

**CITY OF NEWTON  
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT**

***CONTRACT FOR THE NEWTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS***

***PROJECT MANUAL:*  
**SUPPLY & DELIVER ART SUPPLIES****

***INVITATION FOR BID #24-74***

**Bid Opening Date: May 30, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.**

**MAY 2024**

**Ruthanne Fuller, Mayor**

**CITY OF NEWTON**  
**PURCHASING DEPARTMENT**  
**INVITATION FOR BID #24-74**

The City of Newton (City) invites sealed bids in accordance with M.G.L. c.30B from Contractors to:

**SUPPLY & DELIVER ART SUPPLIES**

Bids will be received until: **10:00 a.m., May 30, 2024**  
at the Purchasing Department, Room 108, Newton City Hall, 1000 Commonwealth Avenue, Newton Centre, MA 02459. Bids will not be accepted nor may submitted bids be corrected, modified or withdrawn after the deadline for bids. Following the deadline for bids, all bids received within the time specified will be publicly opened.

Contract Documents will be available on-line at [www.newtonma.gov/bids](http://www.newtonma.gov/bids) after **10:00 a.m., May 16, 2024**.

There will be no charge for contract documents. Bid surety is **not** required with this bid.

The City has determined that bids can be more accurately and efficiently evaluated if bidders provide item prices in a separate Excel item spreadsheet issued with this Invitation For Bid (IFB). Bidders are to provide prices only in accordance with the terms of the IFB. Any bidder that makes changes to the Item Spreadsheet or modifies the terms and conditions of the IFB as issued will be automatically disqualified.

All bids are to be submitted on an Excel Art Supplies #24-74 (2024-25) Item Sheet (Item Spreadsheet). Bidders are asked to submit prices on the Item Spreadsheet for seventeen (17) categories of supplies. One (1) award per category will be made to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder **based on the total by category for Categories A – P (A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, and P). The supplies listed in Category Z will be awarded by line item.** If bidding on Categories A – P, any bidder **not providing prices for ALL line items** within a category will be deemed non-responsive and may therefore be rejected. **For Category Z, the 17th Category, one or more contracts will be awarded to the bidder or bidders submitting the lowest price(s) for each line item, so there may be multiple awards awarded by line item. Bidders are not required to bid on all items in Category Z. The winning bidder(s) will receive a Purchase Order for the items that are awarded to them after July 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**Inside deliveries will be to 23 schools, all located within the City of Newton. The awarded bidder(s) should process all orders immediately after receiving a purchase order from NPS. Deliveries will be accepted throughout the summer. ALL deliveries are to be completed no later than August 23, 2024, unless otherwise indicated or notified by the awarded bidder(s) and approved in writing by the Purchasing Manager, Newton Public Schools. The awarded bidder(s) must communicate with NPS the status of any item(s) not expected to be received by August 23<sup>rd</sup>.** The dollar value of the contract may not be increased by an amount more than twenty five percent (25%) of the contract total in accordance with M.G.L. c. 30B, §13.

All bids must be submitted in the manner and form prescribed by this IFB which controls award of the contract.

All bids are subject to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 30B. F.O.B. Destination inside 23 individual schools, Newton, MA.

All bids shall be submitted as **one (1) ORIGINAL, one paper (1) COPY and one (1) digital copy of both the Bid Form and the Item Spreadsheet. After the bid opening, each bidder shall email a copy of its Excel Item Spreadsheet to [purchasing@newton.k12.ma.us](mailto:purchasing@newton.k12.ma.us).**

All City bids are available on the City's web site at [www.newtonma.gov/bids](http://www.newtonma.gov/bids). It is the sole responsibility of the Contractor downloading these bids to ensure it has received any and all addenda prior to the bid opening. Addenda will be available online within the original bid document as well as a separate file. If you download bids from the internet site and would like to make it known that your company has done so, you may fax the Purchasing Department (617) 796-1227 or email to [purchasing@newtonma.gov](mailto:purchasing@newtonma.gov) with your NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE, FAX AND INVITATION FOR BID NUMBER 24-74.

The City will reject any and all bids in accordance with the above referenced General Laws. In addition, the City reserves the right to waive minor informalities in any or all bids, or to reject any or all bids (in whole or in part) if it be in the public interest to do so.

In the event that any person wishes to attend a bid opening or pre-bid meeting, accessible and reasonable accommodations will be provided to persons requiring assistance. If you need a reasonable accommodation, please contact the city of Newton's ADA Coordinator, Jini Fairley, at least two business days in advance of the meeting: [jfairley@newtonma.gov](mailto:jfairley@newtonma.gov) or (617) 796-1253. For Telecommunications Relay Service, please dial 711.

CITY OF NEWTON

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nicholas Read". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "N" and "R".

Nicholas Read  
*Chief Procurement Officer*  
May 16, 2024

**CITY OF NEWTON**  
**DEPARTMENT OF PURCHASING**  
**INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS**

**ARTICLE 1 - BIDDER'S REPRESENTATION**

- 1.1 Each Bidder (hereinafter called the "Bidder") by making a bid (hereinafter called "bid") represents that the Bidder has read and understands the Bidding Documents, Contract Forms, General Conditions, Conditions of the Contract, General Requirements and Project Specifications (collectively, referred to as the "Contract Documents") and the bid is made in accordance therewith.
- 1.2 Failure to so examine the Contract Documents will not relieve any Bidder from any obligation under the bid as submitted.

