

Green River Regional Educational Cooperative
Kentucky Educational Development Corporation



Northern KY Cooperative for Educational Services
Southeast/Southcentral Educational Cooperative

KPC – KENTUCKY PURCHASING COOPERATIVES
KEDC – GRREC – NKCES – SE/SC
KENTUCKY EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (KEDC)
904 ROSE ROAD, ASHLAND, KY 41102-7104
Bidding Department (606) 928-0205
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*** * * INVITATION TO BID * * ***

BID TYPE: PREFERRED VENDOR

BID REFERENCE: PV-OS-2007-07.001

BID PUBLIC NOTICE DATE: June 21, 2007

BID OPENING TIME, DATE: 3:00pm Eastern Time, June 28, 2007

BID CONTRACT START DATE: July 1, 2007

BID ITEMS: Office-School Supplies

BID PURPOSE:

The Kentucky Educational Development Corporation (KEDC) Board of Directors, as the Legal Education Agency (LEA) for the Kentucky Purchasing Cooperatives (KPC) solicits a sealed bid for **OFFICE-SCHOOL SUPPLIES** that would, if accepted by the KEDC Board of Directors, establish a **PREFERRED VENDOR BID CONTRACT**, with the general and detailed terms, conditions, and specifications contained in this bid document, to provide member institutions the right to purchase goods and services at fixed prices from a specific list of items contained herein and other items in general at fixed percentage discount off catalog prices provided as part of the bid proposal. Said contracts shall hereinafter be referred to as the Bid Contract.

CLARIFICATION:

For clarification or additional information relative to this Invitation contact the **KEDC Bidding Department** by email at bidding@kybuy.org or phone (606) 928-0205. **PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT SCHOOL DISTRICTS.**

GENERAL CONDITIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR BIDDERS:

These General Conditions and Instructions apply to all bids submitted. Any deviations or exceptions are to be explained as a part of the bid proposal.

Bids must be received at the KEDC office at 904 Rose Road, Ashland, KY 41102-7104, not later than the specified bid opening time and date. **Faxed submissions will NOT be accepted. Bids received after the time designated for the bid opening will be returned to the bidder unopened.** Bids should be sealed in an envelope and clearly marked **“KPC SEALED BID ENCLOSED”**. KEDC and the participating bidding institutions cannot assume responsibility for any delay as a result of failure of the mail or delivery services to deliver bids on time. (Please note that FED EX does not guarantee delivery time to KEDC because they classify KEDC as being in a rural area.)

The public notice for this invitation, the invitation itself, and any addendums can be viewed, downloaded, or printed from the Internet at www.kybuy.org or www.kedc.org beginning on the bid public notice date and until the time and date specified for the bid opening. Bids will be opened and read aloud or opened and posted electronically for public viewing at the discretion of KEDC. Bid tabulations will be made by KEDC staff and, after the Board has taken official action, will be posted to the KEDC Internet site.

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:

That 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);

That the costs quoted in the attached bid or bids responding to the Kentucky Educational Development Corporation Invitation to Bid 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;

That 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 communicate to any such person prior to the official opening of the bid or bids; That 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);

That I understand the Kentucky Educational Development Corporation collective bidding process is conducted consistent with KRS Chapter 45A, the Model Procurement Code and that the contents of the bid proposal and the actions taken by the bidder in preparing and submitting the bid proposal are in compliance with KRS Chapter 45A, 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 school districts, 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 school district 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.

CERTIFICATION CONCERNING DISBARMENT AND SUSPENSION:

I certify on behalf of myself, the company and its key employees that neither myself, the company or its key employees have been proposed for debarment, debarred, or suspended by 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.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

- Participating Member Institutions:** Any institution that is a member of the KEDC, KPC, GRECC, NKCES, or SESC Educational Cooperatives (hereinafter referred to as member or members) is eligible to utilize the Bid Contract; however this does not mean that all members will participate. The successful bidder(s) will be required to deliver to and serve all eligible members.
- Bid Forms and Return Instructions:** Bidders must return the bid certification, bid form, and a computer disk containing the completed Microsoft Excel spreadsheet provided as part of this bid invitation. Bidder must show cost for each item on the provided bid form. **The bidder must then enter the manufacturer, manufacturer item number, vendor item number, and cost per item in the Microsoft Excel spreadsheet on the computer diskette and print out a hard copy.** Optional information may be requested, but bid will not be rejected if these items are not supplied. The bid should be submitted in a separate sealed envelope **CLEARLY** marked with **KPC SEALED BID ENCLOSED** and the corresponding **BID REFERENCE NUMBER** and **OPENING DATE** printed on the outside of the envelope as they appear on the Bid Invitation. **The bidder should retain a duplicate copy.** An officer or member of the bidding firm who is authorized to legally bind the firm must sign the bid certification. The Bid Certification must be submitted with an original signature. **The Bid Invitation Forms should be used without alterations. Modifications, additions, or changes to the terms and conditions of this Invitation to Bid may be a cause for rejection of a bid. Bidders are requested to submit all bids on KEDC's official forms. Bids submitted on company forms may be rejected.** By executing the Bid Certification, the bidder acknowledges that the bidder has read this invitation, understands it, and agrees to bind by its terms and conditions.

