



**CHEROKEE NATION BUSINESSES, L.L.C.**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (“RFP”)**

**PROJECT NAME:Apparel Contract Bid**

**RFP NUMBER:**

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## SECTION I

### SOLICITATION TO BID CHEROKEE NATION BUSINESSES, L.L.C. PROJECT NAME: Filter Contract Bid

Sealed bids are being solicited by Cherokee Nation Businesses, L.L.C. or the Cherokee Nation Businesses, L.L.C. wholly-owned entity identified in the attached Statement of Work (“Company”) to furnish unit pricing for the filters specified in the spreadsheet. Vendor is encouraged to provide that pricing as a base and to provide additional pricing for all filters in its portfolio.

Due to COVID-19 all bids shall be submitted by email using the following email address [Filter.jzigzjsr11zxduot@u.box.com](mailto:Filter.jzigzjsr11zxduot@u.box.com). **We are not accepting bids in person or by mail.** All proposals shall be submitted to this email address only, please do not copy the buyer on submittal.

The bidder must supply all the information required by the RFP Documents, hereinafter defined.

## SECTION II

### INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDER

#### 1.00 DEFINITIONS

- 1.01 The “RFP Documents” shall mean and shall include the Solicitation to Bid; Instructions to Bidder; Bid Schedule; Statement of Work; Drawings and Specifications, and all other attachments, exhibits and other documents attached hereto and/or incorporated by reference herein.
- 1.02 “Company” refers to Cherokee Nation Businesses, L.L.C. or the Cherokee Nation Businesses, L.L.C. wholly-owned entity soliciting bids and/or proposals for the Work described in the Statement of Work.
- 1.03 “Company Representative” refers to the Company personnel who has been designated as the Project Manager as identified in Section I, Solicitation to Bid, or other authorized representative of Company as may be designated in writing.
- 1.04 “Contractor” refers to the party acting directly or through agents, subcontractors, or employees and is currently under contract with the Company or upon the award of the bid will enter into a contract directly with the Company.
- 1.05 “Subcontractor” refers to the party contracting with the Contractor for any part of the Work as defined in the Statement of Work.

- 1.06 “Work” includes all services to be performed or things to be furnished by the Contractor, or both services and things, as the context reasonably requires, including all supervision, labor, materials, supplies, tools, equipment, light, water, fuel, power, heat, transportation, or other facilities necessary for the discharge of all of Contractor’s obligations as described in the Statement of Work.

## **2.00 DESCRIPTION OF WORK**

- 2.01 The Work to be performed is described in Section III, Statement of Work and Specifications, of the enclosed RFP Documents.

## **3.00 FAMILIARITY WITH RFP DOCUMENTS AND PROPOSED WORK**

- 3.01 The bidder has the responsibility for examination of all RFP Documents, inspection of all work sites, and familiarization with all conditions concerning the Work. Failure or neglect of the bidder to discharge this responsibility will not excuse nonperformance.
- 3.02 The bidder has the responsibility to estimate the time and quantities of work required to complete the Work. Failure or neglect of the bidder to discharge its responsibility will not excuse nonperformance.
- 3.03 Company may require prospective bidders to complete a Non-Disclosure Agreement prior to providing the Statement of Work to a prospective bidder.

## **4.00 BIDDING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 4.01 The bidder shall make its bid by inserting the bidder's figure in the applicable blanks of the Bid Response provided in the Statement of Work, by initialing those inserted figures, by completing any forms, and by returning the completed Bid Schedule to the Company.
- 4.02 The bidder must furnish with its bid, a completed, signed and notarized Business Relationship Affidavit, a copy of which is included in the RFP Documents as Section IV.
- 4.03 The bidder must furnish with its bid, a completed, signed and notarized Non-Collusion Affidavit, a copy of which is included in the RFP Documents as Section V.
- 4.04 This procurement may be subject to Cherokee Nation Gaming Commission (“CNGC”) policies and procedures. In the event CNGC licensing is applicable, the successful vendor(s) shall be responsible for obtaining all licenses required by CNGC. CNGC licensing requirements may include licensing fees as well as security and background checks of vendor(s) employees. Current policies and procedures can be found on the Cherokee Nation website or by contacting the CNGC office at 918-431-4116.