**ARTICLE 2 - REQUEST FOR INTERPRETATION**

- 2.1 Bidders shall promptly notify the City of any ambiguity, inconsistency, or error which they may discover upon examination of the Contract Documents, the site, and local conditions.
- 2.2 Bidders requiring clarification or interpretation of the Contract Documents shall make a written request to the *Chief Procurement Officer*, at [purchasing@newtonma.gov](mailto:purchasing@newtonma.gov). The City will only answer such requests if received **by Friday, May 24, 2024 at 12:00 noon**. In the event that the bid opening date is changed, the deadline for informational requests may also change as provided in an addendum issued by the City.
- 2.3 Interpretation, correction, or change in the Contract Documents will be made by addendum which will become part of the Contract Documents. The City will not be held accountable for any oral communication.
- 2.4 Addenda will be emailed to every individual or firm on record as having taken a set of Contract Documents. Addenda will be emailed to every individual or firm on record as having taken a set of Contract Documents. Receipt of all addenda issued must be acknowledged in the Bid Form. **YOUR FAILURE TO ACKNOWLEDGE ALL ADDENDA MAY RESULT IN YOUR BID BEING REJECTED AS NON-RESPONSIVE.**
- 2.5 Copies of addenda will be made available for inspection at the location listed in the Invitation for Bids where Contract Documents are on file, in addition to being available online at [www.newtonma.gov/bids](http://www.newtonma.gov/bids).
- 2.6 Bidders or proposers contacting ANY CITY EMPLOYEE regarding an Invitation for Bid (IFB) or a Request for Proposal (RFP), outside of the Purchasing Department, once an IFB or RFP has been released, may be disqualified from the procurement process.
- 2.7 Bidders downloading information off the internet web site are solely responsible for obtaining any addenda prior to the bid opening. If the bidder makes itself known to the Purchasing Department, at [purchasing@newtonma.gov](mailto:purchasing@newtonma.gov) or via facsimile (617) 796-1227, it shall be placed on the bidder's list. Bidders must provide the Purchasing Department with their company's name, street address, city, state, zip, phone, fax, email address and **INVITATION FOR BID #24-74**.

**ARTICLE 3 - MBE PARTICIPATION**

- 3.1 Notice is hereby given that the Mayor's Affirmative Action Plan for the City of Newton in effect at the time of this solicitation is applicable to all construction contracts in excess of \$10,000.00.
- 3.2 Notice is hereby given that the City of Newton Minority/Women Business Enterprise Plan and the Supplemental Equal Employment Opportunity Anti-Discrimination and Affirmative Action Program in effect at the time of this solicitation are applicable to all City contracts for goods and services in excess of \$50,000.00.
- 3.3 Copies of the Plans and Program referred to in Sections 3.1 and 3.2 are available at:  
<https://www.newtonma.gov/government/purchasing>.

**ARTICLE 4 - PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF BIDS**

- 4.1 Bids shall be submitted on the "Bid Form #24-74" and in the IFB Item Spreadsheet.

- 4.2 All entries on the Bid Form shall be made by typewriter or in ink; all entries on the Item Spreadsheet shall be made in Excel.
- 4.3 Where so indicated on the Bid Form, sums shall be expressed in both words and figures. Where there is a discrepancy between the bid sum expressed in words and the bid sum expressed in figures, the words shall control.
- 4.4 The Bid, including the bid deposit shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope with the following plainly marked on the outside:
- \* GENERAL BID FOR: **#24-74**
  - \* NAME OF PROJECT: **Supply & Deliver Art Supplies**
  - \* BIDDER'S NAME, BUSINESS ADDRESS, AND PHONE NUMBER
- 4.5 Date and time for receipt of bids is set forth in the IFB.
- 4.6 Timely delivery of a bid at the location designated shall be the full responsibility of the Bidder. In the event that Newton City Hall is closed on the date or at the time that bids are due, the date and time for receipt of bids shall be on the next business day following that the Newton City Hall and the Purchasing Department are open.
- 4.7 Bids, including a printout of the Item Spreadsheet, shall be submitted with one (1) **original** and one (1) **copy**. Bidders will submit a digital version of the Excel Item Spreadsheet **after** the bid opening.
- 4.8 Massachusetts law requires all employees who work on Massachusetts public works construction sites must have no Less than 10 hours of OSHA-approved safety and health training. See M.G.L. c.30, §39M( c), M.G.L. c.30, §39S(a)(1), M.G.L. c.149, §44E(2) & M.G.L. c.149, §44F(2).
1. This requirement will apply to any general bid or sub bid submitted.
  2. This law directs the Massachusetts Attorney General to restrain the award of construction contracts to any contractor who is in violation to this requirement and to restrain the performance of these contracts by non-complying contractors.
  3. The contractor and all subcontractors on this project must certify on the Bid Form compliance with the applicable requirement. Non-compliance with this law will disqualify the bidder.
- 4.9 The City has determined that bids can be more accurately and efficiently evaluated if bidders provide item prices in a separate Excel item spreadsheet (Item Spreadsheet) issued with this IFB. Bidders are to provide prices only in accordance with the terms of the IFB. Any bidder that makes changes to the Item Spreadsheet or modifies the terms and conditions of the IFB as issued will be automatically disqualified.

