



Administered by University of Maine System
Office of Strategic Procurement
Request for Bid (RFB)

Telecom Battery Equipment
RFB #2022-006

Issued Date: July 19, 2021

Response Deadline Date/Time: July 26, 2021 11:59 p.m. EST

Response Submission Information:

Submitted electronically to UMSResponses@maine.edu
Email Subject Line – RC: Telecom Battery Equipment - RFB#2022-006

Response Contact Information:

Strategic Sourcing Manager (SSM): Robin Cyr
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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Definitions, Background, Purpose and Specifications

1.1.1 Definitions

The University of Maine System will hereinafter be referred to as the "University." Respondents to the document shall be referred to as "Respondent(s)" or "Respondent".

The Respondent to whom the Agreement is awarded shall be referred to as the "Contractor."

The University of Maine System and other components of the University shall be referred to as "Multi-Institution".

1.1.2 Purpose

The University of Maine System is seeking responses to provide [Telecom Battery Equipment](#) as defined in Appendix C, Exhibit 2 of this document. This document provides instructions for submitting responses, the procedure and criteria by which the Respondent(s) will be selected, and the agreement terms which will govern the relationship between the University and the awarded Respondent(s).

Respondents should review the product specifications in **Appendix C, Exhibit 2** of this document to see the full Scope of Services/Products required.

1.2 General Information

1.2.1 Communication with the University

It is the responsibility of the Respondent to inquire about any requirement of this document that is not understood. Responses to inquiries, if they change or clarify the document in a substantial manner, will be forwarded by addenda to all parties that have received a copy of the document. Addenda will also be posted on our web site, www.maine.edu/strategic/upcoming_bids.php

It is the responsibility of all Respondents to check the web site before submitting a response to ensure that they have all pertinent documents. The University will not be bound by oral responses to inquiries or written responses other than addenda.

Inquiries must be made using the **Response Contact Information** provided on the cover sheet of this document. Refer to table in **Section 1.3.1 Timeline of Key Events** for deadline requirements.

1.2.2 Confidentiality

The University must adhere to the provisions of the Maine Freedom of Access Act (FOAA), 1 MRSA §401 et seq. As a condition of submitting a response under this section, a respondent must accept that, to the extent required by the Maine FOAA, responses to this solicitation, and any ensuing agreement documents, are considered public records and therefore are subject to freedom of access requests.

The information contained in responses submitted for the University's consideration will be held in confidence until all evaluations are concluded and a Respondent selected (the successful Respondent). At that time the University will

issue award notice letters to all participating Respondents and all Respondents' responses may be made available to participating Respondents upon request. Such request must be made by submitting a written request to the individual noted in the Response Contact Information shown on the cover sheet of this document, with a copy of the request provided to the other Respondents. Such requests are public records.

After the protest period has passed and the Agreement is fully executed, responses will be available for public inspection upon request.

Pricing and other information that is an integral part of the offer cannot be considered confidential after an award has been made. The University will honor requests for confidentiality for information that meets the definition of "trade secret" under Maine law. Clearly mark any portion of your submitted materials which are entitled to "trade secret" exemption from disclosure under Maine's Freedom of Access Act. Failure to so identify as trade secret will authorize the University to conclude that no portions are so exempt; and that your entity will defend, indemnify and hold harmless the University in any and all legal actions that seek to compel the University to disclose under Maine's Freedom of Access Act some or all of your submitted materials and/or Agreement, if any, executed between the University and your entity.

1.2.3 Costs of Preparation

Respondent assumes all costs of preparation of the response and any presentations necessary to the response process.

1.2.4 Authorization

Any Agreement for services that will, or may, result in the expenditure by the University of \$50,000 or more must be approved in writing by the Office of Strategic Procurement, Chief Procurement Officer and it is not approved, valid or effective until such written approval is granted.

1.2.5 Multi-Institutional

The University of Maine System, Office of Strategic Procurement reserves the right to authorize other University Institutions to use the Agreement(s) resulting from this document, if it is deemed to be beneficial for the University to do so.

1.2.6 Environment Compliance

In the event that the resulting Agreement involves the generation, transportation, handling, disposal, and/or other operations or activities in relation to toxic, hazardous, radioactive, or otherwise dangerous gases, vapors, fumes, acids, alkali's, chemicals, wastes or contaminants and/or other substance, material or condition, the Contractor agrees to indemnify save harmless and defend the University from and against all liabilities, claims, damages, forfeitures, suits, and the costs and expenses incident thereto (including costs of defense, settlement and reasonable attorney's fees) which the University may hereafter incur as a result of death or bodily injuries or damage to any property, contamination or or adverse effects of the environment or any violation of state or federal regulations or laws (including without limitation the Resources Conservation and Recovery Act, the Hazardous Material Transportation Act or the Superfund Amendment and

Reauthorization Act, as the same now exists or may hereafter be amended) or order based on or arising in whole or in part from the Contractor's performance under the Agreement, provided, however the Contractor shall not indemnify the University for any liabilities, claims, damages, (as set forth above) caused by or arising out of the sole negligence of the University, or arising out of any area of responsibility not attributable to Contractor.

