

AWARDED ABSTRACT OF UNSTRAPPED JACKET

Jacket: 760-935
Title: NMSO NLCS Newspapers
Agency: CFPB
Bid Opening: 08/24/2023 2:00PM MDT
Quantity: 105,000

Contractor Name	Bid	Terms		Discounted Total
Advantage mailing LLC - Anaheim *	\$53,494.94	1.0%	20 days	\$52,959.99
Las Vegas Color Graphics	\$71,717.00	4.77%	20 days	\$68,296.10
McDonald & Eudy Printers, Inc.	\$77,546.00	1.0%	20 days	\$76,770.54
Meredith-Webb Printing Company	\$119,800.00	0.0%	0 days	\$119,800.00

* Awarded Contractor

BID OPENING: Bids shall be opened at 2:00pm prevailing Mountain Time on August 24, 2023, at the Mountain Region APS Team in Colorado.

ISSUE DATE: August 21, 2023.

Any questions before award concerning these specifications, call Beverly Boecher, (303) 236-5300.

SPECIFICATIONS

U.S. Government Publishing Office (GPO)
Mountain Region APS Team

BID SUBMISSION: Bidders must submit email bids to bidsmountain@gpo.gov for this solicitation. No other method of bid submission will be accepted. The jacket number and bid opening date must be specified in the subject line of the emailed bid submission. ***Bids received after 2:00 p.m. on the bid opening date specified above will not be considered for award.***

GPO CONTRACT TERMS: Any contract which results from this Invitation for Bid will be subject to the applicable provisions, clauses, and supplemental specifications of GPO Contract Terms (GPO Publication 310.2, effective December 1, 1987 (Rev. 06-01)) and GPO Contract Terms, Quality Assurance Through Attributes Program for Printing and Binding (GPO Publication 310.1, effective May 1979 (Rev. 08-02)).

GPO Contract Terms (GPO Publication 310.2) –

<https://www.gpo.gov/docs/default-source/forms-and-standards-files-for-vendors/terms.pdf?sfvrsn=2>

GPO QATAP (GPO Publication 310.1) –

<https://www.gpo.gov/docs/default-source/forms-and-standards-files-for-vendors/qatap.pdf?sfvrsn=2>

QUALITY ASSURANCE LEVELS AND STANDARDS: The following levels and standards shall apply to these specifications:

Product Quality Levels:

- (a) Printing (page related) Attributes – Level III
- (b) Finishing (item related) Attributes – Level III

Inspection Levels (from ANSI/ASQC Z1.4):

- (a) Non-destructive Tests - General Inspection Level I.
- (b) Destructive Tests - Special Inspection Level S-2.

Specified Standards: The specified standards for the attributes requiring them shall be:

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Specified Standard</u>
P-7. Type Quality and Uniformity	Supplied Electronic Media
P-8. Halftone Match (Single and Double Impression)	Approved Proofs, Supplied Electronic Media
P-10. Process Color Match Approved Proofs,	Supplied Electronic Media

PRODUCT: Newspapers.

TITLE: NMSO NLCS Newspapers

TOTAL QUANTITY: 105,000

TRIM SIZE: 21 x 17" flat sheet size, 10-1/2 x 17"-page size.

NUMBER OF PAGES AND QUANTITIES:

- ITEM 1: 12 pages 20,000 copies El Malpais National Conservation Area
- ITEM 2: 12 pages 20,000 copies Fort Stanton Snowy River Cave
- ITEM 3: 16 pages 20,000 copies Organ Mountains
- ITEM 4: 16 pages 25,000 copies Rio Grande Del Norte
- ITEM 5: 8 pages 20,000 copies Trackways

GOVERNMENT TO FURNISH: The contractor must be able to download files electronically from GPO Government-hosted file share site <https://filessharing.gpo.gov/>. Appropriate log-on instructions and protocol will be provided by the Government at time of award.

It is the contractor's sole responsibility to immediately confirm, to the Denver GPO, that all electronically transmitted files were received (phone call or written email reply accepted -- an automated system generated tracking option such as "read receipt" is not acceptable). Furthermore, contractor is responsible for immediate inspection of government furnished materials (GFM) including but not limited to electronically transmitted files. Contractor's failure to comply with the above stated requirements will not relieve the contractor of making delivery of the supplies or perform the services within the time specified in the contract. No extension in the shipping/delivery schedule will be granted as a result of contractor's failure to inform the GPO that they have not received the files and/or if there is an issue with the GFM that endangers performance on the contract.

Electronic media will be furnished as follows. NOTE: All five documents contain bleed margins on three to four sides on all pages.