3. **Correction of Mistakes:** Bidders are cautioned to re-check their bid for possible errors. No bid can be corrected, altered, or signed after being opened. All prices and quotations must be in blue or black ink or typewritten. No pencil figures will be accepted. Mistakes are to be crossed out and corrections inserted adjacent thereto and initialed by the person signing the bid. Errors discovered after public opening cannot be corrected and bidder will be required to accept a bid contract if offered.
4. **Error in Bid:** In case of a pricing error between the two bid documents (the digital and printed spreadsheets), the entry on the printed spreadsheet will govern. No bid will be altered, or amended after the specified time and date set for the bid opening. The KEDC Board 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.
5. **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. A bidder may withdraw a bid after it has been submitted only if a written request is submitted and received prior to the expiration of the time during which bids may be submitted, without prejudice, by submitting a written request for its withdrawal to KEDC, Attn: Bidding with the corresponding Bid Reference Number.
6. **Addendums:** KEDC may issue an addendum to the bid after the bid has been released. In no instance will an addendum be issued within five (5) working days prior to the bid opening.
7. **Pricing:** Bid Contracts may be accepted from multiple bidders. Contract pricing and discounts shall remain in effect for the entire contract and any agreed upon contract extensions, however additional discounts and/or special pricing are encouraged and may be accepted when consistent with other terms and conditions of the contract and offered equally to all members. **All bid prices must include transportation and delivery charges to the location (school district, KEDC, etc.) specified during ordering. 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 vendor 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).

Should an awarded bidder negotiate or bid a lower price for an item included in this bid with any KPC member, the bidder agrees to provide the product to all KPC members at the lower price. For example: District A and District B are both KPC members. Bidder then establishes a price with District B for items that are on the KPC bid thru negotiation or a school district bid that is lower than the bid price with KPC. The lower prices provided to District B become the bid price for District A and all KPC members.

8. **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 bidders for the purpose of clarification only. If necessary, members may purchase from the apparent low bidder(s) pending approval by the KEDC Board of Directors.
9. **Pre-qualification:** KEDC reserves the right to pre-qualify a potential contractor, especially any firm which has not previously participated in the KEDC participating school districts bid program. Criteria for qualification shall include:
 - A) **Product Line:** The potential contractor shall provide proof that all items listed in the catalog are in stock or can be quickly obtained.
 - B) **Physical Facilities:** KEDC staff may inspect the potential contractor's warehouse. The warehouse shall be clean and adequate for storing and delivery of products that the potential contractor proposes to supply.
 - C) **Financial Capacity:** The potential contractor 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 KEDC does not have adequate historical data to determine the contractor's ability to provide the products bid in a timely manner, then three letters of reference from previous school district customers shall be provided.
 - E) **Accounting Practices:** A potential contractor must clearly demonstrate to KEDC the capacity to provide accurate, reliable, and timely reports in terms of invoices, statements, credits, and usage data.

10. **Award:** After the review of the bid proposals, the KEDC Board may accept a bid contract based on the criteria below and the needs of KEDC and the members. In the case of identical bids, KEDC reserves the right to select and to award the contract by whatever method it chooses. A bidder whose bid proposal is accepted shall hereinafter be called contractor. The bid proposals will be evaluated based on the points awarded to each potential contractor utilizing the following scale:

CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION OF BID

KEDC and the KEDC Bid Committee will use the following criteria when evaluating the KEDC Bid Award. Each of the following elements will be weighted accordingly.