#### ARTICLE 5 - ALTERNATES

- 5.1 Each Bidder shall acknowledge alternates (if any) in Section C on the Bid Form.
- 5.2 In the event an alternate does not involve a change in the amount of the base bid, the Bidder shall so indicated by writing "No Change", or "N/C" or "0" in the space provided for that alternate.
- 5.3 Bidders shall enter on the Bid Form a single amount for each alternate which shall consist of the amount for work performed by the Contractor.
- 5.4 The low Bidder will be determined on the basis of the sum of the base bid and the accepted alternates.

#### ARTICLE 6 - WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS

- 6.1 Any bid may be withdrawn prior to the time designated for receipt of bids on written or electronic request. Electronic withdrawal of bids must be confirmed over the Bidder's signature by written notice postmarked on or before the date and time set for receipt of bids.
- 6.2 Withdrawn bids may be resubmitted up to the time designated for the receipt of bids.
- 6.3 No bids may be withdrawn within sixty (60) days, Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays excluded, after the opening of the bids.

## ARTICLE 7 - CONTRACT AWARD

- 7.1 The City is soliciting prices for items set forth on the Item Spreadsheet. Two types of awards will be made within this Art Supplies bid. Awards will be made on a Category-by-Category basis to the responsive and responsible bidder(s) **submitting the lowest bid for all items** in one or more of **16 Categories (A to P)**. Note that if you are submitting a bid for Categories A – P, you must provide prices **for all line items within that Category to be considered**. Any bidder not providing prices for all line items within a particular Category may be deemed unresponsive and therefore rejected, although a bidder is not required to bid on all Categories. **For Category Z, the 17th Category, one or more contracts will be awarded to the bidder(s) submitting the lowest price for each line item, so there may be multiple awards awarded by line item. Bidders are not required to bid on all items in Category Z. This will be a one-time purchase. Contractors will receive a Purchase Order for the items that are awarded to them.** Contracts will be awarded within sixty (60) days, Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays excluded, after the opening of bids.
- 7.2 The City reserves the right to waive minor informalities in or to reject any or all Bids if it be in the public interest to do so.
- 7.3 The City reserves the right to reject any bidder who has failed to pay any local taxes, fees, assessments, betterments, or any other municipal charge, unless the bidder has a pending abatement application or has entered into a payment agreement with the collector-treasurer.
- 7.4 As used herein, the term “lowest responsible and responsive Bidder” shall mean the Bidder (1) whose bid is the lowest of those bidders possessing the skill, ability and integrity necessary for the faithful performance of the work; (2) who has met all the requirements of the invitation for bids; (3) who shall certify that he is able to furnish labor that can work in harmony with all other elements of labor employed or to be employed in the work; (4) who, where the provisions of section eight B of chapter twenty-nine apply, shall have been determined to be qualified thereunder.
- 7.5 Subsequent to the award and within five (5) days, Saturday, Sundays and legal holidays excluded, after the prescribed forms are presented for signature, the successful Bidder shall execute and deliver to the City a contract in the form included in the Contract Documents in such number of counterparts as the City may require.
- 7.6 In the event that the City receives low bids in identical amount from two or more responsive and responsible Bidders, the City shall select the successful Bidder by a blind selection process chosen by the City such as flipping a coin or drawing names from a hat. The low Bidders who are under consideration will be invited to attend and observe the selection process.
- 7.7 The IFB is based on estimated quantities, which are the City’s best estimate based on prior experience. Actual quantities may be more or less than those estimated. Regardless of the amount of the actual quantities, the unit price(s) shall be that set forth in the Bidder’s Item Spreadsheet.

## ARTICLE 8 - TAXES

- 8.1 The Bidder shall not include in this bid any tax imposed upon the sale or rental of tangible personal property in this Commonwealth, such as any and all building materials, supplies, services and equipment required to complete the work.
- 8.2 The City is exempt from payment of the Massachusetts Sales Tax, and the Bidder shall not include any sales tax on its bid. The City’s exemption Number is E-046-001-404.

## ARTICLE 9 – PROPRIETARY SPECIFICATIONS

- 9.1 The City may have used a proprietary specification to describe the supply for which is soliciting bids. Such specifications are permitted under M.G.L. c. 30B, §14, provided that the Chief Procurement Officer has prepared a written statement that no other manner of description suffices and the justification therefor.
- 9.2 The required determination and justification have been duly prepared, and a copy may be requested in accordance with the Massachusetts Public Records Law, M.G.L. c. 66, §10.

**END OF SECTION**

**CITY OF NEWTON**

**DEPARTMENT OF PURCHASING**

**BID FORM #24-74**

- A. The undersigned proposes to furnish all labor, materials, tools, equipment, transportation and supervision required to perform all work in accordance with the Project Manual prepared by the City entitled:

**SUPPLY & DELIVER ART SUPPLIES**

- B. This bid includes addenda number(s) \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,

- C. The bidder's price(s) are set forth in the attached Item Spreadsheet \* and are incorporated herein by reference.

**COMPANY NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Bidders may submit an approved equal for any item in the Item Spreadsheet. If an alternate item is being proposed, the bidder shall so indicate by providing a full description of the proposed substitute as well as provide data sheets, catalog cuts, performance and test data, and any other information which will support or otherwise prove equality; such proof rests entirely with the bidder. If the alternate product information is not provided at the time of the bid the bidder may be deemed non-responsive. SAMPLE IS REQUIRED IF BIDDING AN APPROVED EQUAL.**

- D. Prompt Payment Discounts. Bidders are encouraged to offer discounts in exchange for an expedited payment. Payments may be issued earlier than the general goal of within 30 days of receipt of the invoice only in exchange for discounted prices. Discounts will not be considered in determining the lowest responsible bidder.

