues: 40% (#2 divided by #1)
 - 4) Total MBE Dollars \$: \$ 150,000
 - 5) Total WBE Dollars \$: \$ 150,000
 - 6) Total University Attributable MBE \$: \$ 60,000 (#3 multiplied by #4)
 - 7) Total University Attributable WBE \$: \$ 60,000 (#3 multiplied by #5)
 - 8) Total University Attributable MWBE \$: \$ 120,000 (Sum of #6 and #7)
 - 9) University % Attributable Revenue: 3% (#8 divided by #2)

Respondents must indicate their Supplier Diversity participation levels committed to this contract on the Supplier Diversity Participation Form included in this RFP (see

Attachment A). The Respondent must describe what suppliers and/or how the Respondent will achieve the Supplier Diversity goals. Evaluation of proposals shall include the proposed level of Supplier Diversity participation. Proposals that do not meet the participation requirements for Supplier Diversity will not receive any of the points during proposal review.

Suppliers/contractors will be responsible for reporting Tier 2 diverse supplier participation on an agreed upon timing (e.g., quarterly, annually) when business is awarded.

The University will monitor the contractor/supplier's compliance in meeting the Supplier Diversity participation levels committed to in the awarded proposal. If the contractor/supplier's payments to participating diverse suppliers are less than the amount committed to in the contract, the University reserves the right to cancel the contract, suspend and/or debar the contractor/supplier from participating in future contracts.

8. **Applicable Laws and Regulations:** The University serves from time to time as a contractor for the United States government. Accordingly, the provider of goods and/or services shall comply with federal laws, rules and regulations applicable to subcontractors of government contracts including those relating to equal employment opportunity and affirmative action in the employment of minorities (Executive Order 11246), women (Executive Order 11375), persons with disabilities (29 USC 706 and Executive Order 11758), and certain veterans (38 USC 4212 formerly [2012]) contracting with business concerns with small disadvantaged business concerns (Publication L. 95-507). Contract clauses required by the Government in such circumstances are incorporated herein by reference.
9. **Appropriation:** The Curators of the University of Missouri is a public corporation and, as such, cannot create indebtedness in any one year (the fiscal year beginning July 1 to June 30) above what they can pay out of the annual income of said year as set forth in 172.250, RSMo. Therefore, if the University determines it has not received adequate appropriations, budget allocations or income to enable it to meet the terms of this contract, the University reserves the right to cancel this contract with 30 days' notice.
10. **Applicable Health Related Laws and Regulations:** If these specifications or any resulting contract involves health care services or products, the Contractor agrees to maintain, and will further assure such compliance by its employees or subcontractors, the confidential nature of all information which may come to Contractor with regard to patients of the University. All services provided pursuant to this contract shall be provided in accordance with all applicable federal and state laws including The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, Public Law 104-191, sections 261-264 (the Administrative Simplification sections) and the regulations promulgated pursuant thereto and regulations of the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organization and The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

Respondents understand and agree that the Curators of the University of Missouri, in the operation of the University Hospitals and Clinics, is regulated under federal or state laws with regard to contracting with vendors. The Contractor represents that it is not currently excluded or threatened with exclusion from participating in any federal or state funded health care program, including Medicare and Medicaid. Contractor agrees to notify the University of any imposed exclusions or sanctions covered by this representation.

The University will regularly check the "List of Excluded Individuals/Entities" (LEIE), maintained by the Office of Inspector General, United States Department of Health and Human Services ("OIG") to determine if any Bidders/Respondents have been excluded from participation in federal health care programs, as that term is defined in 42 U.S.C. §1320a-7b(f). The University reserves the sole right to reject any respondents who are excluded by the OIG, who have been debarred by the federal government, or who have otherwise committed any act that could furnish a basis for such exclusion or debarment.

11. **Inventions, Patents, and Copyrights:** The Contractor shall pay for all royalties, license fees, patent or invention rights, or copyrights and defend all suits or claims for infringements of any patent or invention right or copyrights involved in the items furnished hereunder. The Contractor shall defend, protect, and hold harmless the University its officers, agents, servants and employees against all suits of law or in equity resulting from patent and or copyright infringement concerning the contractor's performance or products produced under the terms of the contract.

Copyrights for any item developed for the University shall be the property of the University and inure to its benefit and the Contractor shall execute such documents as the University may require for the perfection thereof.

12. **Insurance:** The Contractor shall purchase and maintain such insurance as will protect the Contractor and the University against any and all claims and demands arising from the execution of the contract. Further, when stated in the Detailed Specifications and Special Conditions, the Contractor shall be required to procure and maintain the types and limits of insurance as specified.

13. **Performance Bond/Irrevocable Letter of Credit:** If a performance bond or irrevocable letter of credit is required in the Detailed Specifications and Special Conditions, the Contractor shall furnish to the University, along with their signed contract, a performance bond or unconditional irrevocable letter of credit payable to the Curators of the University of Missouri in the face amount specified in the Detailed Specifications and Special Conditions as surety for faithful performance under the terms and conditions of the contract.

14. **Vendor Gifts:** The contractor shall refrain in offering any offers of gifts to the University, and all University of Missouri employee's, in accordance with University of Missouri Policy #26301, Suppliers.

B. Instructions to Respondents

1. **Request for Proposal (RFP) Document:** Respondents are expected to examine the complete RFP document and all attachments including drawings, specifications, and instructions. Failure to do so is at Request for Proposal's risk. It is the Respondents' responsibility to ask questions, request changes or clarifications, or otherwise advise the University if any language, specifications or requirements of the RFP appear to be ambiguous, contradictory, and/or arbitrary, or appear to inadvertently restrict or limit the requirements stated in the RFP to a single source.

Any and all communications from Respondents regarding specifications, requirements, competitive Request for Proposal process, etc., should be directed to the University buyer of record referenced in this RFP. It is the responsibility of the person or organization communicating the request to ensure that it is received.

