

**REQUEST FOR BID #2020-036
FIBERGLASS SPREAD AND END CUTTER
ADDENDUM 1
1/14/2020**

CLARIFICATION

The University wishes to add the following language to the aforementioned RFB.

1. The following is incorporated as section 2.7 of the aforementioned RFB:

Award

While the University prefers a single solution that is scalable to meet the needs of both large and small institutions, it reserves the right to award Agreement(s) to one or multiple Respondents, which may include awards to Respondents for a geographical area, if such award is in the best interest of the University.

The University reserves the right to waive minor irregularities, which may include contacting the Respondent to resolve the irregularity. Scholarships, donations, or gifts to the University, will not be considered in the evaluation of responses. The University reserves the right to reject any or all responses, in whole or in part, and is not necessarily bound to accept the lowest cost response if that response is contrary to the best interests of the University. The University may cancel this request or reject any or all responses in whole or in part. Should the University determine in its sole discretion that only one Respondent is fully qualified, or that one Respondent is clearly more qualified than any other under consideration, an Agreement may be awarded to that Respondent without further action.

2. The following is incorporated as section 2.8 of the aforementioned RFB:

Award Protest

Respondents may appeal the award decision by submitting a written protest to the University of Maine System's Chief Procurement Officer within five (5) business days of the date of the award notice, with a copy of the protest to the successful Respondent. The protest must contain a statement of the basis for the challenge. The protest must contain a statement of the basis for the challenge. Further information regarding the appeal process can be found at

http://staticweb.maine.edu/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/APL_VII-A_20150630-FINAL.pdf?565a1d

If this RFB results in the creation of a pre-qualified or pre-approved list of vendors, then the appeal procedures mentioned above are available upon the original determination of

that vendor list, but not during subsequent competitive procedures involving only the pre-qualified or pre-approved list participants.

3. The following is incorporated as section 1.1.12 of the aforementioned RFB:

Non-Response Submission

The University will not consider non-responsive submissions, i.e., those with material deficiencies, omissions, errors or inconsistencies or that otherwise do not follow instructions. The University in its sole discretion will determine what is Non-Responsive.

4. The following is incorporated as section 2.9 of the aforementioned RFB:

Tie Bids

When two equal bids are received, there shall be a preference for "in-state bidders". When tie bids are both in-state, or both out of state, the award will be made to the bid that arrives first in the office designated to receive the bids.