Prompt Payment Discount \_\_\_\_\_% \_\_\_\_\_Days  
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- E. The undersigned has completed and submits herewith the following documents:

- Signed Bid Form, 2 pages
- Bidder's Qualifications and References Form, 2 pages
- Certificate of Non-Collusion, 1 page
- Certificate of Tax Compliance, 1 page
- Certificate of Foreign Corporation (if applicable), 1 page
- Debarment Letter, 1 page
- IRS Form W-9, 1 page
- Business Category Form 1 page
- Certificate of Authority, Corporate, 1 page
- Item Spreadsheet (see Excel file attached)

- F. The undersigned agrees that, if selected as general contractor, s/he will within five days (Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays excluded) after presentation thereof by the City, execute a contract in accordance with the terms of this bid.

The undersigned hereby certifies that it will comply fully with all laws and regulations applicable to awards made subject to M.G.L. c.30B.

The undersigned further certifies under the penalties of perjury that this bid has been made and submitted in good faith and without collusion or fraud with any other person. As used in this section the word "person" shall mean any natural person, business, partnership, corporation, union, committee, club or other organization, entity, or group of individuals. The undersigned further certifies under penalty of perjury that the said undersigned is not presently debarred from public contracting or subcontracting in the Commonwealth under the provisions of M.G.L. c.29, §29F or any other applicable debarment provisions of any other chapter of the General Laws or any rule or regulation promulgated thereunder.

- G.** Environmentally preferable products information (which is requested but which will not be considered in awarding a contract):

Description of environmental attributes of Bidder's goods or services:

Steps taken to (a) identify any positive or negative environmental attributes of products or services and (b) ensure that those attributes are being addressed as part of operations:

Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of General Bidder)

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Printed Name and Title of Signatory)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Business Address)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City, State Zip)

\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_  
(Telephone) (FAX)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(E-mail Address)

**NOTE:** If the bidder is a corporation, indicate state of incorporation under signature, and affix corporate seal; if a partnership, give full names and residential addresses of all partners; if an individual, give residential address if different from business address; and, if operating as a d/b/a give full legal identity. Attach additional pages as necessary.

**END OF SECTION**



**CITY OF NEWTON**

**BIDDER'S QUALIFICATIONS AND REFERENCES FORM**

All questions must be answered, and the data given must be clear and comprehensive. Please type or print legibly. If necessary, add additional sheet for starred items. This information will be utilized by the City for purposes of determining bidder responsiveness and responsibility with regard to the requirements and specifications of the Contract.

- 1. FIRM NAME: \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. WHEN ORGANIZED: \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. INCORPORATED? \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO DATE AND STATE OF INCORPORATION: \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. IS YOUR BUSINESS A **MBE**? \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO **WBE**? \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO or **MWBE**? \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO
- \* 5. LIST ALL CONTRACTS CURRENTLY ON HAND, SHOWING CONTRACT AMOUNT AND ANTICIPATED DATE OF COMPLETION:  
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\_\_\_\_\_
- \* 6. HAVE YOU EVER FAILED TO COMPLETE A CONTRACT AWARDED TO YOU?  
\_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO  
IF YES, WHERE AND WHY?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- \* 7. HAVE YOU EVER DEFAULTED ON A CONTRACT? \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO  
IF YES, PROVIDE DETAILS.  
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\_\_\_\_\_
- \* 8. LIST YOUR VEHICLES/EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE FOR THIS CONTRACT:  
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- \* 9. IN THE SPACES FOLLOWING, PROVIDE INFORMATION REGARDING CONTRACTS COMPLETED BY YOUR FIRM SIMILAR IN NATURE TO THE PROJECT BEING BID. A MINIMUM OF FOUR (4) CONTRACTS SHALL BE LISTED. PUBLICLY BID CONTRACTS ARE PREFERRED, BUT NOT MANDATORY.  
  
PROJECT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
OWNER: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY/STATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
DOLLAR AMOUNT: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ DATE COMPLETED: \_\_\_\_\_  
PUBLICLY BID? \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO  
TYPE OF WORK?: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PERSON: \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE #: (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PERSON'S RELATION TO PROJECT?: \_\_\_\_\_

(i.e., contract manager, purchasing agent, etc.)

PROJECT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

OWNER: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE: \_\_\_\_\_

DOLLAR AMOUNT: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ DATE COMPLETED: \_\_\_\_\_

PUBLICLY BID? \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

TYPE OF WORK?: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PERSON: \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE #: (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PERSON'S RELATION TO PROJECT?: \_\_\_\_\_

(i.e., contract manager, purchasing agent, etc.)

PROJECT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

OWNER: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE: \_\_\_\_\_

DOLLAR AMOUNT: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ DATE COMPLETED: \_\_\_\_\_

PUBLICLY BID? \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

TYPE OF WORK?: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PERSON: \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE #: (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PERSON'S RELATION TO PROJECT?: \_\_\_\_\_

(i.e., contract manager, purchasing agent, etc.)

PROJECT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

OWNER: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE: \_\_\_\_\_

DOLLAR AMOUNT: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ DATE COMPLETED: \_\_\_\_\_

PUBLICLY BID? \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

TYPE OF WORK?: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PERSON: \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE #: (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PERSON'S RELATION TO PROJECT?: \_\_\_\_\_

(i.e., contract manager, purchasing agent, etc.)

10. The undersigned certifies that the information contained herein is complete and accurate and hereby authorizes and requests any person, firm, or corporation to furnish any information requested by the City in verification of the recitals comprising this statement of Bidder's qualifications and experience.