The RFP document and any attachments constitute the complete set of specifications and Request for Proposal response forms. No verbal or written information that is obtained other than through this RFP or its addenda shall be binding on the University. No employee of the University is authorized to interpret any portion of this RFP or give information as to the requirements of the RFP in addition to that contained in or amended to this written RFP document. In case of any doubt or difference of opinion as to the true intent of the RFP, the decision of the University's Chief Procurement Officer shall be final and binding on all parties.

2. **Preparation of Request for Proposals:** All Request for Proposals must be submitted, in **1 hard copy and 1 electronic copy (i.e. disc or jump drive)**, on the Request for Proposal form accompanying these specifications and must be enclosed in a sealed envelope plainly marked: Request for Proposal for Data Transport Services and addressed, mailed and/or delivered to UM System Supply Chain, 2910 LeMone Industrial Blvd, Columbia, MO 65201 ATTN: Heather Reed. **The University assumes no responsibility for any vendor's on-time receipt at the designated proposal/bid opening location.**

To receive consideration, Request for Proposals must be received, at the above address, prior to the Proposal due date and time stated in this RFP. It is the respondent's full responsibility for the actual delivery of Proposals during business hours at the specified address.

Unless otherwise specifically stated in the RFP, all specifications and requirements constitute minimum requirements. All Requests for Proposals must meet or exceed the stated specifications or requirements. All equipment and supplies offered must be new, of current production, and available for marketing by the manufacturer unless the RFP clearly specifies that used, reconditioned, or remanufactured equipment and supplies may be offered. Unless specifically stated and allowed in the Detailed Specifications and Special Conditions, all pricing submitted in response to this RFP is firm and fixed.

Whenever the name of a manufacturer, trade name, brand name, or model and catalog numbers followed by the words "or equal" or "approved equal" are used in the specifications it is for the purpose of item identification and to establish standards of quality, style, and features. Proposals on equivalent items of the same quality are invited. However, to receive consideration, such equivalent proposals must be accompanied by sufficient descriptive literature and/or specifications to clearly identify the item and provide for competitive evaluation. The University will be the sole judge of equality and suitability. Whenever the name of a manufacturer is mentioned in the specifications and the words "or equal" do not follow, it shall be deemed that the words "or equal" follow unless the context specifies "no substitution." Unless noted on the Request for Proposal form, it will be deemed that the article furnished is that designated by the specifications. The University reserves the right to return, at contractor's expense, all items that are furnished which are not acceptable as equals to items specified and contractor agrees to replace such items with satisfactory items at the original proposal price.

Time will be of the essence for any orders placed as a result of this RFP. The University reserves the right to cancel any orders, or part thereof, without obligation if delivery is not made in accordance with the schedule specified by the respondents Proposal and accepted by the University. Unless otherwise specified in the Detailed Specifications and Special Conditions, all proposals shall include all packing, handling, and shipping charges FOB destination, freight prepaid and allowed.

- 3. Submission of Proposals:** Respondent shall furnish information required by the solicitation in the form requested. The University reserves the right to reject proposals with incomplete information or which are presented on a different form. All proposals shall be signed, in the appropriate location, by a duly authorized representative of the Respondent's organization. Signature on the proposal certifies that the Respondent has read and fully understands all RFP specifications, plans, and terms and conditions.

By submitting a proposal, the Respondent agrees to provide the specified equipment, supplies and/or services in the RFP, at the prices quoted, pursuant to all requirements and specifications contained therein. Furthermore, the Respondent certifies that: (1) the proposal is genuine and is not made in the interest of or on behalf of any undisclosed person, firm, or corporation, and is not submitted in conformity with any agreement or rules of any group, association, or corporation; (2) the Respondent has not directly or indirectly induced or solicited any other Respondent to submit a false or sham proposal; (3) the Respondent has not solicited or induced any person, firm, or corporation to refrain from responding; (4) the Respondent has not sought by collusion or otherwise to obtain any advantage over any other Respondent or over the University.

Modifications or erasures made before proposal submission must be initialed in ink by the person signing the proposal. Proposals, once submitted, may be modified in writing prior to the exact date and time set for the RFP closing. Any such modifications shall be prepared on company letterhead, signed by a duly authorized representative, and state the new document supersedes or modifies the prior proposal. The modification must be

submitted in a sealed envelope marked "Proposal Modification" and clearly identifying the RFP title, RFP number and closing date and time. Proposals may not be modified after the RFP closing date and time. Telephone and facsimile modifications are not permitted.

Proposals may be withdrawn in writing, on company letterhead, signed by a duly authorized representative and received at the designated location prior to the date and time set for RFP closing. Proposals may be withdrawn in person before the RFP closing upon presentation of proper identification. Proposals may not be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days after the scheduled closing time for the receipt of proposals.

All proposals, information, and materials received by the University in connection with an RFP response shall be deemed open records pursuant to 610.021 RSMo. If a Respondent believes any of the information contained in the Respondent's response is exempt from 610.021 RSMo, the Respondent's response must specifically identify the material which is deemed to be exempt and cite the legal authority for the exemption; otherwise, the University will treat all materials received as open records. The University shall make the final determination as to what materials are or are not exempt

4. **Evaluation and Award:** Any clerical errors, apparent on its face, may be corrected by the Buyer before contract award. Upon discovering an apparent clerical error, the Buyer shall contact the Respondent and request clarification of the intended proposal. The correction shall be incorporated in the notice of award. The University reserves the right to request clarification of any portion of the Respondent's response in order to verify the intent. The Respondent is cautioned, however, that its response may be subject to acceptance or rejection without further clarification.

The University reserves the right to make an award to the responsive and responsible Respondent whose product or service meets the terms, conditions, and specifications of the RFP and whose proposal is considered to best serve the University's interest.

The University has established formal protest procedures. For more information about these procedures, contact the Buyer of Record.

In case of any doubt or difference of opinion as to the items and/or services to be furnished hereunder, the decision of the Chief Procurement Officer-UM System Supply Chain shall be final and binding upon all parties.

The University reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals and to waive any technicality or informality.