- 4.09 The Bid Schedule must be completed in ink or by printer. The Bid Price on the Bid Schedule must be stated in words and figures, in case of a conflict words will take precedence. No alterations, additions or erasures shall be made on the Bid Schedule. Erroneous entries shall be lined out, initialed by the bidder and the correct entry inserted.
- 4.10 All names on the Bid Schedule must be typed or printed below the signature.
- 4.11 The Bid Schedule shall contain an acknowledgment of receipt of all Addenda (the numbers of which shall be filled in on the Bid Schedule).
- 4.12 The address to which communications regarding the Bid Schedule are to be directed must be shown.
- 4.13 Bids shall be submitted at the time and place indicated in the Solicitation to Bid., marked with the Project Title, Bid Number, Name and Address of the bidder, and accompanied by the other required documents.

## **5.00 QUALIFICATION OF BIDDERS**

- 5.01 No bid will be accepted unless the bidder can, if requested, show to the satisfaction of the Company evidence of its experience and familiarity with work of the character specified. This may include, at the Company's option, evidence of similar work by its firm (or principal employees) that has been performed satisfactorily and completed during the past five (5) years.
- 5.02 No bid will be accepted unless the bidder can show to the satisfaction of the Company evidence of its financial ability to perform the Work successfully and properly, to completion.
- 5.03 If bidder has a parent company or relies on a parent company to obtain or fulfill any of the Work to be contracted, then Company has the right to require bidder's parent company to provide guarantee of bidder's proposal and the performance of any obligations arising under a Contract Agreement if bidder has been awarded the bid.
- 5.04 If awarded the bid, bidder and any subcontractors of bidder in the performance of the Work shall, to the greatest extent feasible, give preference to Indian organizations, Indian-owned enterprises and individuals as certified by TERO. First preference shall be given to members of the Cherokee Nation and their businesses. Second preference shall be given to members of all other federally recognized tribes.

## **6.00 INTERPRETATIONS**

- 6.01 All questions about the meaning or intent of the RFP Documents shall be submitted to the Company Representative in writing. Replies will be issued by Addenda mailed to,

delivered or sent by facsimile to all parties recorded by Company as having received the RFP Documents. Questions received less than two days prior to the date for opening of bids will not be answered. Only questions answered by formal written Addenda will be binding. Oral and other interpretations or clarifications will be without legal effect.

## **7.00 CONTRACT TIME**

7.01 If applicable as required in the Statement of Work, the number of days within which the Work is to be completed, or the date by which, the Work is to be completed shall be provided as set forth in the Bid Schedule and will be included in the Contract Agreement.

7.02 If a Project Schedule is required or a Date of Substantial Completion is defined per the Statement of Work, then the Contract Time for the work to be performed shall be considered a material consideration in the award of the bid.

## **8.00 LIQUIDATED DAMAGES**

8.01 Provisions for liquidated damages, if any, will be specified in the Statement of Work and/or as set forth in the Contract Agreement.

## **9.00 SUBSTITUTE MATERIAL AND EQUIPMENT**

9.01 If material and equipment as described in the Statement of Work are a basis for award, then the Contract, if awarded, will be on the basis of material and equipment described in the Statement of Work and Specifications without consideration of possible substitute or "or-equal" items. Whenever it is indicated in the Statement of Work and Specifications that a substitute or "equal" item of material or equipment may be furnished or used by a Contractor if acceptable to Company, application for such acceptance will not be considered by Company until after the effective date of the Contract Agreement.

## **10.00 REJECTION OF BIDS**

10.01 Bids received more than ninety-six (96) hours, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, before the time set for opening of bids, as well as bids received after the time set for opening of bids, will not be considered and will be returned unopened.