1.2.7 Pricing

All prices provided shall remain firm for the entire term of the agreement. Refer to **Appendix C** for specific bid instructions/requirements.

1.2.8 Evaluation Criteria

Award will be made to the low respondent provided that all other requirements are satisfactorily met, including receipt of bid as outlined in **Appendix C**.

The University will NOT seek a best and final offer (BAFO) from any Respondent in this procurement process. All Respondents are expected to provide their best value pricing with the submission of their response. Respondents will NOT be given another opportunity to modify pricing once submitted.

1.2.9 Bid Submission

A SIGNED copy of this bid document must be submitted to the Office of Strategic Procurement as follows:

1. Completion of **Appendix A**. **Appendix A** must be SIGNED as part of the submission.
2. Completion of **Appendix B**. **Appendix B** must be SIGNED as part of the submission.
3. Bid submission will be submitted electronically to the Email provided in the Contact section of the cover page of this document.
4. Electronic submission must be received by the required Response Deadline/Time reflected on the cover page of this document.
5. Respondent may attached company bid to their submission as supporting information. Respondent is required to complete **Appendix C** and provide the excel version of the document with the submission.
6. Master Agreement terms provided **Appendix D**

The BID FORM PACKAGE provided may be used by the Respondent to satisfy the Bid Submission requirement.

Appendix A – University of Maine System Response Cover Page

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| Organization Name: | |
| Chief Executive – Name/Title: | |
| Telephone: | |
| Fax: | |
| Email: | |
| Headquarters Street Address: | |
| Headquarters City/State/Zip: | |
| Lead Point of Contact for Quote – Name/Title: | |
| Telephone: | |
| Fax: | |
| Email: | |
| Street Address: | |
| City/State/Zip: | |

1. This pricing structure contained herein will remain firm for a period of 90 days from the date and time of the quote deadline date.
2. No personnel currently employed by the University or any other University agency participated, either directly or indirectly, in any activities relating to the preparation of the Respondent's response.
3. No attempt has been made or will be made by the Respondent to induce any other person or firm to submit or not to submit a response.
4. The undersigned is authorized to enter into agreement obligations on behalf of the above-named organization.
5. By submitting a response to a Request for Proposal, bid or other offer to do business with the University your entity understands and agrees that:
 - a. The Agreement provisions in **Section 1.2.1.2** of this document will not be modified and are thereby incorporated into any agreement entered into between University and your entity; that such terms and condition shall control in the event of any conflict with such agreement; and that your entity will not propose or demand any contrary terms;
 - b. The above Agreement provisions in **Section 1.2.1.2** of this document will govern the interpretation of such agreement notwithstanding the expression of any other term and/or condition to the contrary;
 - c. Your entity agrees that the resulting Agreement will be the entire agreement between the University (including University's employees and other End Users) and Respondent and in the event that the Respondent requires terms of use agreements or other agreements, policies or understanding, whether on an order form, invoice, website, electronic, click-through, verbal or in writing, with University's employees or other End Users, such agreements shall be null, void and without effect, and the terms of the Agreement shall apply.
 - d. Your entity will identify at the time of submission which, if any, portion or your submitted materials are entitled to "trade secret" exemption from disclosure under Maine's Freedom of Access Act; that failure to so identify will authorize UMS to conclude that no portions are so exempt; and that your entity will defend, indemnify and hold harmless UMS in any and all legal actions that seek to compel UMS to disclose under Maine's Freedom of Access Act some or all of your submitted materials and/or Agreement, if any, executed between UMS and your entity.

To the best of my knowledge all information provided in the enclosed response, both programmatic and financial, is complete and accurate at the time of submission.

Date: _____

Name and Title (Printed)

Authorized Signature

Appendix B – Debarment, Performance and Non-Collusion Certification

University of Maine System
DEBARMENT, PERFORMANCE and NON-COLLUSION
CERTIFICATION
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By signing this document, I certify to the best of my knowledge and belief that the aforementioned organization, its principals and any subcontractors named in this proposal:

- a. Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, and declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from bidding or working on Agreements issued by any governmental agency.
- b. Have not within three years of submitting the proposal for this Agreement been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for:
 - i. Fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a federal, state or local government transaction or Agreement.
 - ii. Violating Federal or State antitrust statutes or committing embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
 - iii. Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State or Local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (b) of this certification; and
 - iv. Have not within a three (3) year period preceding this proposal had one or more federal, state or local government transactions terminated for cause or default.
- c. Have not entered into a prior understanding, agreement, or connection with any corporation, firm, or person submitting a response for the same materials, supplies, equipment, or services and this proposal is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud. The above mentioned entities understand and agree that collusive bidding is a violation of state and federal law and can result in fines, prison sentences, and civil damage awards.

Failure to provide this certification may result in the disqualification of the Respondent’s proposal, at the University’s discretion.