5. **Contract Award and Assignment:** The successful Respondent(s) shall, within ten (10) days after the receipt of formal notice of award of the contract, enter into a contract prepared by the University. The Contract Documents shall include the Advertisement for Request for Proposals, Specifications and Addenda, Exhibits, Request for Proposal Form,

Form of Contract, Statement of Work. Letter of Award, University Purchase Order, and Form of Performance Bond, if required.

The contract to be awarded and any amount to be paid thereunder shall not be transferred, sublet, or assigned without the prior approval of the University.

6. **Contract Termination for Cause:** In the event the Contractor violates any provisions of the contract, the University may serve written notice upon Contractor and Surety setting forth the violations and demanding compliance with the contract. Unless within ten (10) days after serving such notice, such violations shall cease and satisfactory arrangements for correction be made, the University may terminate the contract by serving written notice upon the Contractor; but the liability of Contractor and Surety for such violation; and for any and all damages resulting there from, as well as from such termination, shall not be affected by any such termination.
7. **Contract Termination for Convenience:** The University reserves the right, in its best interest as determined by the University, to cancel the contract by given written notice to the Contractor thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of such cancellation.
8. **Warranty and Acceptance:** The Contractor expressly warrants that all equipment, supplies, and/or services provided shall: (1) conform to each and every specification, drawing, sample or other description which was furnished or adopted by the University, (2) be fit and sufficient for the purpose expressed in the RFP, (3) be merchantable, (4) be of good materials and workmanship, (5) be free from defect. Such warranty shall survive delivery and shall not be deemed waived either by reason of the University's acceptance of or payment for such equipment, supplies, and/or services.

No equipment, supplies, and/or services received by the University pursuant to a contract shall be deemed accepted until the University has had a reasonable opportunity to inspect said equipment, supplies and/or services. All equipment, supplies, and/or services which do not comply with specifications and/or requirements or which are otherwise unacceptable or defective may be rejected. In addition, all equipment, supplies, and/or services which are discovered to be defective or which do not conform to any warranty of the Contractor upon inspection (or at any later time if the defects contained were not reasonably ascertainable upon the initial inspection) may be rejected.

9. **Payment:** Preferred settlement method is through the use of Electronic Accounts Payable solutions. Payment terms associated with these forms of payment will be issued as net 30 after the date of invoice. Payment terms associated with settlement by check will be considered to be net 30 days. Cash discounts for prompt payment may be offered but they will not be considered in determination of award unless specifically stated in the Detailed Specifications and Special Conditions. The University may withhold payment or make such deductions as may be necessary to protect the University from loss or damage on account of defective work, claims, damages, or to pay for repair or correction of

equipment or supplies furnished hereunder. Payment may not be made until satisfactory delivery and acceptance by the University and receipt of correct invoice have occurred.

The University encourages suppliers to opt into its Single-Use Account (SUA) credit card program for payment of invoices. The SUA is an electronic, credit card-based payment solution that acts like a check. It provides a single 16-digit virtual account number for each payment. Similar to a check, the credit limit on each SUA is set to the specific payment amount. Payment terms for Suppliers who participate in the SUA program are Net 0 as opposed to the standard Net 30 terms.

10. **Accounting Practices:** The Contractor shall maintain, during the term of the contract, all books of account, reports, and records in accordance with generally accepted accounting practices and standard for records directly related to this contract. The Contractor agrees to make available to the University, during normal business hours, all book of account, reports and records relating to this contract for the duration of the contract and retain them for a minimum period of one (1) year beyond the last day of the contract term.
11. **Debarment and Suspension Certification:** The contractor certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief that it and its principals are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency in accordance with Executive Order 12549 (2/18/86).
12. **Cooperative Purchasing:** The intended coverage of this RFP, and any Agreement resulting from this solicitation, shall be for the use by all faculty, staff, students, departments and affiliates of the University of Missouri, including University of Missouri Health Care.

The University of Missouri System seeks to make the terms and prices of this contract available to other higher education institutions and public entities in the State of Missouri. Extension of the terms and prices to any or all other Missouri higher education institutions and public entities is at the discretion of respondents and shall not be considered in the award of this contract. The contractor shall further understand and agree that participation by other higher education institutions and public entities is discretionary on the part of these institutions, and the University of Missouri System bears no financial responsibility for any payments due the contractor by such entities, nor will the University be responsible for contract administration for other institutions.

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI
DETAILED SPECIFICATIONS AND SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. GENERAL

The Curators of the University of Missouri, on behalf of MOREnet, propose to contract with an organization or individual, hereinafter referred to as "Contractor", whereby the Contractor will furnish and deliver Data Transport Services from sites throughout Missouri to one of the PoP facilities outlined on Appendix B used by MOREnet.

Request for Proposals shall NOT be submitted by e-mail or fax.

All questions must be addressed to:

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2. BACKGROUND

MOREnet is Missouri's telecommunications-based delivery system connecting higher education, elementary and secondary education, public libraries, state agencies, telehealth sites and other organizations and government agencies in Missouri to each other and the Internet. MOREnet is dedicated to ensuring Missouri's future by meeting the needs of its members for full access to information services.

The Missouri Revised Statutes, Chapter 392 Telephone and Telegraph Companies Section 392.205 states "The public service commission shall ensure that all public school districts have access to substantially reduced telecommunications rates and may approve the tariff as submitted, or may, after hearing, modify the tariff in the public interest." MOREnet reminds Respondents that the majority of our customers are public school districts, some of whom may be included in this request for proposal.

3. OBJECTIVE

MOREnet, a division of the University of Missouri, is seeking to procure data transport services to connect its members to the MOREnet backbone. MOREnet's stated direction is to provide Ethernet connections to all member sites.

The objective of this RFP is to establish firm pricing to acquire the services described above for the locations and terms outlined on the pricing sheets.

4. DEFINITIONS

Aggregation circuit: The segment of the circuit that extends from the vendor network to the MOREnet PoP facility and is used to carry all combined virtual circuits from customers (refer to segment B in Appendix A - Network Diagram).

Circuit Activation: The process of configuring and connecting equipment that allows for data flow over a circuit.

Circuit Installation: When the contractor has connected a new circuit, completed testing it and notifies MOREnet that the circuit is ready for activation (turn-up).