10.02 Company reserves the right to reject any and all bids when such rejection is in the best interest of Company. All bids are received subject to this stipulation and Company reserves the right to decide which bid shall be deemed lowest and best. A violation of any of the following provisions by the bidder shall be sufficient reason for rejecting his bid, or shall make any Contract between Company and the Contractor that is based on his bid; (i) null and void; divulging the information in said sealed bid to any person, other than those having a financial interest with him in said bid, until after bids have been opened; (ii) submission of a bid which is incomplete, unbalanced, obscure, incorrect, or which has conditional clauses, additions, or irregularities of any kind not in the original Bid

Schedule, or which is not in compliance with the Instructions to Bidder and Solicitation to Bid, or which is made in collusion with another bidder. The foregoing list is non-exhaustive and Company reserves the right to reject a bid or nullify any Contract between Company and the Contractor that is based on his bid for any other reason it deems is in the best interest of the Company.

#### **11.00 BIDS TO REMAIN OPEN**

All bids and pricing submitted under this RFP shall remain valid and open for **sixty (60)** days after the day of the bid opening, but Company may, in its sole discretion, release any bid prior to that date.

#### **12.00 AWARD OF CONTRACT**

- 12.01 Company reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any and all bid document requirements and to negotiate Contract terms with the successful bidder, and the right to disregard all nonconforming, nonresponsive or conditional bids. Discrepancies between words and figures will be resolved in favor of words. Discrepancies between the indicated sum of any column of figures and the correct sum thereof will be resolved in favor of the correct sum.
- 12.02 Company reserves the right to issue one award, multiple awards, or reject all bids. All quotes are subject to negotiation prior to award. Awards may be issued without discussion of quote received, and quotes should initially be submitted on the most favorable terms from a price and technical standpoint.
- 12.03 In evaluating bids, Company shall consider the qualifications of the bidders and whether or not the bids comply with the prescribed requirements.
- 12.04 Company may consider the qualifications and experience of subcontractors and other persons and organizations (including those who are to furnish the principal items of material or equipment) proposed for those portions of the Work as to which the identity of subcontractors and other persons and organizations must be submitted. Operating costs, maintenance considerations, performance data and guarantees of materials and equipment may also be considered by Company.
- 12.05 Company may conduct such investigations as it deems necessary to assist in the evaluation of any bid and to establish the responsibility, qualifications and financial ability of the bidders, proposed subcontractors and other persons and organizations to perform the Work in accordance with the terms of a Contract Agreement and to Company's satisfaction within the prescribed time.
- 12.06 Company reserves the right to reject the bid of any bidder who does not pass any such evaluation to Company's satisfaction.

12.07 A Contract Agreement along with the terms and conditions of such agreement will be negotiated upon award. Company may rescind the award of a bid for failure to agree upon the terms of the Contract Agreement within a reasonable period of time or for bidder's failure to negotiate in good faith or timely respond to requests or inquiries of Company. Prior to the execution of a Contract Agreement by an authorized representative(s) of each party, the successful bidder shall not perform any services, conduct any business on Company property or acquire or procure any supplies, materials or equipment on behalf of Company to be used in performing the Work as bid, unless specifically requested by an authorized Company Representative in writing. Company will notify the successful bidder in the Statement of Work or Notice of Award that additional executive or board of directors' approval will be required prior to negotiating the terms of a Contract Agreement. In the performance of the Work awarded, Company, Contractor and its subcontractor(s) shall, to the greatest extent feasible, give preference to Indian organizations, Indian owned enterprises and individuals. First preference shall be given to members of the Cherokee Nation. Second preference shall be given to members of all other federally recognized tribes.

