BID FORM

MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
GENERAL SERVICES
1320 Creek Trail Drive – P.O. BOX 270
JEFFERSON CITY, MO 65102

REQUEST NO.	5-100713 LK
DATE	June 28, 2010
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SEALED BIDS, SUBJECT TO THE ATTACHED CONDITIONS WILL BE RECEIVED AT THIS OFFICE UNTIL

2:00 PM, LOCAL TIME, July 13, 2010

AND THEN PUBLICLY OPENED AND READ FOR FURNISHING THE FOLLOWING SUPPLIES OR SERVICES.

BIDS TO BE BASED F.O.B. MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Submit net bid as cash discount stipulations will not be considered

VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN MISSOURI

DEFINITE DELIVERY DATE MUST BE SHOWN. SIGN AND RETURN BEFORE TIME SET FOR OPENING. **ALL BIDS SHOULD BE EXTENDED AND TOTALED.**

BUYER: Leann Kottwitz **BUYER TELEPHONE:** 573-751-3685

	SUPPLIES OR SERVICES	
	Contract for furnishing **"Portable Traffic Counters"** from July 8, 2010 through June 30, 2011, with the option of two (2) additional one-year periods. **PLEASE SEE ATTACHED SPECIFICATION, PRICING PAGES AND DELIVERY REQUIREMENTS**	

(SEE ATTACHED FOR CONDITIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS)

In compliance with the above invitation for bids, and subject to all conditions thereof, the undersigned bidder agrees to furnish and deliver any or all the items on which prices were quoted within (SEE PRICING PAGES) days after receipt of formal purchase order.

Date: _____ **Firm Name:** _____

Telephone No.: _____ **Address:** _____

Fax No.: _____ _____

_____ **By (Signature):** _____

Type/Print Name _____

Title: _____

Is your firm MBE certified? ☐ Yes ☐ No **Is your firm WBE certified?** ☐ Yes ☐ No

List all agencies your firm is currently certified with. _____

Minimum Specifications for Portable Traffic Counters.

The unit shall not exceed 8" x 8" x 8", excluding handle.
The unit shall not weigh more then 3 pounds.
Batteries must be able to last at least one year of continuous use. Rechargeable batteries are acceptable.
Unit shall be able to operate at temperatures from -30 C to +70 C.
Unit's method of collecting data shall be through sensor technology using a magnetic chip.
The unit must self contained and weatherproof, requiring NO external sensors such as induction loops, road tubes, axle sensors or tape switches.

Traffic Counters must be able to perform the following features:
Vehicle Count
Vehicle Speed
Vehicle Class
Roadway Occupancy
Charts, Reports & Graphs

Data must be Per Vehicle Record (PVR), not averaged; classification must be able to be user-defined; defaults to FHWA Scheme F Class table.

Software will be user licensed for copying to other computers, there will be no cost for software upgrades

Data must be in a format that can be easily inputted into Traffic Data Analysis System (TRADAS), which is MoDOT's system for processing and analyzing data

Greater than 93 % accuracy.

Must be able to store multiple studies.

Quick setup, easy to program; must be able to verify that unit is functioning after setup.

Minimum 2 year warranty; a working 800 number for support.

Qualified technician(s) must perform sufficient training for a one-time "on-site" demonstration and instruction on use of equipment at a location designated by the purchaser. This shall be coordinated with the vendor and using agency.

Manual(s) containing operating and service instructions for the equipment shall be delivered with each unit. The manual(s) should be as detailed as possible outlining all operating instructions for each unit delivered. Necessary warnings and safety precautions should be included.

PRICING PAGES
Pricing Page 1 of 1 – 1 pages with a total of 1 items

Contract for furnishing "Portable Traffic Counters" from July 8, 2010 through June 30, 2010. ***Complete these pages and submit with the signed bid form.***

Item #:	Description:	Mfg. No. or Brand	Qty:	Unit of Issue:	Unit Price:	Extended Total:
#1	**Portable Traffic Counters** **For bid to be considered, the vendor must include manufacturer, make, model number and descriptive literature of detection system being submitted.** Delivery of equipment must be within 30 days of acceptance of purchase order.		50	EA		
					TOTAL:	**$**

In the event that MHTC exercises its options to renew the contract for two (2) additional one-year periods pursuant to the applicable provisions outlines in this document, the Bidder shall provide below the maximum percentages of increase or maximum percentage of decrease for each renewal period. The Bidder is cautioned that the percentages shall be computed against the ORIGINAL contract prices during renewal periods. Furthermore, the Bidder is advised that the MHTC does not automatically grant increases at the time of renewing the contract and that if an increase is requested, documentation of need must be provided at the time of renewal.