Date: _____

Name and Title (Printed)

Authorized Signature

Appendix C – Required Cost Evaluation Exhibits

University of Maine System
COST EVALUATION

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GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

1. The Respondent must submit a cost response that covers the entire period of the Agreement, including any optional renewal periods.
2. The cost response shall include the costs necessary for the Respondent to fully comply with the Agreement terms and conditions and requirements. **Note regarding total cost of ownership:** This “cost” will encompass the entire solution pricing along with all products and services offered as part of the solution.
3. Failure to provide the requested information and to follow the required cost response format provided in Appendix C may result in the exclusion of the Response from consideration, at the discretion of the University. You can add rows and columns required to insert additional information. If a particular cost table is not required as part of your response simply leave it blank.
4. No costs related to the preparation of the Response for this document or to the negotiation of the Agreement with the University may be included in the Response. Only costs to be incurred after the Agreement effective date that are specifically related to the implementation or operation of services may be included.
5. Identify all costs by year, to be charged for performing the services necessary to accomplish the objectives of this document.
6. If there are additional options or services that are not included in the offering, they must be identified and itemized as “optional” and include a description of the product or service and the costs of the option. All items identified in the response (including third party items required) will be considered free add-ons to the proposed solution at the prices included in this response unless expressly stated otherwise.
7. Respondents are encouraged to provide additional price incentives for providing an enterprise solution, multi-year or award of multiple institutions.
8. Pricing will be guaranteed by the vendor for the term of the Agreement.
9. The University will NOT seek a best and final offer (BAFO) from any Respondent in this procurement process. All Respondents are expected to provide their best value pricing with the submission of their response. Respondents will NOT be given another opportunity to modify pricing once submitted.
10. An **MS Excel Version** must be included in your final submission for all of these tables. For a copy of the excel version, email the contact provided on the cover page of this document.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR - Exhibit 1 (Table 1) - Professional Services Rate Schedule

If you charge by the hour for professional services, provide a rate schedule, or range of hourly rates we could expect. Specify whether or not those rates include travel.

Respondent’s Organization Name – Provide the Respondent’s Organization Name.

Role/Position Title if Individual - List role/position title of each role/position title from your organization that would be responsible for work on the project.

Hourly Rate - Is the hourly dollar amount that may be invoiced by role/position title.

Exhibit 1 (Table 1) – Respondents will use this attachment to record all costs associated with this section. For a copy of the excel version of Exhibit 1, email the contact provided on the cover page of this document.

| Respondent's Name: | | |
|---------------------------|--|--------------------|
| # | Role of Individual/Position Title | Hourly Rate |
| 1 | | |
| 2 | | |
| 3 | | |
| 4 | | |
| 5 | | |
| 6 | | |
| 7 | | |
| 8 | | |
| 9 | | |
| 10 | | |
| | Include additional explanation of costs and list assumptions that could influence the cost of change request pricing. | |
| | List explanations and assumptions here; | |
| | - | |
| | - | |

INSTRUCTIONS FOR – Exhibit 1 (Table 2) – Pricing for Equipment/Materials

The University needs to understand the associated lifecycle costs for your proposed system or service. This pricing table provides a list of equipment needed. The Required Equipment Receive Date is noted in the table to reflect when equipment is needed.

Model Number - Product or service vendor number.

Description – Brief description of the component.

Quantity – Quantity provided by the University.

Unit Price - Price per unit for the Agreement period, and anticipated future rates.

Discount Price - Discount offered by the Respondents.

Extended Cost – Price per unit minus Respondents per unit discount for the Agreement period, and anticipated future rates.

Subtotal – Subtotal of the Extended Cost figures.

Less Discount – Discount offered off the Subtotal figure.

Total – Subtotal less Discount.

Exhibit 1 (Table 2) – Respondents will use this attachment to record all costs associated with this section. For a copy of the excel version of Exhibit 1 contact the Proposal Contact identified on the cover page of this document.

| Respondent's Name: | | | | | | |
|--|---------------------|--|----------|------------|----------------|---------------|
| # | Manufacturer Number | Description | Quantity | Unit Price | Discount Price | Extended Cost |
| Equipment | | | | | | |
| 1 | | 23-string GNB 100G19V Absolyte GP Battery Systems, 896AH Each | 2 | | | |
| Services to Include | | | | | | |
| 12 | | Replace one string at a time, providing a temporary charger to match system voltage of each string prior to placing online. Remove old batteries from the site. Recycle old batteries. Provide installation report, including the battery readings. Provide recycle certificate once the batteries have been recycled. | 1 | | | |
| Subtotal | | | | | | 0.00 |
| Less Discount | | | | | | 0.00 |
| Total | | | | | | 0.00 |
| Include additional explanation of costs and list assumptions that could influence the cost of licensing and maintenance pricing. | | | | | | |
| List explanations and assumptions here: | | | | | | |
| - | | | | | | |
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| | Pricing for additional options and services for University consideration | Qty | Unit Price | Discount Price | Extended Cost |
|--|--|-----|------------|----------------|---------------|
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Appendix D – Master Agreement for Services

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM MASTER AGREEMENT

This Master Agreement (“Agreement” or “Master Agreement”) entered into this ____ day of _____, _____, by and between the **University of Maine System**, hereinafter referred to as the "**University**" and _____, hereinafter referred to as "**Contractor**".