Circuit Order: When an authorized representative of MOREnet submits a request to the contractor on a MOREnet order form, either by email or US mail, requesting a new circuit or cancellation or changes to an existing circuit.

Hub Facilities: The five buildings MOREnet uses to connect aggregation circuits to the MOREnet backbone. A list of the hub facility locations is provided in Appendix B – MOREnet Hub Facilities.

Layer 2: Layer 2 refers to the data link layer of the seven-layer OSI model of computer networking.

Layer 3: Layer 3 refers to the network layer of the seven-layer OSI model of computer networking.

Mbps: Bandwidth measured in megabits per second

Monthly Recurring Cost (MRC): The recurring cost that will be invoiced every month.

MOREnet Member Site: The physical location (address) of the MOREnet member's facility.

Non-Recurring Cost (NRC): Any one-time cost needed to deliver the service.

PoP Facilities: An inter-connect address where MOREnet accepts aggregation circuits. A list of the PoP facility locations is provided in Appendix B – MOREnet PoP Facilities.

Release Date: The date when the contractor releases the circuit to MOREnet for billing.

Tail circuit: The segment of the circuit that extends from the vendor network to the member site location (refer to segment A in Appendix A - Network Diagram).

Virtual Circuit (VC): Refers to the logical path that is configured in a vendor's network to complete an entire data connection.

5. AWARD OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Contract(s) will be awarded to the best Respondent(s), provided Respondent's response meet(s) all requirements based upon the evaluation criteria specified in Section 10 and compliance with Section 11. Contract(s) will be awarded to the best Respondent(s) on a site-by-site basis. If for any reason a specific site cannot be awarded, the University reserves the right to award any and all other sites. The University reserves the right to award contracts for requested services to one or more Contractors. The University reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and make a contract award to a lower priced tariff or consortium offering.

Note: Any Respondent that makes material modifications to the University's Terms and Conditions may be found non-responsive, as solely determined by the University.

The University of Missouri will prepare and submit a contract award letter for execution by the successful Respondent(s). The University of Missouri's contract award letter shall be the sole governing document. The University of Missouri will not sign or execute any Contractor's agreement. The University reserves the right to add and/or change connection points at prices negotiated with successful contractor(s) in the future as deemed by the University to be in the best interest of the University.

Because vendors may rely on 3rd party facilities to provision complete end-to-end circuits, it is understood that the University may be billed by more than one party. However, it is the University's preference that only one bill be received.

6. TERM AND RENEWAL OF CONTRACT

The term of the contract shall commence upon award and continue for five (5) years, unless the Contractor is notified of contract cancellation at least sixty (60) days prior to the annual anniversary date of the award letter notification.

Circuits shall be procured for the full term of the circuit for the option MOREnet selects.

Therefore, the University shall have the right at any time during the five (5) years of the contract to procure an Ethernet circuit for a three (3) year term or five (5) year term.

The University may terminate a connection, by individual site, without cancelling the contract in its entirety. The awarded contractor shall honor all circuit rates as stated in the contractors pricing response, for each site connected/ordered circuit for the duration of the circuit term.

If sufficient funds are not budgeted or appropriated in any fiscal period for payments due under this contract, MOREnet shall give the Contractor written notice of such non-appropriation and the contract shall terminate as of the last day of the fiscal period for which funds are available. Such termination is without expense or penalty.

7. RESPONDENT'S PROPOSAL

In order to be considered for selection, Respondents must submit a complete response to this Request for Proposal that complies with all the mandatory requirements for the circuit type(s) they are proposing and which follows the outline provided in form of the RFP. Additional criteria for response submission follow:

Respondent response to proposal MUST be in the form of both written and electronic format including; one (1) copy of the Request for Proposal in written form, and one (1) copy in electronic format (.xls) on Compact Disc to be considered.

- **The Pricing Page(s) attached to the RFP must be completed in order to be considered, any other form will be disqualified.**
- **Formulas embedded in the spreadsheet must be removed by the vendor before submitting the Request for Proposal to be considered for evaluation.**
- **Formulas embedded in disc, flash drive, thumb drive, etc. must be removed from the storage device.**

Fancy presentations, binders, and other extraneous materials are neither needed nor desired. Proposals should be submitted on 8½x11" paper. Brochures, literature, and other marketing materials should not be included unless they are an integral part of the Request for Proposal.

When using any language that has meaning to your firm, yet may be more or less specific than the industry meaning, please define the term in your response. Terms that are NOT defined will be interpreted based upon definitions provided in Section 4 of this Request for Proposal, and then upon industry standards.

Information regarding Request for Proposal network infrastructure, routing, and design

may be submitted separately as proprietary information, see Confidentiality of Information below, that is to be held in confidence. Request for Proposal response must clearly indicate when this information is proprietary and confidential. Pricing, meet or exceed specification responses, and any comments/remarks not related to network infrastructure and design will not be considered proprietary and/or confidential information.

Confidentiality of Information:

All records received from a Contractor will be deemed public records and presumed to be open. If the contractor submits with the Request for Proposal any information claimed to be exempt under the Revised Statutes of Missouri, Chapter 610, this information must be placed in a separate envelope and marked with:

"This data shall not be disclosed outside the University or be duplicated, used, or disclosed in whole or in part for any purpose other than to evaluate the Request for Proposal; however, if a contract is awarded to this Contractor as a result of or in connection with the submission of such information, the University shall have the right to duplicate, use, or disclose this information to the extent provided in the contract. This restriction does not limit the University's right to use information contained herein if it is obtained from another source."

8. DELIVERY

Tail Circuits: Service must be operational within one hundred twenty (120) calendar days of order. If Contractor cannot deliver service by the indicated date the University may, at its sole option, cancel all or part of the contract without penalty. The contractor shall refund MOREnet the sum of the site(s) Monthly Recurring Rate (MRC at the contracted rate) starting on day one hundred twenty one (121) and accrue every 30 days until the site(s) is operational.