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

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

PRINTED NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ TITLE: \_\_\_\_\_

**END OF SECTION**

## CERTIFICATE OF NON-COLLUSION

The undersigned certifies under penalties of perjury that this bid or proposal has been made and submitted in good faith and submitted in good faith and without collusion or fraud with any other person. As used in this certification, the word "person" shall mean any natural person, business, partnership, corporation, union, committee club, or other organization, entity, or group or individuals.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of individual)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Business

**CERTIFICATION OF TAX COMPLIANCE\*\***

Pursuant to M.G.L. c.62C, §49A and requirements of the City, the undersigned acting on behalf of the Contractor certifies under the penalties of perjury that the Contractor is in compliance with all laws of the Commonwealth relating to taxes including payment of all local taxes, fees, assessments, betterments and any other local or municipal charges (unless the Contractor has a pending abatement application or has entered into a payment agreement with the entity to which such charges were owed), reporting of employees and contractors, and withholding and remitting child support.\*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Individual (Mandatory)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\*\*\* Contractor's Social Security Number  
or Federal Identification Number

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Corporate Name

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Corporate Officer  
(Mandatory, if applicable)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Officer Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\* The provision in this Certification relating to child support applies only when the Contractor is an individual.

\*\* Approval of a contract or other agreement will not be granted until the City receives a signed copy of this Certification.

\*\*\* Your social security number may be furnished to the Massachusetts Department of Revenue to determine whether you have met tax filing or tax payment obligations. Providers who fail to correct their non-filing or delinquency will not have a contract or other agreement issued, renewed, or extended.

## CERTIFICATE OF FOREIGN CORPORATION

The undersigned hereby certifies that it has been duly established, organized, or chartered as a corporation under the laws of:

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**(Jurisdiction)**

**The undersigned further certifies that it has complied with the requirements of M.G.L. c. 30, §39L (if applicable) and with the requirements of M.G.L. c. 156D, §15.03 relative to the registration and operation of foreign corporations within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.**

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**Name of person signing proposal**

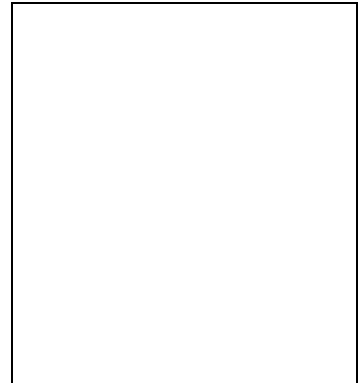
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**Signature of person signing proposal**

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**Name of Business (Please Print or Type)**

*Affix Corporate Seal here*



City of Newton



Mayor  
Ruthanne Fuller

**Purchasing Department**  
Nicholas Read ☎ *Chief Procurement Officer*  
1000 Commonwealth Avenue  
Newton Centre, MA 02459-1449  
purchasing@newtonma.gov

Telephone  
(617) 796-1220  
Fax:  
(617) 796-1227  
TDD/TTY  
(617) 796-1089

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Vendor \_\_\_\_\_

Re: Debarment Letter for Invitation For Bid #24-74

As a potential vendor on the above contract, the City requires that you provide a debarment/suspension certification indicating that you are in compliance with the Federal Executive Order below. Certification can be done by completing and signing this form.

**Debarment:**

**Federal Executive Order (E.O.) 12549 “Debarment and Suspension” requires that all contractors receiving individual awards, using federal funds, and all sub-recipients certify that the organization and its principals are not debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded by any Federal department or agency from doing business with the Federal Government.**

I hereby certify under pains and penalties of perjury that neither I nor any principal(s) of the Company identified below is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any federal department or agency.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ FAX \_\_\_\_\_  
EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

If you have questions, please contact Nicholas Read, Chief Procurement Officer at (617) 796-1220.

## Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

**Give form to the  
 requester. Do not  
 send to the IRS.**

Print or type  
See Specific Instructions on page 2.

Name (as shown on your income tax return)	
Business name, if different from above	
Check appropriate box: <input type="checkbox"/> Individual/Sole proprietor <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (D=disregarded entity, C=corporation, P=partnership) ▶ ..... <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exempt payee <input type="checkbox"/> Other (see instructions) ▶	
Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.)	Requester's name and address (optional)
City, state, and ZIP code	
List account number(s) here (optional)	

### Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on Line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the Part I instructions on page 3. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN* on page 3.

**Note.** If the account is in more than one name, see the chart on page 4 for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Social security number
or
Employer identification number

### Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me), and
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding, and
3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below).

**Certification instructions.** You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the Certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions on page 4.

<b>Sign Here</b>	Signature of U.S. person ▶	Date ▶	Name
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### General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

#### Purpose of Form

A person who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) to report, for example, income paid to you, real estate transactions, mortgage interest you paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, or contributions you made to an IRA.

Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN to the person requesting it (the requester) and, when applicable, to:

1. Certify that the TIN you are giving is correct (or you are waiting for a number to be issued),
2. Certify that you are not subject to backup withholding, or
3. Claim exemption from backup withholding if you are a U.S. exempt payee. If applicable, you are also certifying that as a U.S. person, your allocable share of any partnership income from a U.S. trade or business is not subject to the withholding tax on foreign partners' share of effectively connected income.

**Note.** If a requester gives you a form other than Form W-9 to request your TIN, you must use the requester's form if it is substantially similar to this Form W-9.