WITNESSETH, that for and in consideration of the payments and agreements hereinafter mentioned, to be made and performed by the University, the Contractor hereby agrees with the University to provide the products and services described in this agreement, and the following Riders, hereby incorporated into this Agreement and made part of it by reference:

Rider A - Specifications of Work to be Performed

Rider A-1 – Pricing

Rider B – Insurance Requirements

Rider C – University of Maine System Standards for Safeguarding Information

Rider D – Services Engagement Form

Agreement Amendments as required

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WHEREAS, the University desires to enter into a Agreement for professional services, and the Contractor represents itself as competent and qualified to accomplish the specific requirements of this Agreement to the satisfaction of the University;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises contained herein, the parties hereby agree as follows:

This Agreement, along with any documents identified, which are incorporated by reference, constitutes the entire Agreement between the parties, and there are no other or further written or oral understandings or agreements with respect thereto.

1. **Specifications of Work:** The Contractor agrees to perform the Specifications of Work as described in **Rider A**, hereby incorporated by reference.

Rider A provides a suite of services offered by the Contractor to the University. As required by the University institutions, the parties will develop jointly specific Services Engagement documents. The required format of this document is detailed in **Rider D**. The document will be governed by all the terms in this agreement; except that the engagement administrator for purposes of managing the service deliverables may be different than this Agreement Administrator and the term may be different than the term of the agreement but may not extend beyond this Agreement termination date. The Services Engagement document will be fully executed by the parties. Institutions may execute more than one agreement for services to support their needs over the term of this Agreement

2. **Term:** This Agreement shall commence on August 2, 2021 and shall terminate on June 30, 2024, unless terminated earlier as provided in this Agreement.

3. **Payment:**

- A. Payment shall be made upon submittal of an electronic invoice to the University by the Contractor on a net 30 basis unless discount terms are offered. In the event there is a discrepancy with the invoice, payment terms shall be effective starting on the date the discrepancy is resolved, for only that portion of the invoice that is disputed. Invoices must include a purchase order number.

- B. **“Additional Services”** The University will have the option to purchase additional services under this Agreement.

As required by the University institutions, the parties will develop jointly specific Services Engagement documents. The required format of this document is detailed in **Rider D**.

4. **Termination:** The **Agreement or a Services Engagement (Rider D)** may be terminated by the University in whole, or in part, whenever for any reason the University shall determine that such termination is in the best interest of the University. Any such termination shall be affected by delivery to the Contractor of a Notice of Termination specifying the extent to which performance of the Agreement is terminated and the date on which such termination becomes effective. The University shall pay all allowable costs incurred up to the effective date of termination. However, the Contractor shall not be reimbursed for any costs incurred after the effective date of termination.
5. **Obligations Upon Termination:** Any materials produced in performance of this agreement are the property of the University and shall be turned over to the University upon request. The University shall pay the Contractor for all services performed to the effective date of termination subject to offset of sums owed by the Contractor to the University.
6. **Non-Appropriation:** Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, if the University is not appropriated sufficient funds to pay for the work to be performed under this Agreement or if funds are de-appropriated, then the University is not obligated to make payment under this Agreement.
7. **Conflict of Interest:** No officer or employee of the University shall participate in any decision relating to this Agreement which affects his or her personal interest in any entity in which he or she directly or indirectly has interest. No employee of the University shall have any interest, direct or indirect, in this Agreement or proceeds thereof.
8. **Modification:** This Agreement may be modified or amended only in a writing signed by both parties.
9. **Assignment:** This Agreement, or any part thereof, may not be assigned, transferred or subcontracted by the Contractor without the prior written consent of the University.
10. **Applicable Law:** This Agreement shall be governed and interpreted according to the laws of the State of Maine.
11. **Administration:** Garret Pierce shall be the University's authorized representative in all matters pertaining to the administration of the terms and conditions of this Agreement.
12. **Non-Discrimination:** In the execution of the Agreement, the Contractor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, transgender status or gender expression, national origin or citizenship status, age, disability, genetic information, or veteran status and shall provide reasonable accommodations to qualified individuals with disabilities upon request. The university encourages the employment of qualified individuals with disabilities.
13. **Indemnification:** The Contractor shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, rules, regulations, ordinances and orders relating to the services provided under this Agreement. Contractor shall indemnify, defend and hold the University, its Trustees, officers, employees, and agents, harmless from and against any and all loss, liability, claims, damages, actions, lawsuits, judgments and costs, including reasonable attorney's fees, that the University may become liable to pay or defend arising from or attributable to any acts or omissions of the Contractor, its agents, employees or subcontractors, in performing its obligations under this Agreement, including, without limitation, for violation of proprietary rights, copyrights, or rights of privacy, arising out of a publication, translation, reproduction, delivery, performance, use or disposition of any data furnished under the Agreement or based on any libelous or other unlawful matter contained in such data.