1st Renewal Period Maximum % Increase over Original Bid Price $_____

1st Renewal Period Maximum % Decrease over Original Bid Price $_____

2nd Renewal Period Maximum % Increase over Original Bid Price $_____

2nd Renewal Period Maximum % Decrease over Original Bid Price $_____

THE QUANTITIES SHOWN ARE ESTIMATED REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PERIOD SPECIFIED NO QUANTITIES WILL BE GUARANTEED

ALL ORDERS WILL BE PLACED ON AN "AS NEEDED" BASIS

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Signature Date

BID SUBMITTAL:

Your written bid must be mailed in ***a sealed*** envelope or box, or else delivered by hand or courier service (UPS, Federal Express, etc.) to be *received on or before the date and time specified on the front page of this bid document,* at the office of:

Ms. Leann Kottwitz
Missouri Department of Transportation (Mailing Address)
General Services - Procurement
P.O. Box 270
Jefferson City, MO 65102

Ms. Leann Kottwitz
Missouri Department of Transportation (Physical Address)
General Services - Procurement
1320 Creek Trail
Jefferson City, MO 65109

All documents must be sealed and the outermost wrapping should be clearly marked "Bid for **Portable Traffic Counters**".

PRICES AND QUANTITIES:

Prices must remain firm for the entire contract period stated herein. **The quantities shown are estimated requirements for the period specified.** The Missouri Department of Transportation reserves the right to increase or decrease quantities as needed. **NO QUANTITIES WILL BE GUARANTEED.**

DELIVERY:

Bids shall be quoted with delivery F.O.B Missouri Department of Transportation at Various Locations in Missouri. Bidder agrees to furnish and deliver any or all the items on which prices were quoted within THIRTY (30) days after receipt of formal purchase order.

AWARD:

For the purpose of this bid, items will be awarded on **lowest unit cost.**

COMPLIANCE WITH BID REQUIREMENTS:

Failure to comply with the requirements published in this bid may result in the bid being subject to rejection. Product that does not meet specifications will cause all of the shipments to be returned at the bidders expense. ***Failure to comply with the specification requirements may result in bid being subject to rejection.***

NON-EXCLUSIVITY:

The Missouri Department of Transportation reserves the right to obtain like or similar products of this or other manufacturers when use of such products is deemed in the best interest of MoDOT.

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENT SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS:

For the bid to be considered the attachments "Preference in Purchasing Products" and "Missouri Domestic Products Procurement Act" must be submitted to this office prior to any contract being awarded for this bid.

PREFERENCE IN PURCHASING PRODUCTS

DATE: _____

The bidders attention is directed to Section 34.076 RSMo 2000 which gives preference to Missouri corporations, firms, and individuals when letting contracts or purchasing products.

Bids/Quotations received will be evaluated on the basis of this legislation.

All vendors submitting a bid/quotation must furnish ALL information requested below.

FOR CORPORATIONS:

State in which incorporated: _____

FOR OTHERS:

State of domicile: _____

FOR ALL VENDORS:

List address of Missouri offices or places of business:

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THIS SECTION MUST BE COMPLETED AND SIGNED:

FIRM NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ **STATE:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

BY (signature required): _____

Federal Tax I.D. #: _____ **if no Federal Tax I.D. # - list Social Security #:** _____

NOTE: For bid/quotation to be considered, the "Preference in Purchasing Products" form must be on file in the General Services (Procurement) Division and must be dated in the current calendar year.

MISSOURI DOMESTIC PRODUCTS PROCUREMENT ACT

The bidder's attention is directed to the Missouri Domestic Products Procurement Act, Sections 34.350 to 34/359, RsMO, which requires all manufactured goods or commodities used or supplied in the performance of this contract or any subcontract to be manufactured or produced in the United States.

Section 34.355, RsMO, requires the vendor or contractor to certify his compliance with Section 34.353 and, if applicable, Section 34.359, RsMO, at the time of bidding **and** prior to payment. Failure to comply with Section 34.353, RsMO, during the performance of the contract **and** to provide certification of compliance prior to payment will result in nonpayment for those goods or commodities.

Section 34.353.2, RsMO, specifies that it does not apply where the total contract is less than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars ($25,000.00). If your total bid is Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars ($25,000.00) or more, you **must** complete this form as directed below.