Contractor guarantees delivery for site(s) listed in the Contractor's proposal response. Should the Contractor fail to deliver the service(s) as stated in the Request for Proposal/Contract, the Contractor shall pay MOREnet the sum of twelve-months MRC for the bandwidth desired, for the site(s) the Contractor failed to deliver (Example: Contractor Request for Proposal response 50 MB-\$2,000 MRC times 12 months, contractor shall pay MOREnet the sum of \$24,000), within 30 days of notifying MOREnet, the service cannot be delivered.

9. PAYMENT

Payment in full will be made within thirty (30) days after receiving invoices for good/services rendered as meeting all performance specifications. The University reserves the right to withhold a portion of the payment until the services have been

completed. Any different payment terms desired by the respondent must be clearly stated and may or may not be accepted by the University.

Preferred settlement method is through the use of Electronic Accounts Payable solutions. Payment terms associated with these forms of payment will be issued as net 30 after the date of invoice. Payment terms associated with settlement by check will be considered to be net 30 days. Cash discounts for prompt payment may be offered but they will not be considered in determination of award unless specifically stated in the Detailed Specifications and Special Conditions. The University may withhold payment or make such deductions as may be necessary to protect the University from loss or damage on account of defective work, claims, damages, or to pay for repair or correction of equipment or supplies furnished hereunder. Payment may not be made until satisfactory delivery and acceptance by the University and receipt of correct invoice have occurred.

The University reserves the right to withhold payment for services if/when the contractor's products/services fail to meet functional, performance or availability expectations as documented and agreed to in the contract.

The University encourages suppliers to opt into its Single-Use Account (SUA) credit card program for payment of invoices. The SUA is an electronic, credit card-based payment solutions that acts like a check. It provides a single 16-digit virtual account number for each payment. Similar to a check, the credit limit on each SUA is set to the specific payment amount. Payment terms for Suppliers who participate in the SUA program are Net 10 as opposed to the standard Net 30 terms.

The contractor shall name a single point of contact for all billing items. MOREnet contracts and account department shall be notified by the contractor with 30 days of billing contact changes.

Contractor billing contact information:

Company Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

E-Mail: _____

10. REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL EVALUATION

From the total information requested below, determination shall be made of the prospective Contractor's ability to furnish and deliver AGGREGATION CIRCUITS OR TAIL CIRCUITS to the University. All information requested below must be included as a part of the prospective Contractor's proposal.

Since Contractor must comply with ALL mandatory requirements, proposals THAT DO NOT MEET THE MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS WILL BE IMMEDIATELY ELIMINATED FROM CONSIDERATION.

The University reserves the right to reject any and all proposals submitted.

Proposals shall remain open and subject to acceptance for one hundred twenty (120) days from the date of Request for Proposal opening. During this period, Respondents may not make material modifications, corrections, or changes (including pricing) to their proposal.

Proposals will be awarded by individual MOREnet customer site and will allow for planned and future circuit awards for that address for the life of the contract. The Respondents whose proposal for a given address is determined to be the best will be awarded the Request for Proposal for that address. A Request for Proposal award does not guarantee that an order will be placed.

Vendor responses to this Request for Proposal will be evaluated by technology (Ethernet). For each site, the University shall, at their sole discretion, determine which technology option best suits the site's needs.

11. TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

Respondents must meet all requirements in this section. Respondents must follow the instructions given and be sure to include any pertinent information with the proposal response.

11.1. GENERAL

11.1.1. It is required that the Contractor participates in the Federal USF programs (such as E-Rate program or its subsequent programs) for schools, libraries and health care facilities for all eligible products and services awarded from this RFP for the duration of the contract. Provide your Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN) to meet this requirement.

SPIN NUMBER _____

11.1.2. It is required that all circuits and/or services adhere to the appropriate ITU/IEEE/ANSI standards for the items included in this RFP.

11.2. CIRCUITS

11.2.1. Contractor must provide a service level agreement (SLA) for each circuit that addresses the minimum network performance guidelines for contractor's network as listed below:

- The latency must be 120ms or less except when the utilization is more than 90% on the circuit.
- Packet loss must not exceed 0.7%
- Network Availability must be at least 99.95% between the hours of 6:00 am and midnight
- Jitter must be less than 50ms

If MOREnet determines that the Contractor is failing to meet the above performance guidelines on a circuit MOREnet will notify the Contractor in writing of the failure and give the Contractor 30 calendar days to correct it. If the Contractor is not able to meet the guidelines within 30 days, MOREnet will begin withholding 10% of the MRC for that circuit for each month that the Contractor fails to make the guidelines. If the Contractor fails to make the guidelines for six consecutive months after the first notification then MOREnet, at its sole discretion, can cancel the circuit with no early termination fees or other penalties.

11.2.2. It is required that all tail circuits be interconnected to an aggregation circuit and that the bandwidth sum of the tail circuits does not exceed the bandwidth capacity of the aggregation circuit.

11.2.3. Contractor must provide the full-sustained rate (capacity) for all tail circuits being ordered from the customer premise, through the vendor network through the MOREnet aggregation circuit.

If MOREnet determines that the Contractor is not providing the full bandwidth ordered, MOREnet will only pay for the bandwidth the Contractor has provided, retroactive to the Contractor's last release date. If the Contractor does not provide the ordered bandwidth within 30 days of notification, MOREnet reserves the right to terminate the circuit without penalty.

11.2.4. Contractor must supply termination equipment, such as smart jacks, inside the building as part of the circuit installation. State any additional installation services that are available. Indicate for each of these services whether or not

additional costs would apply, and any limitations/restrictions upon the services.