14. **Agreement Validity:** In the event one or more clauses of this Agreement are declared invalid, void, unenforceable or illegal, that shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Agreement.
15. **Independent Contractor:** Contractor is an independent Contractor of the University, not a partner, agent or joint venture of the University and neither Party shall hold itself out contrary to these terms by advertising or otherwise, nor shall either party be bound by any representation, act or omission whatsoever of the other. For U.S. entities, Contractor, its employees and subcontractors if any, is/are independent Contractors for whom no Federal or State Income Tax will be deducted by the University, and for whom no retirement benefits, social security benefits, group health or life insurance, vacation and sick leave, Worker's Compensation and similar benefits available to University's employees will accrue. The parties further understand that annual information returns as required by the Internal Revenue Code and Maine Income Tax Law will be filed by the University with copies sent to Contractor. Contractor will be responsible for compliance with all applicable laws, rules and regulations involving but not limited to, employment, labor, Workers Compensation, hours of work, working conditions, payment of wages, and payment of taxes, such as unemployment, social security and other payroll taxes, including other applicable contributions from such persons when required by law.
16. **Intellectual Property:** Any information and/or materials, finished or unfinished, produced in performance of this Agreement, and all of the rights pertaining thereto, are the property of the University and shall be turned over to the University upon request.
17. **Entire Agreement:** This Agreement sets forth the entire agreement between the parties on the subject matter hereof and replaces and supersedes all prior agreements on the subject, whether oral or written, express or implied. This Agreement is the entire agreement between the University (including University's employees and other End Users) and Contractor. In the event that Contractor enters into terms of use agreements or other agreements, policies or understandings, whether on Contractor's purchase order, website, electronic, click-through, verbal or in writing, with University's employees or other End Users, such agreements shall be null, void and without effect, and the terms of this Agreement shall apply. University will not be bound to any other terms and conditions set forth in any documents, agreements or policies posted on Contractor's website unless such terms and conditions are set forth in this Agreement. Contractor may not unilaterally change any term or condition of this Agreement.
18. **Licensing:** Contractor shall secure in its name and at its expense all federal, state, and local licenses and permits required for operation under this Agreement. Contractor shall provide proof of such licensure or permit to the University prior to commencing work under this Agreement.
19. **Record Keeping, Audit and Inspection of Records:** The Contractor shall maintain books, records and other compilations of data pertaining to the requirements of the Agreement to the extent and in such detail as shall properly substantiate claims for payment under the Agreement. All such records shall be kept for a period of seven years or for such longer period as specified herein. All retention periods start on the first day after the final payment of the Agreement. If any litigation, claim, negotiation, audit or other action involving the records is commenced prior to the expiration of the applicable retention period, all records shall be retained until completion of the action and resolution of all issues resulting therefrom, or until the end of the applicable retention period, whichever is later. The University, the grantor agency (if any), or any of their authorized representatives shall have the right at reasonable times and upon reasonable notice, to examine and copy the books, records and other compilations of data of the Contractor pertaining to this Agreement. Such access shall include on-site audits.
20. **Publicity, Publication, Reproduction and use of Agreement's Products or Materials:** Unless otherwise provided by law or the University, title and possession of all data, reports, programs, software, equipment, furnishings and any other documentation or product paid for with University funds shall vest with the University. The Contractor shall at all times obtain the prior written approval of the University before it, any of its officers, agents, employees or subcontractors, either during or after termination of

the Agreement, makes any statement bearing on the work performed or data collected under this Agreement to the press or issues any material for publication through any medium of communication. If the Contractor or any of its subcontractors publishes a work dealing with any aspect of performance under the Agreement, or of the results and accomplishments attained in such performance, the University shall have a royalty free, non-exclusive and irrevocable license to reproduce, publish or otherwise use and to authorize others to use the publication.

21. **Confidentiality:** The Contractor shall comply with all laws and regulations relating to confidentiality and privacy including but not limited to any rules or regulations of the University.
22. **Force Majeure:** Neither party shall be liable to the other or be deemed to be in breach of this Agreement for any failure or delay in rendering performance arising out of causes beyond its reasonable control and without its fault or negligence. Such causes may include, but are not limited to, acts of God or of a public enemy, fires, flood, epidemics, strikes, embargoes or unusually severe weather. Dates or time of performance shall be extended to the extent of delays excused by this section provided that the party whose performance is affected notifies the other promptly of the existence and nature of such delay.
23. **Notices:** Unless otherwise specified in an attachment hereto, any notice hereunder shall be in writing and addressed to the persons and addresses below.

To the University:

University of Maine System
Robinson Hall
46 University Drive
Augusta, ME 04330

Attn: **Agreement Administration**

To Contractor:

<<INSTRUCTIONS – Respondent to supply information noted below for submission with their proposal. >>

Company Name:

Contact Name:

Address:

Phone Number:

Fax Number:

24. **Invoices:** Unless otherwise specified in an attachment hereto, invoices and questions regarding invoices will be directed to:

University of Maine System
Accounts Payable
PO Box 533
Bangor, ME 04402

Phone: [207-581-2692](tel:207-581-2692)

Fax: [207-581-2698](tel:207-581-2698)

Email: UMAP@maine.edu

25. **Order of Precedence:** In the event of any conflict among the documents in this agreement, the following order of precedence shall apply:

- A. **Terms and conditions of this Agreement**
- B. **Rider A** - Specifications of Work to be Performed
- C. **Rider A-1** – Pricing
- D. **Rider B** – Insurance Requirements
- E. **Rider C** – University of Maine System Standards for Safeguarding Information
- F. **Rider D** – Services Engagement Form
- G. **Agreement Amendments** as required
- H. **Request for Bid #2022-006** Issue Date July 19, 2021 Titled Telecom Battery Equipment
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26. Multi-Institution Capabilities University will have the option to include products and services under this Agreement to additional University institutions, this includes any additional University institutions formed during the term of this agreement, all facilities utilized by an institution including those managed and/or owned by a third party, and additional entities, such as, the University College a division of University of Maine at Augusta.