Failure to complete and return this document with this bid will cause the State to presume the manufactured goods or products listed in the bid are not manufactured or produced in the United States, and the bid will be evaluated on that basis. Please read the certification appearing below on this form.

[ ] If all the goods or products specified in the attached bid which the bidder proposes to supply to the State shall be manufactured or produced in the "United States" as defined in Section 34.350, RsMO, check the box at left.

[ ] If only one item of any particular goods or products specified in the attached bid is manufactured or produced in the "United States" as defined in Section 34.350, RsMO, check the box at left and list the items (or item number) here:

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[ ] If any or all of the goods or products specified in the attached bid which the bidder proposes to supply to the State are **not** manufactured or produced in the "United States" as defined in Section 34.350, RsMO, then: (a) check the box at left; (b) list below, by item (or item number), the country other than the United States where each good or product is manufactured or produced; and (c) check the boxes to the left of the paragraphs below if applicable and list the corresponding items (or item numbers) in the spaces provided.

Item (or item number)	Location Where Item Manufactured or Produced

(attach an additional sheet if necessary)

[ ] The following specified goods or products cannot be manufactured or produced in the United States in sufficient quantities or in time to me the contract specifications. Items (or item numbers): _____

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[ ] The following specified goods or products must be treated as manufactured or produced in the United States, in accordance with an existing treaty, law, agreement, or regulation of the United States, including a treaty between the United States and any foreign country regarding export-import restrictions or international trade. Items (or item numbers): _____

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CERTIFICATION

By submitting this document, completed as directed above, with a bid, the bidder certifies under penalty of making false declaration (Section 575.060, RsMO) that the information contained in this document if true, correct and complete, and may be relied upon by the State in determining the bidders qualifications under and in compliance with the Missouri Domestic Products Procurement Act.

The bidder's failure to complete and return this document with the bid as directed above will cause the State to presume the manufactured goods or products listed in the bid are not manufactured or produced in the United States, and the bid will be evaluated on that basis pursuant to Section 34.353.3(2), RsMO.

MISSOURI SERVICE-DISABLED VETERAN BUSINESS PREFERENCE

By virtue of statutory authority, RSMo 34.074, a preference will be given all contracts for the performance of any job or service to service-disabled veteran business either doing business as Missouri firms, corporations, or individuals; or which maintain Missouri offices or places of business, when the quality of performance promised is equal or better and the price quoted is the same or less or whenever competing bids, in their entirety, are comparable.

Definitions:

Service-Disabled Veteran is defined as any individual who is disabled as certified by the appropriate federal agency responsible for the administration of veterans' affairs.

Service-Disabled Veteran Business is defined as a business concern:

a. Not less than fifty-one (51) percent of which is owned by one or more service-disabled veterans or, in the case of any publicly owned business, not less than fifty-one (51) percent of the stock of which is owned by one or more service-disabled veterans; and
b. The management and daily business operations of which are controlled by one or more service-disabled veterans.

If an offeror meets the definitions of a service-disabled veteran and a service-disabled veteran business as defined in 34.074 RSMo and is either doing business as a Missouri firm, corporation, or individual; or maintains a Missouri office or place of business, the offeror **must** provide the following with the proposal in order to receive the Missouri service-disabled veteran business preference over a non-Missouri service-disabled veteran business when the quality of performance promised is equal or better and the price quoted is the same or less or whenever competing proposals, in their entirety, are comparable:

a. A copy of a letter from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), or a copy of the offeror's discharge paper (DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty) from the branch of service the offeror was in, stating that the offeror has a service-connected disability rating ranging from 0 to 100% disability; and
b. A completed copy of this exhibit

(NOTE: For ease of evaluation, please attach copy of the above-referenced letter from the VA or a copy of the offeror's discharge paper to this Exhibit.)

By signing below, I certify that I meet the definitions of a service-disabled veteran and a service-disabled veteran business as defined in 34.074 RSMo and that I am either doing business as a Missouri firm, corporation, or individual; or maintain Missouri offices or places of business at the location(s) listed below.