	POINTS
1. Total of weighted core item cost calculations	40
2. Secondary item catalog discount percentage	10
3. Web site for product searching, viewing, ordering	10
4. Purchase from Regional Retail Stores	10
5. Delivery Timelines	10
6. Prompt Payment Discount	10
7. Past Performance	<u>10</u>
POINT TOTAL	100

11. **Contract Period:** The bid contract is for one year and will end on June 30, 2008 plus any extensions. The contract may be extended on an annual basis by KEDC not to exceed five years in total including the first contract period. KEDC shall notify the contractor of its intent to extend or not to extend the contract by April 30 of each year. If KEDC notifies contractor of intent to extend the contract by one year, contractor shall either respond by May 15 that it does not intend to extend the contract, or respond by June 15 with any necessary price increases or decreases for the extended year. If price increases submitted are deemed excessive by KEDC then KEDC shall have cause to not extend the contract. 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. 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. Since this bid request is subject to multiple contracts being accepted, 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 contractor. The bid will not be automatically extended 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 contractor as needed to cover the cost of KEDC servicing the bid contract, bidding program, or procurement service for the members.

12. **Promotion:** KPC actively markets all Prime and Preferred Vendors to member districts. Marketing includes inclusion of your logo and contact information on the KPC website, a copy of the winning bid contract(s) sent to every KPC member, and promotion of all KPC Prime and Preferred Vendors during regular district visits by KPC staff. Awarded vendors will also have access to the KPC Preferred Vendor Logo for use in promotional materials. Similarly, the winning bidder is expected to support the efforts of KPC by participating in the KEDC-KPC Fall Conference thru the purchase of a Gold Level sponsorship. Gold Level sponsorship includes one prime booth, a full page advertisement in the conference program, an electronic advertisement on the KPC website, and other onsite recognition (e.g., audio announcements and signage).

13. **Transmittal of Orders:** KEDC shall issue purchasing guidelines to its member schools. Schools will use formal purchase orders in ordering from the awarded bidder. The successful bidder acknowledges that orders from KEDC member schools and/or school districts may be transmitted from KEDC's office on the district's behalf. 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 school and/or school district and the awarded bidder.

At KEDC's option in the future, the vendor shall 1) provide an interface between their existing website and KEDC's online catalog utilizing "punch-out" or "transparent punch-out", and/or 2) provide a listing of all items on the contract in an electronic format specified by KEDC (including description, pricing, picture of item, etc.) to be imported into KEDC's online catalog, and/or 3) accept faxed orders, and/or 4) accept e-mailed orders. The vendor shall accept orders electronically from KEDC and/or KPC members. The vendor is responsible for the initial and on-going accuracy of item information in the on-line catalog. KEDC shall provide programming and configuration of the KEDC catalog. The vendor is responsible for all programming and configuration costs on their web server for Option 1 and for all costs associated with compiling the data file containing the list of items in the bid contract for Option 2. KEDC may provide setup assistance at an additional charge.

14. **Quantities:** It shall be understood that the bid contract will not obligate KEDC or its members to purchase from the Bid Contract. Quantities listed in the attached core item spreadsheet are a history of purchases made last year by KPC members and are not a guarantee of future purchase levels.
15. **Product and Safety Information:** The successful bidder shall provide upon request by any member, the most recent MSDS information sheets for any products the vendor may deliver to said member. It is the vendor's responsibility to comply with all local, state, and federal regulations.
16. **Liability:** The contractor agrees to protect, defend, and save harmless KEDC 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 contractor further agrees to indemnify and save harmless KEDC 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 contractors, his servants or agents.
17. **Recalls:** The contractor shall notify KEDC and its members immediately of any products recalls. Any products that have been recalled and have been delivered shall be issued a credit and/or a comparable substitute immediately. All costs associated with voluntary and involuntary product recalls shall be borne by the awarded vendor.
18. **Usage Reports:** Usage reports in an electronic format (Microsoft Excel, Access, or SQL) specified by KEDC shall be issued to KEDC monthly (quarterly at KEDC's option) by the 25th day of the next month during the period of the bid. Contractor shall compile usage reports by member district. The reports shall indicate, purchasing entity (district and school), purchase order number and date, item(s) sold, quantity of item(s) sold, dollar value of each item(s) sold, and total purchase order value. Since the usage report data is useful to both KEDC and the contractor, it is of benefit to both parties to share this information. KEDC will routinely request procurement data from participating districts to verify usage report accuracy.
19. **Delivery Charges:** All products or services procured from the Bid Contract are to be delivered free of freight charges (FOB destination).
20. **Ordering, Payments, and Administrative Fee:** Each member shall be responsible for making payment to the contractor, unless KEDC has been established as the Purchasing Agent for the contractor, in which case, KEDC will coordinate orders and payments directly to the contractor with the individual members being the ship to party. Normally, members pay bills only after approval from the member board which meets monthly. KEDC reserves the right to negotiate upon mutual agreement to serve as Purchasing Agent for any Bid Contract including charging an additional administrative fee to the contractor beyond the three percent (3%) fee detailed below.