**Definition of a U.S. person.** For federal tax purposes, you are considered a U.S. person if you are:

- An individual who is a U.S. citizen or U.S. resident alien,
- A partnership, corporation, company, or association created or organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States,
- An estate (other than a foreign estate), or
- A domestic trust (as defined in Regulations section 301.7701-7).

**Special rules for partnerships.** Partnerships that conduct a trade or business in the United States are generally required to pay a withholding tax on any foreign partners' share of income from such business. Further, in certain cases where a Form W-9 has not been received, a partnership is required to presume that a partner is a foreign person, and pay the withholding tax. Therefore, if you are a U.S. person that is a partner in a partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States, provide Form W-9 to the partnership to establish your U.S. status and avoid withholding on your share of partnership income.

The person who gives Form W-9 to the partnership for purposes of establishing its U.S. status and avoiding withholding on its allocable share of net income from the partnership conducting a trade or business in the United States is in the following cases:

- The U.S. owner of a disregarded entity and not the entity,

## Business Category Information Form\*

IFB No. 24-74

### Supply & Deliver Art Supplies

<b>Business Type Categories*</b>	<b>Select All That Apply</b>
MBE: Minority-Owned Business Enterprise	
WBE: Women-Owned Business Enterprise	
VBE: Veteran Business Enterprise	
SDVOBE: Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Business Enterprises	
DOBE: Disability-Owned Business Enterprise	
LGBTBE: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Business Enterprise	

\*Information is being collected as part of a City initiative to open contract opportunities to underrepresented vendors.

I do not wish to complete this form.

There is no penalty for persons who do not complete this Form, and whether or not the Form is completed will not be taken into consideration in awarding a bid.

I certify that the foregoing information is true and correct.

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY - CORPORATE

1. I hereby certify that I am the Clerk/Secretary of \_\_\_\_\_  
(insert full name of Corporation)
2. corporation, and that \_\_\_\_\_  
(insert the name of officer who signed the **contract and bonds.**)
3. is the duly elected \_\_\_\_\_  
(insert the title of the officer in line 2)
4. of said corporation, and that on \_\_\_\_\_  
(insert a date that is **ON OR BEFORE** the date the officer signed the **contract and bonds.**)

at a duly authorized meeting of the Board of Directors of said corporation, at which all the directors were present or waived notice, it was voted that

5. \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_  
(insert **name** from line 2) (insert **title** from line 3)

of this corporation be and hereby is authorized to execute contracts and bonds in the name and on behalf of said corporation, and affix its Corporate Seal thereto, and such execution of any contract of obligation in this corporation's name and on its behalf, with or without the Corporate Seal, shall be valid and binding upon this corporation; and that the above vote has not been amended or rescinded and remains in full force and effect as of the date set forth below.

6. ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of **Clerk or Secretary**)\*

*AFFIX CORPORATE  
SEAL HERE*

7. Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print or type name in line 6)\*

8. Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(insert a date that is **ON OR AFTER** the date the officer signed the **contract and bonds.**)

\* The name and signature inserted in lines 6 & 7 **must** be that of the **Clerk or Secretary** of the corporation.

**CITY OF NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS  
PURCHASING DEPARTMENT  
GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

1. The right is reserved to reject any and all bids, to waive minor informalities, and to make award as may be determined to be in the best interest of the City of Newton.
2. Prices quoted must include delivery to the City, as specified on the Work Order.
3. No charges will be allowed for packing, crating, freight, Express or cartage unless specifically stated and included in the bid.
4. The award to the successful bidder may be canceled if successful bidder shall fail to prosecute the work with promptness and diligence.
5. Time in connection with discount offered will be computed from the date of delivery to the City, as specified on Work Order, or from date correct invoice is received by the City, if the latter date is later than the date of delivery.
6. The successful bidder shall replace, repair or make good, without cost to the City, any defects or faults arising within one (1) year after date of acceptance of articles furnished hereunder (acceptance not to be unreasonably delayed) resulting from imperfect or defective work done or materials furnished by the Seller.
7. The Contractor shall indemnify and save harmless the City and all persons acting for on behalf of it from all suits and claims against them, or any of them, arising from or occasioned by the use of any material, equipment or apparatus, or any part thereof, which infringes or is alleged to infringe on any patent rights. In case such material, equipment or apparatus, or any part thereof, in any such suit is held to constitute infringement, the Contractor, within a reasonable time, will at its expense, and as the City may elect, replace such material, equipment or apparatus with non-infringing material, equipment or apparatus, or remove the material, equipment or apparatus, and refund the sums paid therefor.
8. The successful bidder shall comply with all applicable Federal State and Local laws and regulations.
9. Purchases made by the City are exempt from Federal excise taxes and bid prices must exclude any such taxes. Tax exemption certificates will be furnished upon request.
10. If so stated in the Invitation For Bid the successful bidder will be required to furnish a performance and/or a labor and material payment bond, in an amount, in a form and with a surety satisfactory to the City. The bidder shall be responsible for the cost of the bond(s).
11. If the Invitation for Bids requires bid surety, this surety shall be in the form of a cash, bid bond, cashier's check, treasurer's check, or certified check on a responsible bank, payable to the City of Newton, and must be filed with the original bid in the Office of the Purchasing Agent. Failure to do so will lead to rejection of bid. The bid surety will be returned to the successful bidder within seven (7) days execution of awarded, and approval by the City of performance and/or payment bond(s). The bid surety covers the City for damages when a bidder withdraws its bid after the bid submission date. Be advised that to the extent permitted by the law, the City will retain all bid deposits for withdrawn bids.
12. Verbal orders are not binding on the City and deliveries made or work done without formal Work Order or Contract are at the risk of the Contractor and may result in an unenforceable claim.
13. The Contractor shall agree to indemnify, defend and hold the City harmless from any and all claims arising out of the performance of this contract.
14. "Equal" - An item equal to that named or described in the specifications of the contract may be furnished by the Contractor and the naming of any commercial name, trademark or other identification shall not be construed to exclude any item or manufacturer not mentioned by name or as limiting competition but shall establish a standard of equality only. An item shall be considered equal to the item so named or described if (1) it is at least equal in quality, durability, appearance, strength and design; (2) it will perform at least equally the function imposed by the general design for the work being contracted for or the material being purchased; and (3) it conforms substantially, even with deviations, to the detailed requirements for the item in the specifications.