Veteran Information	Business Information
Service-Disabled Veteran's Name, (Please Print)	Service-Disabled Veteran Business Name
Service-Disabled Veteran's Signature	Missouri Address of Service-Disabled Veteran Business

Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission
Standard Bid/Proposal Provisions, General Terms and Conditions and Special Terms and Conditions

STANDARD SOLICITATION PROVISIONS

a. The Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) reserves the right to reject any or all bids/quotes/proposals, and to accept or reject any items thereon, and to waive technicalities. In case of error in the extension of prices in the bid/quote/proposal, unit prices will govern.

b. All bids/quotes/proposals must be signed with the firm name and by a responsible officer or employee. Obligations assumed by such signature must be fulfilled.

c. By virtue of statutory authority, a preference will be given to materials, products, supplies, provisions and all other articles produced, manufactured, made or grown, within the State of Missouri.

d. Time of delivery is a part of the consideration and, if not otherwise stated in the solicitation documents, must be stated in definite terms by the Bidder/Offeror and must be adhered to. If time varies on different items, the Bidder/Offeror shall so state.

e. If providing bids/quotes/proposals for commodities, the Bidder/Offeror will state brand or make on each item. If bidding or proposing other than the make, model or brand specified, the manufacturer's name, model number or catalog number must be given.

f. **For bids/proposals of $25,000** or more, no bids/proposals by telephone, telegram or telefax will be accepted.

g. The date specified for the returning of bids/quotes/proposals is a firm deadline and all bids/quotes/proposals must be received at the designated office by that time. The Department does not recognize the U.S. Mail, Railway Express Agency, Air Express, or any other organization, as its agent for purposes of accepting proposals. All proposals arriving at the designated office after the deadline specified will be rejected.

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

General Performance

a. This work is to be performed under the general supervision and direction of the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) and, if awarded any portion of the work, the Contractor agrees to furnish at his own expense all labor and equipment required to complete the work, it being expressly understood that this solicitation is for completed work based upon the price(s) specified and is not a solicitation for rental of equipment or employment of labor by MoDOT, and MoDOT is to have no direction or control over the employees used by the Contractor in performance of the work.

Deliveries

a. Unless otherwise specified on the solicitation documents or purchase order, suppliers shall give at least 24 hours advance notice of each delivery. Delivery will only be received between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Material arriving after 3:00 p.m. will not be unloaded until the following workday. No material will be received on Saturday, Sunday or state holidays.

b. If the prices bid herein include the delivery cost of the material, the Contractor agrees to pay all transportation charges on the material as FOB - Destination. Freight costs must be included in the unit price bid and not listed as a separate line item.

c. Any demurrage is to be paid by the Contractor direct to the railroad or carrier.

Nondiscrimination

a. The Contractor shall comply with the Regulations relative to nondiscrimination in federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation, Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 21, as they may be amended from time to time, (hereinafter referred to as the Regulations), which are herein incorporated by reference and made a part of this contract.

b. All solicitations either by competitive bidding or negotiation made by the Contractor for work to be performed under a subcontract, including procurements of materials or leases of the Contractor's obligations under this contract and the Regulations, will be relative to nondiscrimination on the grounds of race, color, or national origin.

1) Sanctions for Noncompliance: In the event of the Contractor's noncompliance with the nondiscrimination provisions of this contract, MoDOT shall impose such contract sanctions as it or the Federal Highway Administration may determine to be appropriate, including, but not limited to:

i. withholding of payments to the Contractor under the contract until the Contractor complies, and/or,

ii. cancellation, termination or suspension of the contract, in whole or in part.

Contract/Purchase Order

a. By submitting a bid/quote/proposal, the Bidder/Offeror agrees to furnish any and all equipment, supplies and/or services specified in the solicitation documents, at the prices quoted, pursuant to all requirements and specifications contained therein.

b. A binding contract shall consist of: (1) the solicitation documents, amendments thereto, and/or Best and Final Offer (BAFO) request(s) with any changes/additions, (2) the Contractor's proposal and/or submitted pricing, and (3) the MHTC's acceptance of the proposal and/or bid by purchase order or post-award contract.

c. A notice of award does not constitute an authorization for shipment of equipment or supplies or a directive to proceed with services. Before providing equipment, supplies and/or services, the Contractor must receive a properly authorized purchase order and/or notice to proceed.

d. The contract expresses the complete agreement of the parties and performance shall be governed solely by the specifications and requirements contained therein. Any change, whether by modification and/or supplementation, must be accomplished by a formal contract amendment signed and approved by and between the duly authorized representative of the Contractor and the duly authorized representative of the MHTC, by a modified purchase order prior to the effective date of such modification. The Contractor expressly and explicitly understands and agrees that no other method and/or no other document, including correspondence, acts, and oral communications by or from any person, shall be used or construed as an amendment or modification.