The vendor's price will include an administrative fee of three percent (3%) on all purchases made by members under this contract that the vendor will remit to KEDC on a monthly basis. The vendor will also compile and provide to KEDC a monthly report showing all purchases made by members under this contract in a format provided by KEDC. The vendor will make all administrative fee payments to KEDC by the 25th of the succeeding month and all checks are to be made payable to KEDC and sent to KEDC, 904 West Rose Road, Ashland, KY 41102-7104. In consideration of receiving a KPC PREFERRED VENDOR BID CONTRACT vendor agrees to report and pay KEDC's administrative fees for all sales to KEDC/KPC districts.

21. **Item Substitution and Out-of-Stock Back-Orders:** No substitutions are allowed without prior written authorization from the member. Member must be notified if item is out of stock, backordered or if timely delivery cannot be made. Upon member notification, the contractor must receive written directions from KEDC or the member on how to proceed, e.g. cancel the order, process the order, etc.
22. **Returns:** The successful bidder must provide a Return Material Authorization within 1 working day of the request by KEDC or a school district. Returned materials shall be restocked at no charge to KEDC and/or the school district.
23. **Purchase of Items not specifically listed in the Core Item List (Secondary Items):** KPC schools may exercise their rights to purchase all catalog and special order items not in the Core Item list from the contractor that has been awarded the contract. Catalog and special order items shall be quoted at MSRP less a fixed percentage discount (per your bid) and shall be subject to the same auditing provisions as bid items. The initial price quote on catalog and special order items shall become the official bid price for the remainder of the contract.
24. **Catalog Format:** The successful bidder must provide their catalog including all items in the catalog in print and electronic format. The electronic catalog must include search capabilities listing part number, price, description, and pictures of the item (on CD or via the contractor's website) for use on a Windows 2000/XP workstation at no charge.
25. **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.
26. **Warranty:** The awarded vendor shall make available and honor all manufacturer's warranties, both standard and extended, to KEDC and all member institutions.
27. **Access to Records:** All contracts over \$10,000 awarded by KEDC shall include the right of KEDC, the Kentucky Department of Education, USDA, the Comptroller General of the United States, or any of their duly authorized representatives, to have unrestricted access to any books, documents, papers, records of the contractor which are directly pertinent to the awarded contract, for the purpose of making audit, examination, excerpts, and transactions.
28. **Audits:**
 - A) KEDC reserves the right to make audits of a contractor's costs records as follows:
 - 1) Prior to award of contract
 - 2) Following any allowed price change.
 - 3) An unscheduled audit one time during each year upon appropriate notice given to contractor.
 - B) The contractor shall be given notice of the intent of the cooperative to conduct an audit a minimum of two weeks in advance.
 - C) The contractor shall provide acceptable documentation as follows:
 - 1) Manufacturer's invoices
 - 2) Freight bills
 - 3) Perpetual inventory records
 - 4) Market bulletins (used for distributor manufactured items and inner company billing items when price change occurs).
29. **Non-assignability of Awarded Bid:** The bid award will be made only to the individual or entity which actually submits a bid. The awarded bid cannot be conveyed to an awarded bidder's successors or assigns without the prior, express approval of the Board of Directors of KEDC.
30. **Penalty:** The awarded contractor agrees to provide total requirements as listed herein, thereby minimizing occurrences when a school district may have to seek interim product sources. Failure to deliver 100% of the items on this list -- within 10 business days -- shall be considered default.

A successful bidder must demonstrate an acceptable level of service, particularly with respect to delivering all items on a regularly scheduled basis, at favorable prices. A distributor may be designated as unacceptable if the requirements listed herein have been previously violated and/or poor communications exist between the seller and the school district.

31. **Contract Suspension:** KPC may, at its sole discretion, suspend a contractor for a period of up to 90 days to investigate alleged instances of breach of contract or non-compliance. The contractor is prohibited from accepting new orders from KPC members while suspended, however, orders already in process can be completed. If the Awarded Bidder is found to be in breach of contract or non-compliance, the contract is rendered null and void. The Awarded Bidder agrees that they have no legal recourse of any nature against KEDC, KPC, or its member entities except for payment of goods, supplies and services that are due for prior purchases which were permitted to be sold by the Awarded Bidder under this bid. The decision of KPC regarding suspension and/or termination is final.