The name and identification of all materials other than the one specifically named shall be submitted to the City in writing for approval, prior to purchase, use or fabrication of such items.

Subject to the provisions of M.G.L., Ch. 30, Sec. 39J, approval shall be at the sole discretion of the City, shall be in writing to be effective, and the decision of the City shall be final. The City may require tests of all materials so submitted to establish quality standards at the Contractor's expense. All directions, specifications and recommendations by manufacturers for installation, handling, storing, adjustment and operation of their equipment shall be complied with; responsibility for proper performance shall continue to rest with the Contractor.

For the use of material other than the one specified, the Contractor shall assume the cost of and responsibility for satisfactorily accomplishing all changes in the work as shown. If no manufacturer is named, the Contractor shall submit the product he intends to use for approval of the City.

Except as otherwise provided for by the provisions of M.G.L., Ch. 30, Sec. 39J, the Contractor shall not have any right of appeal from the decision of the City condemning any materials furnished if the Contractor fails to obtain the approval for substitution under this clause. If any substitution is more costly, the Contractor shall pay for such costs.

15. Notice is hereby given that the City of Newton Minority/Women Business Enterprise Plan dated December 1999 is applicable to all City of Newton contracts for materials and supplies. A copy of this plan may be obtained from the Purchasing Department.

16. Right To Know:

Any Contractor who receives an order or orders resulting from this invitation agrees to submit a Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) for each toxic or hazardous substance or mixture containing such substance, pursuant to M.G.L., Ch. 111F, SS8, 9 and 10 and the regulations contained in 441 CMR SS 21.06 when deliveries are made. The Contractor agrees to deliver all containers properly labeled pursuant to M.G.L. Ch. 111F, SS 7 and the regulations contained in 441 CMR SS 21.05. Failure to submit an MSDS and/or label on each container will place the Contractor in noncompliance with the work order. Failure to furnish MSDSs and/or labels on each container may result in civil or criminal penalties, including bid debarment and action to prevent the Contractor from selling said substances or mixtures containing said substances within the Commonwealth. All Contractors furnishing substances or mixtures subject to Chapter 111F of the M.G.L. are cautioned to obtain and read the law and rules and regulations referred to above. Copies can be obtained from the State House Book Store, Secretary of State, State House, Room 117, Boston, MA 02133, (617-727-2834) for \$2.00 plus \$.65 postage.

17. **INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**

The Contractor shall provide insurance coverage as listed below. This insurance shall be provided at the Contractor's expense and shall be in full force and effect during the full term of this Contract.

WORKER'S COMPENSATION

Worker's Compensation: Per M.G.L. c.149, §34 and c. 152 as amended.

COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY

Personal Injury	\$500,000 each occurrence \$1,000,000 aggregate
Property Damage	\$500,000 each occurrence \$1,000,000 aggregate

VEHICLE LIABILITY

Personal Injury	\$500,000 each person \$1,000,000 aggregate
Property Damage	\$300,000 each occurrence \$500,000 aggregate

The City shall be named as an additional insurer on the Contractor's Liability Policies.

The Contractor shall not commence the work until proof of compliance with this has been furnished to the City by submitting one copy of a properly endorsed insurance certificate issued by a company authorized to write insurance in the Commonwealth. This certificate shall indicate that the contractual liability coverage is in force. The Contractor shall file the original and one certified copy of all policies with the City within ten (10) days after contract award. If the City is damaged by the Contractor's failure to maintain such insurance and to so notify the City, then the Contractor shall be responsible for all reasonable costs attributable thereto.

Cancellation of any insurance required by this contract, whether by the insurer or the insured, shall not be valid unless written notice thereof is given by the party proposing cancellation to the other party and City at least thirty days prior to the effective date thereof, which shall be expressed in said notice.

**FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THESE TERMS AND CONDITIONS COULD  
RESULT IN THE CANCELLATION OF YOUR CONTRACT.**