Subcontracting

a. It is specifically understood that no portion of the material or any interest in the contract, shall be subcontracted, transferred, assigned or otherwise disposed of, except with the written consent of MoDOT. Request for permission to subcontract or otherwise dispose of any part of the work shall be in writing to MoDOT and accompanied by documentation showing that the organization which will perform the work is particularly experienced and equipped for such work.

b. Consent to subcontract or otherwise dispose of any portion of the work shall not be construed to relieve the Contractor of any responsibility for the production and delivery of the contracted work and the completion of the work within the specified time.

c. All payments for work performed by a subcontractor shall be made to the Contractor to whom the contract was awarded and the purchase order issued.

Invoicing and Payment

a. MoDOT is exempt from paying Missouri Sales Tax, Missouri Use Tax and Federal Excise Tax. However, the Contractor may themselves be responsible for the payment of taxes on materials they purchase to fulfill the contract. A Project Tax Exemption Certificate will be furnished to the successful Bidder/Offeror upon request if applicable.

b. Each invoice should be itemized in accordance with items listed on the purchase order and/or contract. The statewide financial management system has been designed to capture certain receipt and payment information. Therefore, each invoice submitted must reference the purchase order number and must be itemized in accordance with items listed on the purchase order. Failure to comply with this requirement may delay processing of invoices for payment.

c. Unless otherwise provided for in the solicitation documents, payment for all equipment, supplies, and/or services required herein shall be made in arrears. The Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission (MHTC) shall not make any advance deposits.

d. The MHTC assumes no obligation for equipment, supplies, and/or services shipped or provided in excess of the quantity ordered. Any authorized quantity is subject to the MHTC's rejection and shall be returned at the Contractor's expense.

e. The MHTC reserves the right to purchase goods and services using the state-purchasing card.

Applicable Laws and Regulations

a. The contract shall be construed according to the laws of the State of Missouri. The Contractor shall comply with all local, state, and federal laws and regulations related to the performance of the contract.

b. The Contractor must be registered and maintain good standing with the Secretary of State of the State of Missouri and other regulatory agencies, as may be required by law or regulations. Prior to the issuance of a purchase order and/or notice to proceed, the Contractor may be required to submit to MoDOT a copy of their current Authority Certificate from the Secretary of State of the State of Missouri.

1) Prior to the issuance of a purchase order and/or notice to proceed, all **out-of-state** Contractors **providing services** within the state of Missouri must submit to MoDOT a copy of their current Transient Employer Certificate from the Department of Revenue, in addition to a copy of their current Authority Certificate from the Secretary of State of the State of Missouri.

c. The exclusive venue for any legal proceeding relating to or arising, out of the contract shall be in the Circuit Court of Cole County, Missouri.

Executive Order

a. The Contractor shall comply with all the provisions of Executive Order 07-13, issued by the Honorable Matt Blunt, Governor of Missouri, on the sixth (6th) day of March, 2007. This Executive Order, which promulgates the State of Missouri's position to not tolerate persons who contract with the state engaging in or supporting illegal activities of employing individuals who are not eligible to work in the United States, is incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this Agreement.

1) "By signing this Agreement, the Contractor hereby certifies that any employee of the Contractor assigned to perform services under the contract is eligible and authorized to work in the United States in compliance with federal law."

2) In the event the Contractor fails to comply with the provisions of the Executive Order 07-13, or in the event the Commission has reasonable cause to believe that the contractor has knowingly employed individuals who are not eligible to work in the United States in violation of federal law, the Commission reserves the right to impose such contract sanctions as it may determine to be appropriate, including but not limited to contract cancellation, termination or suspension in whole or in part or both.

3) The Contractor shall include the provisions of this paragraph in every subcontract. The Contractor shall take such action with respect to any subcontract as the Commission may direct as a means of enforcing such provisions, including sanctions for noncompliance.

Preferences

a. In the evaluation of bids/quotes/proposals, preferences shall be applied in accordance with Chapter 34 RSMo. Contractors should apply the same preferences in selecting subcontractors.

b. By virtue of statutory authority, RSMo. 34.076 and 34.350 to 34.359, a preference will be given to materials, products, supplies, provisions and all other articles produced, manufactured, made or grown within the State of Missouri. Such preference shall be given when quality is equal or better and delivered price is the same or less.

1) If attached, the document entitled **"PREFERENCE IN PURCHASING PRODUCTS"** should be completed and returned with the solicitation documents.