12.08 The successful bidder shall execute and deliver the Contractor's Payment and Performance Bond (if required per the Statement of Work or Contract Agreement) and the required certificate(s) of insurance evidencing the limits and endorsements as required by the terms and conditions of the Contract Agreement within five (5) calendar days of receipt of the Notice of Award. If the successful bidder fails to execute and deliver Contractor's Payment and Performance Bond and the required certificates of insurance(s) within five (5) calendar days of the Notice of Award, Company may annul the Notice of Award.

### **13.00 BEGINNING WORK**

The Work shall be commenced as agreed upon by the parties. However, Work shall not be commenced until Contractor has provided the requisite bonds and proofs of insurance required by the Contract Agreement.

### **15.00 RETURNING OF RFP DOCUMENTS**

15.01 Whether a bid is submitted or not, this collection of RFP Documents and any accompanying documents are to be returned intact.

15.02 The successful bidder will be furnished necessary copies of this book and documents, conforming to the bid accepted by the Company.

### **16.00 INVOICING REQUIREMENTS**

All invoices for the Work submitted by the successful bidder must be coded in accordance with Company policies. The successful bidder will be responsible for meeting

with a representative of Company's Accounting Department regarding necessary coding requirements and complying therewith.

### **SECTION III**

#### **STATEMENT OF WORK CHEROKEE NATION BUSINESSES, LLC Bid – Filter Contract Bid**

Proposals are being solicited by Cherokee Nation Businesses, L.L.C. or the Cherokee Nation Businesses, L.L.C. wholly-owned entity as identified in the Statement of Work, attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit “A” for Filter Contract Bid . Contact the Buyer, via e-mail only, to answer any questions regarding the bid.

Due to COVID-19 all bids shall be submitted by email using the following email address [Filter.jzigzjsr11zxduot@u.box.com](mailto:Filter.jzigzjsr11zxduot@u.box.com). We are not accepting bids in person or by mail in. All proposals shall be submitted to this email address.



## SECTION IV

### CONFIDENTIALITY AND BUSINESS RELATIONSHIP/NON-COLLUSION REPRESENTATIONS

In connection with discussions and/or negotiations between the responding entity ("Bidder") and the applicable Cherokee Nation entity ("Company") (individually "Party" or collectively "Parties") regarding

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Each Party agrees that any written information, drawings or data disclosed by the other Party as well as all information becoming known to either Party concerning the other Party's inventions, discoveries, improvements, methods, business plans, ventures, practices, enterprises, or operation, or any other information affecting the business operations of the other Party shall be deemed to be confidential and proprietary information owned by such Party, and shall be protected by the receiving Party in the same manner and with the same degree of care the receiving Party treats its own confidential or proprietary information ("Confidential Information"). The receiving Party agrees to and shall be fully responsible for all Confidential Information of the disclosing Party in the receiving Party's possession and the receiving Party shall promptly upon demand, return all such Confidential Information and reproductions therefrom to the disclosing Party or destroy the Confidential Information and certify such destruction to the disclosing Party. If either Party loses or makes an unauthorized disclosure of the other Party's Confidential Information, it shall notify such other Party immediately and use reasonable efforts to retrieve the lost or wrongfully disclosed Confidential Information.

Confidential Information shall not be disclosed, except to the extent required by law, to any third person or entity without the prior written consent of the disclosing Party other than to those directors, officers, employees, affiliates, agents or consultants with a need to know the Confidential Information in connection with the project referenced above. Except as permitted in the previous sentence, prior to disclosure to any such third person or entity, such third person or entity must have agreed in writing to treat the Confidential Information as confidential in the same manner as required of the receiving Party. The Parties shall use the Confidential Information only in connection with continuing discussions by the Parties concerning the Project, except as may otherwise be mutually agreed upon in writing.

Confidential Information shall be treated in the manner specified above until such time as such Confidential Information: (i) is otherwise available in the public domain; (ii) is established to have been lawfully known by the receiving Party prior to receipt of such Confidential Information from the disclosing Party or becomes known by the receiving Party through a third party not subject to the non-disclosure requirements of this Agreement; (iii) is developed by or on behalf of the receiving Party independent of any Confidential Information furnished by the disclosing Party under this Agreement or (iv) is required to be released by a valid law, regulation or court order, and sufficient notice is given by the receiving Party to the disclosing Party of any such requirement or request to permit the disclosing Party to seek an appropriate protective order or exemption from such requirement or request.