The Community College System and Maine Maritime Academy, both public higher education institutions in the state, shall be permitted to piggyback off of the University's agreement if they should so desire. The Contractor agrees to further provide the products and services, with all the same terms and conditions applicable, to these additional entities.

27. Smoking Policy

The University must comply with the "Workplace Smoking Act of 1985" and M.R.S.A. title 22, § 1541 et seq "Smoking Prohibited in Public Places." In addition, University Institutions may have specific Smoking Prohibitions. The Respondent shall be responsible for the implementation and enforcements of these restrictions.

Signatures

FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM:

FOR THE CONTRACTOR:

BY: _____

LEGAL NAME: _____

(signature)

BY: _____

(signature)

Name: _____

Name: _____

(print or type)

(print or type)

Title: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Fax: _____

Telephone: _____

Date: _____

Fax: _____

Date: _____

Tax ID #: _____

Per University policy, "Any Agreement or agreement for services that will, or may, result in the expenditure by the University of \$50,000 or more must be approved in writing by the Chief Procurement Officer, or designee, and if it is not approved, valid or effective until such written approval is granted."

Chief Financial Officer approval is required of any University of Maine System agreement of \$50,000 or more, and it is not approved, valid or effective until such written approval is granted.

Chief Business Officer approval is required of any campus specific agreement of \$50,000 or more, and it is not approved, valid or effective until such written approval is granted.

BY: _____

BY: _____

Title: _____

Title: _____

Chief Procurement Officer or designee

Chief Financial/Business Officer or designee

Date: _____

Date: _____

RIDER A SPECIFICATIONS OF WORK TO BE PERFORMED

The Contractor agrees to the **Specifications of Work to be Performed** as follows:

INTENT AND PURPOSE

The University of Maine System sought responses to provide telecom battery equipment as defined in Rider A-1 of this document.

Contractor may provide additional services and equipment through the term of this Agreement.

Additional Scope: The Contractor shall permit product and services not covered herein to be added by mutual agreement, without voiding the provisions of the existing agreement. The Contractor, for additional consideration, shall furnish additional such products and services to the University.

PRICING: Refer to RIDER A-1. Pricing will be valid for the term of the Agreement.

PERFORMANCE TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. **Employees:** The Contractor shall employ only competent and satisfactory personnel and shall provide a sufficient number of employees to perform the required services efficiently and in a manner satisfactory to the University. If the University Agreement Administrator notifies the Contractor in writing that any person employed on this Agreement is incompetent, disorderly, or otherwise unsatisfactory, such person shall not again be utilized in the execution of this Agreement without the prior written consent of the Agreement Administrator.

2. **Environment Compliance:** In the event this Agreement involves the generation, transportation, handling, disposal, and/or other operations or activities in relation to toxic, hazardous, radioactive, or otherwise dangerous gases, vapors, fumes, acids, alkali's, chemicals, wastes or contaminants and/or other substance, material or condition, the Contractor agrees to indemnify save harmless and defend the University from and against all liabilities, claims, damages, forfeitures, suits, and the costs and expenses incident thereto (including costs of defense, settlement and reasonable attorney's fees) which the University may hereafter incur as a result of death or bodily injuries, or damage to any property, contamination of or adverse effects of the environment or any violation of state or federal regulations or laws (including without limitation the Resources Conservation and Recovery Act, the Hazardous Material Transportation Act or the Superfund Amendment and Reauthorization Act, as the same now exists or may hereafter be amended) or order based on or arising in whole or in part from the Contractor's performance under this Agreement, provided, however the Contractor shall not indemnify the University for any liabilities, claims, damages, (as set forth above) caused by or arising out of the sole negligence of the University, or arising out of any are of responsibility not attributable to Contractor.

**RIDER A-1
PRICING**

<< INSTRUCTIONS - Details in Exhibit 1 will be inserted here during Agreement negotiations. No action needed for Respondent as part of their submission. >>

**RIDER B
INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**

Contractor's Liability Insurance: During the term of this agreement, the Contractor shall maintain the following insurance:

| # | Insurance Type | Coverage Limit |
|---|--|------------------------------------|
| 1 | Commercial General Liability, including Product's and Completed Operations (Written on an Occurrence-based form) (Bodily Injury and Property Damage) | \$1,000,000 per occurrence or more |
| 2 | Vehicle Liability (Including Hired & Non-Owned) (Bodily Injury and Property Damage) | \$1,000,000 per occurrence or more |
| 3 | Workers Compensation (In Compliance with Maine and Federal Law) | Required for all personnel |

Coverage limit requirements can be met with a single underlying insurance policy or through the combination of an underlying insurance policy plus an Umbrella insurance policy.