**END OF SECTION**

## SCOPE OF SERVICES

### NEWTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

#### SUPPLY & DELIVER ART SUPPLIES

##### 1.0 Scope

- 1.1 Newton Public Schools (NPS) is accepting bids for Art Supplies as per the Item Spreadsheet attached. All bids must be submitted in the manner and form prescribed by the specifications which control award of the contract(s). Bid items will be awarded **to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder based on total by category for Categories A – P (A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, and P.); items in Category Z will be awarded by line item.** If bidding on Categories A – P, any bidder **not providing prices for all line items** within a category will be deemed non-responsive and may therefore be rejected. **For Category Z, one or more contracts will be awarded to the bidder or bidders submitting the lowest price(s) for each line item, so there may be multiple awards awarded by line item. Bidders are not required to bid on all items in Category Z. The winning bidder(s) will receive a Purchase Order for the items that are awarded to them after July 1<sup>st</sup>.**
- 1.2 Quantities specified are based on prior experience. NPS reserves the right to increase or decrease quantities to be ordered within the time limits set forth in the bid. In accordance with M.G.L. c.30B the total increase shall not exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the total contract price. Whether the actual amount of supplies is more or less than that which appears in a bid, the unit prices shall remain those submitted with the bid. Bids must remain in effect a minimum of ninety (90) days after the bid opening.
- 1.3 In an effort to purchase the quality of product necessary, requested samples are required of all bid items unless bidding on the exact product referenced within the bid item description.
- 1.4 All prices shall be F.O.B. Destination inside twenty-three (23) individual schools all located within the City of Newton
- 1.5 **Please ensure that you use the Excel Item Spreadsheet file provided to submit your bid pricing. Enter your unit prices and product information on the Item Spreadsheet and once completed submit the paper copy with your bid to the City of Newton. After the bid opening date, please send the electronic file to purchasing@newton.k12.ma.us**
- Any changes to the Item Spreadsheet other than information related to your bid response may result in your disqualification.**
- 1.6 **Please ensure that you submit all pages and mark any items you do NOT wish to bid on with the words “NO BID.”**

##### 2.0 Description and Quality

- 2.1 Wherever items are specified by trade name, manufacturer, or dealer’s catalog number, or by any other reference, it shall be taken to mean the items as this described or any other item equal thereto in quality, finish, durability, compatibility, safety and serviceability for the purpose for which it is intended. If an alternate item is being proposed, the bidder shall so indicate by providing a full description of the proposed substitute as well as provide data sheets, catalog cuts, performance and test data, and any other information which will support or otherwise prove equality; such proof rests entirely with the bidder. When the bidder does not state the brand, it is understood that the offer is exactly as specified. Final decisions concerning the quality of items, other than those specifically designated, is to rest with the Newton Public Schools whose determination shall be final and conclusive. Vendors shall guarantee quality control of all goods at no additional cost to the City. Samples shall be furnished free-of-charge upon request and may be retained for future comparisons. Samples and literature must be provided within three (3) days after the request.
- 2.2 The City encourages environmentally preferable products, i.e., products or services that have a lesser or reduced effect on human health and the environment when compared with competing products or services that serve the same purpose. This comparison may consider raw materials acquisition, production, manufacturing, packaging, distribution, reuse, operation, maintenance or disposal of the product or service: 1) emphasis on multiple environmental considerations such as recycled content, energy and water efficiency, renewable resource use and toxicity considerations rather than any single environmental feature; 2) evaluation of environmental impacts throughout the life cycle of the product which includes impacts during the manufacture, use and disposal of the product; and 3) recognition of cost and performance remain critical factors in all purchasing decisions. All products must be latex free and nut free.

2.3 Material Safety Data Sheets must be forwarded to the Purchasing Department, Newton Public Schools, 100 Walnut Street, Newtonville, MA 02460 within thirty (30) days after the bid award. All products must be properly labeled with the product name, manufacturer's name, address and emergency telephone number, ingredients, cautions, warnings, hazard rating and first aid.

### 3.0 Delivery

**3.1 All packages, cartons, or other containers must be clearly marked with a) the school designation, b) a packing slip with contents or item number from specifications, c) the number of boxes on shipment, d) the purchase order number, e) the vendor's name and order number AND f) Bid number and/or Bid name.**

**3.2 Inside deliveries shall be made to approximately 23 schools as per the bid award schedule. The awarded bidder(s) should process all orders immediately after receiving a purchase order from NPS. Deliveries will be accepted throughout the summer. ALL deliveries are to be completed no later than August 23, 2024, unless otherwise indicated or notified by the awarded bidder(s) and approved in writing by the Purchasing Manager, Newton Public Schools. The awarded bidder(s) must communicate with NPS the status of any item(s) not expected to be received by August 23<sup>rd</sup>. All deliveries shall be made to the inside of the buildings and contractors are cautioned to notify their shipping contractors that adequate assistance must be provided at the point of delivery. All deliveries must come with a delivery receipt clearly signed by an authorized NPS employee with a copy to be left at the school for proof of delivery. No sidewalk deliveries will be accepted.**

**3.3 This will be a one-time purchase.** Contractors will receive a Purchase Order for the items that are awarded to them.

**3.4 Deliveries shall be made between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Forty-eight (48) hours' notice of delivery is required by contacting Support Services at 617-559-9005. Newton Public Schools shall not be responsible for deliveries that cannot be made because notice was not received in time.**

**3.5 Deliveries are to be completed no later than August 23, 2024, unless otherwise indicated or notified by the Contractor and approved in writing by the Purchasing Manager, Newton Public Schools.**

### 4.0 Payment

4.1 Invoices MUST be billed **by school** and submitted to Accounts Payable, Newton Public Schools, 100 Walnut Street, Newtonville, MA 02460 and emailed to [npsaccounting@newton.k12.ma.us](mailto:npsaccounting@newton.k12.ma.us)

4.2 Invoices must include the a) purchase order number, b) department name, c) item number, d) quantities, e) description, f) unit price and g) totals.

**END OF SECTION**

**NEWTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**SUPPLY & DELIVER ART SUPPLIES**  
**SEPARATE EXCEL ITEM SPREADSHEET**