The receiving Party acknowledges that in the event of an unauthorized disclosure, the damages incurred by the disclosing Party may be difficult if not impossible to ascertain, and that the Disclosing Party may seek injunctive relief as well as monetary damages from the receiving Party. Neither the disclosure of Confidential Information, nor the ongoing discussions and correspondence between the receiving Party and the disclosing Party, shall constitute or imply a commitment or binding obligation between the parties or their respective affiliated companies.

Neither Party shall be: (a) responsible or liable for any business decisions made or inferences drawn by the other Party in reliance on this Agreement or in reliance on actions taken or disclosures made pursuant to this Agreement; or (b) liable to or through the other Party for amounts representing loss of profits, loss of business, or special, indirect, consequential, or punitive damages.

This Agreement shall be binding upon Company with regard to the Project as if executed by Company and shall become effective upon signature by Bidder ("Effective Date"). The Agreement shall continue in force until terminated by either Party, notice is provided by Company that Bidder was not the winning bidder, or until superseded by a subsequent non-disclosure or definitive agreement containing confidentiality

provisions. The obligations of the parties shall survive and continue beyond the expiration or termination of the Agreement for a period of two (2) years with regard to Confidential Information.

NOTWITHSTANDING ANYTHING IN THIS AGREEMENT TO THE CONTRARY OR PRESENTED IN THE BID PROPOSAL DOCUMENTATION, NEITHER PARTY MAKES ANY REPRESENTATIONS OR WARRANTIES OF ANY NATURE WHATSOEVER WITH RESPECT TO ANY INFORMATION DISCLOSED, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, ANY WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE OR AGAINST INFRINGEMENT.

The Parties acknowledge that this Agreement does not restrict the ability either to engage in their respective businesses, nor does it limit either Party's use or application of any information or knowledge acquired independently of the other without a breach of this Agreement in the course of such Party's business.

The Parties agree that this document may be electronically signed and that signatures appearing on this document are the same as handwritten signatures for the purposes of validity, enforceability, and admissibility.

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_, on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_ (Bidder name) represents and warrants that the nature of any partnership, joint venture, or other business relationship presently in effect or which existed within one (1) year prior to the date of this statement with Company or other party to the services provided under the Agreement is as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_ (Bidder name) represents and warrants that any such business relationship presently in effect or which existed within one (1) year prior to the date of this statement between any officer or director of Consultant and any officer, director, manager or member of the Board of Directors of Company or other party to the project is as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_ (Bidder name) represents and warrants that the names of all persons having any such business relationships and the positions they hold with their respective companies or firms are as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_ (Bidder name) represents and warrants that any family/relative relationships present between any officer, director or agent of Bidder and any officer, director, manager or member of the Board of Directors of Company other party to the Agreement is as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_ (Bidder name) represents and warrants states that the names of all persons having any such family/relative relationships and the positions they hold with their respective companies or firms are as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

If none of the business relationships hereinabove mentioned exist, Representative should so state below

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_, on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_ (Bidder name) represents and warrants that (s)he is the agent authorized by the bidder to submit the attached bid. Representative further states that the bidder has not been a party to any collusion among bidders in restraint of freedom of competition by agreement to bid at a fixed price or to refrain from bidding; or with any employee of Company or any affiliate or wholly-owned entity of Company as to quantity, quality or price in the prospective definitive Agreement, or any other terms of said prospective definitive Agreement; or in any discussions between bidders and any official of Company or any affiliate or wholly-owned entity of Company concerning exchange of money or other thing of value for special consideration in the letting of a definitive Agreement.

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_  
TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE: \_\_\_\_\_