- 11.2.5. Circuits must be provided within one hundred twenty (120) calendar days from the date of order. If this timeline is not met, MOREnet shall receive service at no charge for the same amount of time that the service is delayed. (Example: If service is delivered one hundred fifty (150) calendar days from date of order, MOREnet would receive one month of service at no charge).
- 11.2.6. It is required that the Contractor provide industry standard termination connectors on all delivered circuits.
- 11.2.7. MOREnet's premise equipment will use standard Ethernet ports and the Contractor must deliver the circuit to that port.
- 11.2.8. Aggregation circuits must be delivered via Ethernet as referenced in Appendix A - Network Diagram.
- 11.2.9. Aggregation circuits must be provisioned to deliver Virtual Circuits from the member site to the MOREnet PoP and that member sites must not be allowed to communicate with other member sites connected to the Contractor's network without first going through a MOREnet router at a MOREnet Primary PoP.
- 11.2.10. It is required that MOREnet's IP addresses be used at all sites.
- 11.2.11. MOREnet must have the ability to rate-limit bandwidth below what was ordered (i.e. 100Mbps circuit is ordered and MOREnet will rate-limit the circuit to 50Mbps). Respondent's solution must preserve this capability.
- 11.2.12. It is required that the Contractor's network does not interfere with MOREnet's ability to manage and monitor the member's sites.
- 11.2.13. MOREnet marks some packets from the member sites for Quality of Service (QoS) and it is required that the Contractor honor the QoS settings through their network to the MOREnet Pop facility.
- 11.2.14. Aggregation circuits must be provided one hundred twenty (120) calendar days from the date of order. If this timeline is not met, MOREnet shall receive service at no charge for the same amount of time that the service is delayed. (Example: If service is delivered 150 calendar days from the date of order, MOREnet will receive one month of service at no charge.)
- 11.2.15. If the Contractor currently has for fee aggregation circuit(s) with MOREnet that can be used to aggregate some sites from this contract, MOREnet will use that

aggregation circuit to connect sites from this contract and will only order aggregation circuits from this contract after MOREnet determines that the existing aggregation circuit(s) cannot accommodate additional sites.

- 11.2.16. Service Outages: Contractor must provide credit in the event of an unscheduled service outage that exceeds 30 minutes. The credit will equal the amount of time the service is unavailable by individual site. Contractor must also provide a written report of any outages that exceed one hour in length within five (5) business days of the outage. The report must include an explanation of the problem and a description of the actions the Contractor took to correct the problem. If the report is not provided within five (5) business days, the Contractor must provide an additional credit of two-times the monthly circuit rate.

The Contractor must provide written notice of scheduled maintenance outage at least 72 hours prior to the maintenance. The scheduled maintenance must be done between the hours of 12:01 A.M. and 6:00 A.M. unless agreed to in advance by MOREnet.

- 11.2.17. The Contractor shall begin billing for a new circuit after successful installation of the circuit. If the Contractor notifies MOREnet that a circuit has been installed and is ready but MOREnet's testing shows that the circuit does not pass traffic, then that will not be considered a "successful installation."

- 11.2.18. Respondent must provide firm fixed prices that meet all mandatory requirements for any or all contract periods. Prices submitted shall include **all costs**, including but not limited to, regulatory fees, administrative fees, applicable taxes and surcharges. Prices shall include all applicable discounts. Prices shall be firm without conditions, qualifications, or caveats. MOREnet will not accept contracts tied to tariff increases or increases in applicable regulatory fees, administrative fees, applicable taxes, surcharges or other fees.

The successful Respondent(s) shall not add any additional costs to invoices. MOREnet will not pay any costs over the bid price(s). Prices shall not be allowed to fluctuate during the term of the contract.

- 11.2.19. Respondent must inform MOREnet of any penalties or cancellation notices required. Document/describe any cancellation notice requirements or penalty/termination fees resulting from cancellation or reduction of service for any given circuit prior to its circuit term end date.

Early Termination Cost _____

- 11.2.20. Respondent must describe any offers of discounts for annual, semi-annual, or quarterly prepayment. The University will NOT apply discounts to proposed amounts in making the determination of lowest and best proposal or award of contracts. Therefore, Respondents are encouraged to submit proposals that incorporate discounts where discounts can be guaranteed.
- 11.2.21. Respondents may contact MOREnet members at the sites being bid for the purpose of performing a site audit. Site visits are to be PRE-ARRANGED with each site.
- 11.2.22. Tail circuits should be aggregated and delivered on a one gigabit or ten gigabit Ethernet circuit to one of MOREnet's PoP facilities (see Appendix B – MOREnet PoP Facilities)

Respondent may choose to deliver aggregation circuits to one of the Secondary PoP facilities if doing so would lower the overall price. If vendor plans to deliver aggregation circuits to a secondary PoP facility, vendor must update the Alternate PoP (or hub) column by selecting the appropriate PoP on the Pricing Pages.

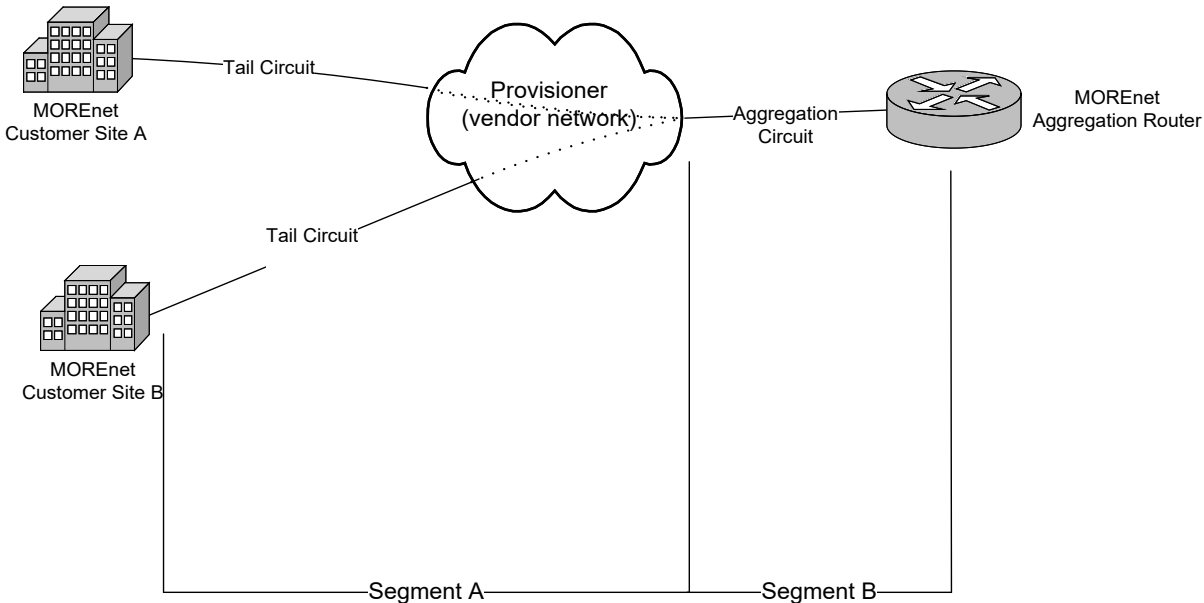
Respondents must list their cost for aggregation circuits to each PoP that they plan to deliver circuits to in Appendix C – Aggregation Circuit Pricing. MOREnet prefers, but does not require, that all costs be applied to the tail circuits and the aggregation circuits be provided without cost.