32. **Warning and Termination of Contract:** KEDC may terminate the contract if the contractor fails to perform at the service level specified in the bid document. Contracts may be terminated at any time, on 30 days notice upon the mutual agreement of both parties or upon the discretion of KEDC, in a shorter period of time, if the terms of the contract are violated in any way. In the event of termination, the members shall not be liable to any costs other than the cost of items delivered and accepted prior to the termination date. The contractor 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 contractor are destroyed or a labor dispute makes performance under the terms of the contract impossible, the contractor shall not be held liable by KEDC or the members.

33. **Prompt Payment Discount:** Vendor 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.

34. **Standard Conditions:**

- A. This contract shall be governed in all respects as to validity, construction, capacity, performance, or otherwise by the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.
- B. Contractors providing services under this bid invitation, herewith assure KEDC they are conforming to the provisions of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended.
- C. Contractors shall be in compliance and will comply with any and all local, state, and federal laws and regulations related to this bid and the rendering of goods and /or services.
- D. Kentucky Sales and Use Tax Certificate of Exemption Form will be issued upon request.
- E. Contractor shall comply with applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations pertaining to wages, hours, and conditions of employment. In connection with the contractor's performance of work under this contract, contractor agrees not to discriminate against any employee(s) or applicant(s) for employment because of race, age, religious creed, sex, national origin, or handicap.
- F. Contractor agrees to retain all books, records, and other documents to this agreement for three years after final payment. KEDC and its school districts, its authorized agents and/or state/or federal representatives shall have full access to, and the right to examine any or said materials during said period which are directly pertinent to that specific contract for the purpose of making audit, examination, excerpts and transcriptions. If the investigator or audit is in progress, records shall be maintained until stated matter is closed.
- G. Contractor shall comply will 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), which prohibit the use under non-exempt federal contracts, grants or loans of facilities included in the EPA list of violated facilities.

- H. By signing this document, the contractor 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 contractor certifies that collusive bidding is a violation of federal law and can result in fines, prison sentences and civil damage awards.
- I. Prohibition against conflicts of interest, gratuities, and kickbacks: Any employee or official of KEDC or member school districts, 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 school district 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.
- J. 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, and KRS 42.990.
- K. The provisions of KRS 365.080 and KRS 365.090 which permit the regulation of resale price by contract, does not apply to sales to the State.
- L. The bidder is fully knowledgeable of KRS 45A.335-45A.490, Kentucky Model Procurement Code, including the provisions for violation of the Code. KRS 45A.455 prohibits conflicts of interest, gratuities, and kickbacks to employees of KEDC or the Boards of Education in connection with contracts for supplies or services whether such gratuities or kickbacks are direct or indirect. KRS 45A.990 provides severe penalties for violations of the laws relating to gratuities or kickbacks to employees that are designed to secure a public contract for supplies or services.
- M. KEDC reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids and to waive informalities.

KEDC OFFICE-SCHOOL SUPPLY CERTIFICATION – PV-OS-2007-07.001

STATEMENT OF SUBMISSION

We have read all the conditions and requirements of the bid invitation. In compliance with all general and specific terms and conditions of the bid invitation, in consideration of the detailed description attached hereto, and subject to the statements of Authentication, Non-Collusion, and Non-Conflict of Interest thereof, the undersigned agrees that, upon proper acceptance by the KEDC Board of Directors of any part of the bid offer within the time stipulated, a contract shall thereby be created in accordance with the specifications for that part of the bid offer accepted.

Include in your Sealed Bid Packet:

- 1) This Certification form with the lower section **COMPLETED** and **SIGNED**.
- 2) The "Office-School Supply Line Item" Excel spreadsheet on diskette with all fields completed as described in Item 2 of the Invitation for Bid.
- 3) A printout of the Excel spreadsheet.

Bidding Firm

Authorizing Signature

Date

Printed Name of Authorized Signatory

Administrative Contact Name

Administrative Contact Email Address

Administrative Contact Phone

Administrative Contact Fax

Administrative Contact Address

Administrative City, State, Zip

Sales Contact Name

Sales Contact Email Address

Sales Contact Phone

Sales Contact Fax

Sales Address

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Web Address

Federal Identification Number