The University of Maine System shall be named as Additional Insured on the Commercial General Liability insurance.

Certificates of Insurance for all of the above insurance shall be filed with:

**University of Maine System
Risk Manager
Robinson Hall
46 University Drive
Augusta, Maine 04330**

Certificates shall be filed prior to the date of performance under this Agreement. Said certificates, in addition to proof of coverage, shall contain the standard statement pertaining to written notification in the event of cancellation, with a thirty (30) day notification period.

The University reserves the right to change the insurance requirement or to approve alternative insurances or limits, at the University's discretion.

RIDER C
UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM
STANDARDS FOR SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION

1. Scope: This Rider addresses the Contractor's responsibility for safeguarding Protected University Data. For the purposes of this Rider, Protected University Data is defined as any data or information owned by Institution that the Contractor creates, obtains, accesses (via records, systems, or otherwise), receives (from Institution or on behalf of the Institution), or uses in the course of its performance of the contract which include, but not be limited to: social security numbers; drivers' license numbers; credit card numbers; and all information whose collection, disclosure, protection, and disposition is governed by state or federal law or regulation, particularly information subject to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).
2. Term and Termination: This Rider shall take effect upon execution and shall be in effect commensurate with the term of the Agreement to which it is attached.
3. Subcontractors and Agents: Contractor shall not provide any Protected University Data to subcontractors, agents, or other third parties without prior written authorization from the University. If Contractor provides any Protected University Data received from the University, or created or received by Contractor on behalf of the University, to a subcontractor or agent, the Contractor shall require such subcontractor or agent to agree to the same restrictions and conditions as are imposed on Contractor by this Agreement and Rider.
4. Property of University: Unless otherwise stated in the Agreement, all Protected University Data is the property of the University and shall be turned over to the University upon request.
5. Return or Destruction of Protected University Data:
 - A. Within 30 days of termination, cancellation, or expiration of the Agreement, for any reason, Contractor shall cease and desist all uses and disclosures of Protected University Data and shall return all such information received from the University, or created or received by Contractor on behalf of the University, unless the University requests that all such data be destroyed beyond all ability to recover. This provision shall apply to information that is in the possession of subcontractors or agents of Contractor. Contractor shall retain no copies of University information, including any compilations derived from and allowing identification of any individual's confidential information.
 - B. In the event that Contractor determines that returning or destroying any such information is infeasible, Contractor shall provide to University notification of the conditions that make return or destruction infeasible. Upon mutual agreement of the Parties that return or destruction of such information is infeasible, Contractor shall extend the protections of this Agreement to such information and limit further uses and disclosures of such information to those purposes that make the return or destruction infeasible, for so long as Contractor maintains such information.
6. Survival: While any Protected University Data is in the possession or control of the Contractor, its subcontractors or agents, the respective rights and obligations of Contractor pursuant to this Rider shall survive termination of the Agreement.
7. Reasonable and Appropriate Controls: The Contractor agrees to implement reasonable and appropriate privacy and security measures to preserve the confidentiality, integrity and availability of

all electronically maintained or transmitted Protected University Data furnished by the University, or collected by the Contractor on behalf of the University

- A. If information pertaining to student educational records is accessed, transferred, stored or processed by Contractor; Contractor shall protect such data in accordance with FERPA.
 - B. If information pertaining to protected health information is accessed, used, collected, transferred, stored or processed by Contractor; Contractor shall protect such data in accordance with HIPAA and Contractor shall sign and adhere to a Business Associate Agreement.
 - C. If Contractor engages in electronic commerce on behalf of the University or cardholder data relating to University activities is accessed, transferred, stored or processed by Contractor; Contractor shall protect such data in accordance with current PCI-DSS requirements.
 - D. If information pertaining to protected financial customer information is accessed, transferred, stored or processed by Contractor; Contractor shall protect such data in accordance with GLBA.
 - E. If information pertaining to persons located in the European Economic Area (EEA) is accessed, transferred, stored, or processed by Contractor; Contractor shall protect, collect, store, transfer, and process such data in accordance with the obligations of a data processor, or in accordance with the obligations of a data controller if specified within the underlying agreement as a data controller, as set forth in the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR, Regulation (EU) 2016/679) and shall provide reasonable assistance at the request of the University for fulfillment of requests made pursuant to the rights afforded to data subjects in GDPR Chapter III.
8. Prohibition of Unauthorized Use or Disclosure of Information: Contractor agrees to hold all information in strict confidence. Contractor shall not use or disclose information received from, or created or received by, Contractor on behalf of the University except as permitted or required by this Agreement, as required by law, or as otherwise authorized in writing by the University. For the avoidance of doubt, transfers of Protected University Data to another country without the prior written authorization of the University constitute unauthorized use of information in breach of this Section 8.
9. Contractor Employee Data Access Control: All Contractor employees shall be adequately screened, commensurate with the sensitivity of their jobs. Contractor agrees to limit employee access to data on a need-to-know basis. Contractor shall impose a disciplinary process for employees not following privacy procedures. Contractor shall have a process to remove access to Protected University Data immediately upon termination or re-assignment of an employee by the Contractor.
10. Data Breach: Contractor shall report to the University any use or disclosure of Protected University Data not authorized by this Agreement or in writing by the University. Contractor shall make the report to the University not more than one (1) business day after Contractor learns of such use or disclosure. Contractor's report shall identify; (i) the nature of the unauthorized use or disclosure, (ii) the information used or disclosed, (iii) who made the unauthorized use or received the unauthorized disclosure, (iv) what Contractor has done or shall do to mitigate the effects of the unauthorized use or disclosure, and (v) what corrective action Contractor has taken or shall take to prevent future similar unauthorized use or disclosure. Contractor shall provide such other information, including a written report, as reasonably requested by the University.