12. PRICING PAGES

Vendors are required to use the attached Excel pricing sheet for tail circuits and Appendix C for pricing aggregation circuits. Contact Heather Reed at ReedHR@umsystem.edu or 573.882.9778 with any questions.

Pricing Pages may be found at the University of Missouri Procurement Web-Site (www.pmm.missouri.edu), under "open bids", MN 0801 pricing pages.

Appendix A – Network Diagram



Appendix B – MOREnet PoP Facilities

Primary PoP Facilities

Columbia Facility University of Missouri Telecommunications Building 920 S. College Columbia, MO 38.939123 -92.321621	Jefferson City Facility State Data Center Truman Building 301 W. High Jefferson City, MO 38.579038 -92.176754	Kansas City Facility 1102 Grand, LLC Building Meet-Me Room, Suite 604C 1102 Grand Kansas City, MO 39.100779 -94.581069
Springfield Facility Missouri State University Telecommunications Center Blair Shannon House 1001 E. Madison Springfield, MO 37.201007 -93.278912	St. Louis Facility Digital Realty Building Third Floor Meet-Me Room 900 Walnut St. Louis, MO 38.633470 -90.215001	

Secondary PoP Facilities

Alton Facility Old Cane Bluff Rd Alton, MO 36.709009, -91.397681	Bolivar Facility 1397 E 490th Rd Slagle, MO 37.538760 -93.380522	Camdenton Facility 690 Ha Ha Tonka Rd. Camdenton, MO 37.995628 -92.751782
Cape Girardeau Facility Cape Center Dr Cape Girardeau, MO 37.300622, -89.553868	Caruthersville Facility State Highway 84 Caruthersville, MO 36.204628, -89.675163	Creighton Facility Intersection of E. 319 St and Lutheran Dr Creighton, MO 38.531216, -94.070287
Cuba Facility 1310 State Highway P Cuba MO 38.084944 -91.396863	Farmington Facility Overall Rd Farmington, MO 37.757599, -90.449806	Fredericktown Facility Old US Highway 67 Fredericktown, MO 37.535965, -90.306393
Kennett Facility County Rd 543 Kennett, MO 36.235520, -90.098863	Malden Facility North Douglas St Malden, MO 36.603321, -89.968889	Marble Hill Facility County Rd 400 Marble Hill, MO 37.286534, -89.976765
Marshfield Facility 18574 State Highway 38 Marshfield, MO 37.326473, -92.882407	Osceola Facility 7661 NE Highway 82 Osceola, MO 38.036526 -93.641378	Oxley Facility State Highway JJ Oxly, MO 36.665462, -90.709014
Peculiar Facility 23217 S Moore Rd Peculiar, MO 38.699084, -94.44707	Perryville Facility S US Highway 61 Perryville, MO 37.701421, -89.895830	Poplar Bluff Facility White Oak Dr Poplar Bluff, MO 36.792939, -90.406999
Rolla Facility 1400 East. 10 th Street Rolla, MO 37.951029, -91.748820	Ste. Genevieve Facility State Route M Ste Genevieve, MO 37.934131, -90.054664	Seymour Facility 490 State Hwy C Seymour, MO 37.155645, -92.751965

Sikeston Facility Larcel Dr Sikeston, MO 36.852746, -89.584329	Silva Facility Wayne County Rd 219 Silva, MO 37.183925, -90.463840	Fairview Facility 3962 S Fairview Springfield, MO 37.142063, -93.297798
Stoutland Facility 6724 State Rt T Stoutland, MO 37.820999, -92.528116	Valles Mines Facility US Highway 67 Valle Mines, MO 38.020015, -90.484851	Van Buren Facility State Route U Van Buren, MO 37.025632, -90.905246
Versailles Facility 20518 Seales Rd Versailles, MO 38.3826278, -92.807750	Willow Springs Facility Railroad Dr Willow Springs, MO 36.970818, -91.937875	Winona Facility Lindsey Rd Winona, MO 37.001011, -91.339792

Appendix C – Aggregation Circuit Pricing

PoP	Aggregation Technology	Term	MRC	NRC
St. Louis	Ethernet 1G	_____	_____	_____
St. Louis	Ethernet 10G	_____	_____	_____
Kansas City	Ethernet 1G	_____	_____	_____
Kansas City	Ethernet 10G	_____	_____	_____
Springfield	Ethernet 1G	_____	_____	_____
Springfield	Ethernet 10G	_____	_____	_____
Columbia	Ethernet 1G	_____	_____	_____
Columbia	Ethernet 10G	_____	_____	_____
Jefferson City	Ethernet 1G	_____	_____	_____
Jefferson City	Ethernet 10G	_____	_____	_____

MOREnet desires aggregation circuits to be at no-cost.

NOTE: The Respondent may also propose to deliver aggregation circuits to one of the secondary PoPs listed in Appendix B, however aggregation circuits delivered to any of the listed secondary PoPs MUST be provided at no cost to MOREnet.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FORM

(Name of firm or individual)

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

FOR

FURNISHING AND DELIVERY

OF

DATA TRANSPORT SERVICES

FOR

THE CURATORS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI

ON BEHALF OF

THE MISSOURI RESEARCH AND EDUCATION NETWORK (MORENET)

RFP # MN-0-0801

OPENING DATE: THURSDAY, AUGUST 1, 2019

TIME: 2:00 CDT

The undersigned proposes to furnish the following items and/or services at the prices quoted and agrees to perform in accordance with all requirements and specifications contained within this Request for Proposal issued by the University of Missouri.