2) If attached, the document entitled **"MISSOURI DOMESTIC PRODUCTS PROCUREMENT ACT"** should be completed and returned with the solicitation documents. **Applies if bid is Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars ($25,000.00) or more.**

c. By virtue of statutory authority, RSMo 34.074, a preference will be given all contracts for the performance of any job or service to service-disabled veteran business either doing business as Missouri firms, corporations, or individuals; or which maintain Missouri offices or places of business, when the quality of performance promised is equal or better and the price quoted is the same or less or whenever competing bids, in their entirety, are comparable.

1) If attached, the document entitled **"MISSOURI SERVICE-DISABLED VETERAN PREFERENCE"** should be completed and returned with the solicitation documents.

d. In the event of a tie of low bids, the MHTC reserves the right to establish the method to be used in determining the award

Remedies and Rights

a. No provision in the contract shall be construed, expressly or implied, as a waiver by the MHTC of any existing or future right and/or remedy available by law in the event of any claim by the MHTC of the Contractor's default or breach of contract.

b. The Contractor agrees and understands that the contract shall constitute an assignment by the Contractor to the MHTC of all rights, title and interest in and to all causes of action that the Contractor may have under the antitrust laws of the United States or State of Missouri for which causes of action have accrued or will accrue as the result of or in relation to the particular equipment, supplies, and/or services purchased or produced by the Contractor in the fulfillment of the contract with the MHTC.

c. In the event a Contractor becomes involved in, or is threatened with, litigation with a subcontractor or supplier as a result of such direction, the Contractor may request MoDOT to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the MHTC, and, in addition, the Contractor may request the United States to enter into such litigation to protect the interests of the United States.

Cancellation of Contract

a. The MHTC may cancel the contract at any time for a material breach of contractual obligations or for convenience by providing the Contractor with written notice of cancellation. Should the MHTC exercise its right to cancel the contract for such reasons, cancellation will become effective upon the date specified in the notice of cancellation sent to the Contractor.

b. If the MHTC cancels the contract for breach, the MHTC reserves the right to obtain the equipment, supplies, and/or services to be provided pursuant to the contract from other sources and upon such terms and in such manner as the MHTC deems appropriate and charge the Contractor for any additional costs incurred thereby.

Bankruptcy or Insolvency

a. Upon filing for any bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding by or against the Contractor, whether voluntary or involuntary, or upon the appointment of a receiver, trustee, or assigned the benefit or creditors, the Contractor must notify MoDOT immediately. Upon learning of any such actions, the MHTC reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to either cancel the contract or affirm the contract and hold the Contractor responsible for damages.

Inventions, Patents, and Copyrights

a. The Contractor shall defend, protect, and hold harmless the MHTC, its officers, agents, and employees against all suits of law or in equity resulting from patent and copyright infringement concerning the Contractor's performance or products produced under the terms of the contract.

Inspection and Acceptance

a. No equipment, supplies, and/or services received by MoDOT pursuant to a contract shall be deemed accepted until MoDOT has had reasonable opportunity to inspect said equipment, supplies, and/or services.

b. All equipment, supplies, and/or services which do not comply with the 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.

c. The MHTC reserves the right to return any such rejected shipment at the Contractor's expense for full credit or replacement and to specify a reasonable date by which replacements must be received.

d. The MHTC's right to reject any unacceptable equipment, supplies, and/or services shall not exclude any other legal, equitable or contractual remedies the MHTC may have.

Warranty

a. 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 to or adopted by MoDOT, (2) be fit and sufficient for the purpose expressed in the solicitation documents, (3) be merchantable, (4) be of good materials and workmanship, and (5) be free from defect.

b. Such warranty shall survive delivery and shall not be deemed waived either by reason of the MHTC's acceptance of or payment for said equipment, supplies, and/or services.

Status of Independent Contractor

a. The Contractor represents itself to be an independent Contractor offering such services to the general public and shall not represent itself or its employees to be an employee of the MHTC. Therefore, the Contractor shall assume all legal and financial responsibility for taxes, FICA, employee fringe benefits, workers' compensation, employee insurance, minimum wage requirements, overtime, etc., and agrees to indemnify, save and hold the MHTC, its officers, agents and employees harmless from and against any and all losses (including attorney fees) and damage of any kind related to such matters.

Indemnification

a. The Offeror shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Commission, including its members and department employees, from any claim or liability whether based on a claim for damages to real or personal property or to a person for any matter relating to or arising out of the Offeror's performance of its obligations under this Agreement.