Contractor shall take appropriate steps to remedy such data breach and mitigate, to the extent practicable, any harmful effect that is known to Contractor of a security breach or use or disclosure of Protected University Data by Contractor in violation of the requirements of this agreement. Contractor shall keep University informed on the progress of each step of the incident response. Contractor shall indemnify and hold University harmless from all liabilities, costs and damages arising out of or in any manner connected with the security breach or unauthorized use or disclosure by Contractor of any Protected University Data. Contractor shall mitigate, to the extent practicable, any harmful effect that is known to Contractor of a security breach or use or disclosure of Protected University Data by Contractor in violation of the requirements of this Agreement. In addition to the rights of the Parties established by this Agreement, if the University reasonably determines in good faith that Contractor has materially breached any of its obligations, the University, in its sole discretion, shall have the right to terminate the Agreement immediately.

11. Mobile Devices: If mobile devices are used by the Contractor in the performance of this Agreement to access Protected University Data, Contractor shall install and activate authentication and encryption capabilities on each mobile device in use.
12. Contractor Hosted Data: If Contractor hosts Protected University Data in or on Contractor or subcontractor facilities, the following additional clauses apply.
 - A. Computers that host Protected University Data shall be housed in secure areas that have adequate walls and entry control such as a card-controlled entry or staffed reception desk. Only authorized personnel shall be allowed to enter, and visitor entry will be strictly controlled.
 - B. Contractor shall design and apply physical protection against damage from fire, flood, earthquake, explosion, civil unrest, and other forms of natural or man-made disasters. Contractor shall protect hosted systems with Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS) devices sufficient to meet business continuity requirements.
 - C. Contractor shall backup systems or media stored at a separate location with regular scheduled incremental and full back-ups with sufficient retention of backup files to restore data. Contractor shall test restore procedures not less than once per year.
 - D. Contractor shall provide for reasonable and adequate protection on its network and system to include firewall and intrusion detection/prevention.
 - E. Contractor shall use strong encryption and certificate-based authentication on any server hosting on-line and e-commerce transactions with the University to ensure the confidentiality and non-repudiation of the transaction while crossing networks.
 - F. Contractor shall require strong passwords for any user accessing Protected University Data. Strong passwords shall be at least eight characters long; contain at least one upper and one lower case alphabetic characters; and contain at least one numeric or special character.
 - G. The installation or modification of software on systems containing Protected University Data shall be subject to formal change management procedures and segregation of duties requirements.
 - H. Contractor who hosts Protected University Data shall engage an independent third-party auditor to evaluate the information security controls not less than every two (2) years. Such evaluations shall be made available to the University upon request.
13. Records and Compliance: Contractor shall maintain records and other compilations of data pertaining to the use, access, collection, storage, and transfer of Protected University Data and make such available to the University or regulatory authorities (including, without limitation, the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and public authorities in the EEA) upon request as reasonably necessary to demonstrate compliance with applicable laws, regulations, and lawful orders.
14. System Development: If the Contractor provides system development, Protected University Data shall not be used in the development or test environments. Records that contain these types of

data elements may be used if that data is first de-identified, masked or altered so that the original value is not recoverable. For programs that process Protected University Data, initial implementation as well as applied updates and modifications must be produced from specifically authorized and trusted program source libraries and personnel. Contractor shall provide documentation of a risk assessment of new system development or changes to a system.

RIDER D
SERVICES ENGAGEMENT FORM
Services Engagement to Agreement for Services

This Services Engagement is entered into as of the date written below between _____ (“Contractor”) and _____ (“Institution”).

This Services Engagement shall be governed by the terms and conditions of the Master Level Agreement for Services dated _____ by and between _____ (“Contractor”) and the University of Maine System, and is incorporated herein by reference.

This Services Engagement describes the Services to be provided by _____ (“Contractor”) and the fees associated with such Services.

INSTITUTION REPRESENTATIVE & PROJECT MANAGER:

CONTRACTOR REPRESENTATIVE & PROJECT MANAGER:

SCOPE OF WORK:

TERM:

The term of this Work Order will be from _____ to _____.

Installation of the _____ shall be Substantially Complete on or before _____ subject to adjustments mutually agreed to by the parties.

PRICE:

SIGNATURES:

Institution

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Contractor

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____