AUTHORIZED REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL REPRESENTATION

Number of calendar days delivery after receipt of order	Payment Terms
Authorized Signature	Date
Printed Name	Title
Company Name	
Mailing Address	
City, State, Zip	
Phone No.	Federal Employer ID No.
Fax No.	E-Mail Address
Circle one: Individual Partnership Corporation	
If a corporation, incorporated under the laws of the State of _____	
Licensed to do business in the State of Missouri? ___yes ___no	

This signature sheet must be returned with your Request for Proposal.

**ATTACHMENT A
SUPPLIER DIVERSITY PARTICIPATION FORM**

The University of Missouri System is committed to and supports supplier diversity because it is essential to the University’s mission and core values. The University’s Supplier Diversity efforts reflect this mission.

Tier 2 Supplier Diversity Information - The University strongly encourages Supplier Diversity participation in all of its contracts for goods and services. Tier 2 Spend is spend reported by primary suppliers of the University of Missouri who subcontract work to, or make purchases from a diverse supplier. Depending upon the contract, primary suppliers will be asked to submit Tier 2 information with Women and Diverse Owned companies. Suppliers have two options in reporting Tier 2 dollars depending on the terms of the contract: Direct and Indirect. Awarded suppliers may be asked to utilize CVM Solutions for reporting Tier 2 spend.

- Direct dollars - those dollars directly spent with Women and Diverse Owned suppliers in the fulfillment of the contract.

- Indirect dollars - based on a percentage of revenue the University represents to the supplier. An example is as follows:
 - Supplier's Total Revenues: \$10,000,000
 - Revenues from University \$: \$ 4,000,000
 - University % of Total Revenues: 40% (#2 divided by #1)
 - Total MBE Dollars \$: \$ 150,000
 - Total WBE Dollars \$: \$ 150,000
 - Total University Attributable MBE \$: \$ 60,000 (#3 multiplied by #4)
 - Total University Attributable WBE \$: \$ 60,000 (#3 multiplied by #5)
 - Total University Attributable MWBE \$: \$ 120,000 (Sum of #6 and #7)
 - University % Attributable Revenue: 3% (#8 divided by #2)

1. Does your company have a Supplier Diversity Program? If so, describe efforts your company has made to increase business with Women and Diverse Owned businesses (i.e. does your company have a policy statement, participate in outreach activities, promote diverse firm subcontracting, publicize contract opportunities, provide certification assistance, etc.?) Please provide examples (use additional pages if needed): _____

2. What percentage of your company's total contracting and procurement spend for the prior year was with Women and Diverse Owned businesses? Are you able to provide this information specific to University of Missouri business? _____

3. Complete the following table indicating the percentage your company will subcontract with certified Women and Diverse Owned businesses should your company be the successful bidder. Note: If your company does not plan to use Women and Diverse Owned businesses to fulfill your contract obligations, please explain why not.

Supplier Name	% of Contract	Specify Direct or Indirect

If there are questions regarding supplier diversity at the University, contact Teresa Vest, vestt@umsystem.edu.

-----THIS FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THE RESPONSE-----

**ATTACHMENT B
SUPPLIER REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

Completion of this section is strongly encouraged. Please review and check ALL applicable boxes.

SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN: Yes No

The term "small business concern" shall mean a business as defined pursuant to Section 3 of the Small Business Act and relevant regulations issued pursuant thereto. Generally, this means a small business concern organized for profit, which is independently owned and operated, is not dominant in the field of operations in which it is bidding. We would consider any firm with 500 employees or less a "small business concern".

WOMAN OWNED BUSINESS (WBE): Yes No

A woman owned business is defined as an organization that is 51% owned, controlled and/or managed, by a woman. The determination of WBE status depends solely on ownership and operation and is not related to employment. The firm should be certified by a recognized agency (e.g., state, local, federal, etc.). Please see Public Law 106-554 for more detail.

MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (MBE): Yes No

A minority business is defined as an organization that is 51% owned, controlled and/or managed by minority group members. The determination of minority status depends solely on ownership and operation and is not related to employment. The firm should be certified by a recognized agency (e.g., state, local, federal, etc.). Please see Public Law 95-507 for more detail. Place an X by the appropriate space below.

1. Asian-Indian - A U.S. citizen whose origins are from India, Pakistan and Bangladesh (A)
2. Asian-Pacific - A U.S. citizen whose origins are from Japan, China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Taiwan, Korea, Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, the Philippines, Thailand, Samoa, Guam, the U.S. Trust Territories of the Pacific or the Northern Marianas. (P)
3. Black - A U.S. citizen having origins in any of the Black racial groups of Africa. (B)
3. Hispanic - A U.S. citizen of true-born Hispanic heritage, from any of the Spanish-speaking areas Mexico, Central America, South America and the Caribbean Basin only. (H)
4. Native American - A person who is an American Indian, Eskimo, Aleut or Native Hawaiian, and regarded as such by the community of which the person claims to be a part. (N)

A Veteran or Service Disabled Veteran business is defined as an organization that is 51% owned, controlled and/or managed by Veterans. The firm should be certified by a recognized agency (e.g., state, local, federal, etc.). Please see Public Law 109-461 for more detail.

VETERAN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE Yes No

SERVICE DISABLED VETERAN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE Yes No

MISSOURI FIRM: Yes No

A Missouri Firm is defined as an organization which has and maintains within the State of Missouri a regular place of business for the transaction of their business.

SUPPLIER'S CERTIFICATION:

The undersigned hereby certifies that the foregoing information is a true and correct statement of the facts and agrees to abide by the laws of the State of Missouri and the rules and regulations of the University of Missouri System now in effect including any subsequent revisions thereof. Supplier acknowledges that it is his/her responsibility to keep the information current by notifying the University of Missouri of any changes.

Signature of Person Authorized to Sign this Supplier Registration Information Form

Title: _____

Date: _____