Platform: PC compatible Adobe CC software programs versions 5.11.0.522.1

Transfer Media: Files available from [Index - GPO File Transfer](#) or by CDRoms

Software: InDesign, Illustrator, Photoshop, Acrobat

Fonts: All printer and screen fonts will be furnished or embedded, as applicable.

Additional Information: Files will be furnished in native application and/or PDF format.

Electronic media will include all illustrations and graphics.

Visuals will be furnished for all files.

Five Zip files provided with one file per item. Each Zip file includes Adobe CC InDesign packaged software files: InDesign, Illustrator, Photoshop, Acrobat PDF and all fonts. InDesign files include graphic elements, text, linked files and fonts. Acrobat PDF files are provided for visual reference only. Vendor to utilize InDesign files and reference PDF files for layout and page content.

Contractor must be capable of accepting data in these platform/formats for either direct input or conversion to his/her system as part of their basic charge to the Government. No additional time or compensation will be given to the contractor for common errors associated with file output from a different platform. See "Inspection of Files" for brief description of common errors.

CONTRACTOR TO FURNISH: All materials and operations, other than those listed under "GOVERNMENT TO FURNISH" necessary to produce the product(s) in accordance with these specifications.

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Files provided by the government without prepress functions (e.g., color correction, UCR/GCR, sharpening or other image enhancement) or procedures have been applied to supplied images. Contractor is responsible for converting images to an appropriate color space and file format for output. Contractor must also apply any and all necessary prepress functions to achieve best possible output quality of supplied files.

INSPECTION OF FILES: The contractor will be responsible for proofreading converted formats to ensure that the final document will match in layout fonts and text flow to the low-resolution PDF provided. Contractor will be responsible for final output that is in conformance with the visuals as provided. Contractor is responsible for converting images to an appropriate color space and file format for output. Contractor must also apply any and all necessary prepress functions to achieve best possible output quality of supplied files. One previously printed sample for construction and stock. Contractor to perform a basic check, preflight of the furnished files. Check for missing or damaged files, missing or damaged fonts, damaged disks, missing bleeds, improper trim size, improper color definition, and so on.

The Contractor will not receive additional compensation or time for common errors associated with the output of files. Common errors include, but are not limited to: 1) color issues and shifts (RGB color data, no spot colors, loss of black plate), 2) page integrity (text reflow or type substitution), 3) errors associated with embedded graphics, 4) missing prepress features (e.g. bleeds, trim marks), creating or correcting (altering) any necessary trapping, setting proper screen angles and frequency, 5) loss of text characters from graphic elements, and 6) Defining proper file output selection for the imaging device being used. Contractor responsible to ensure that the black type is a solid black not a process build. Any errors other than those just described, media damage, or data corruption that might interfere with proper file imaging discovered at that time must be reported to the Contracting Officer IMMEDIATELY upon discovery. Prior to making any revisions, the contractor must make a "copy" of the original files, then proceed to make any revisions to the "copy" as required. Further, in addition to the return of the original files, the contractor must furnish final production native application files (digital deliverables, an exact representation of the final printed product) upon completion of the order to the agency. All files must be imaged as necessary to meet the assigned Quality Level.

PROOFS: One set of Adobe PDF Digital "soft" proofs per item (composite proof with all elements in position). The digital soft proof is intended as a check on image position, cropping, scaling, and other visual features of a text page or illustration. It is NOT intended as a check of color fidelity. Proof will be withheld not more than 1 workday from receipt by the Government to final approval. Note: The first workday after receipt of proofs by the Government is day one of the hold time.

PROOF DELIVERY NOTIFICATION: The contractor must notify the agency contact listed below by phone call when the proofs are emailed to the agency. In addition, if the proofs are not returned by the agency within the specified time the contractor must notify the agency contact and GPO that the proofs have not been returned. Call agency and leave voice mail message if needed and send notice of proof not being returned to agency contact listed below and email to Beverly Boecher, bboecher@gpo.gov. Include GPO jacket number, and the date proof was delivered to agency.

Vendor to call and email the agency contact 1 day in advance of sending proof to advise and ensure delivery to active mailbox not junk mail, Patricia (Micki) Bailey (505) 954-2119. If voice mail message received vendor must leave a voice message. Submit digital PDF proofs by email to: pbailey@blm.gov with a copy to McKenney Briske, mbriske@blm.gov.

Contractor must not print prior to a written or emailed receipt of an 'OK to print'. Government representative will provide written proof response via e-mail.

Contractor is cautioned that the proofs produced must be from the contractor's prepared files for their output device and which will be used for final reproduction. It is not acceptable to simply submit reproductions for the PDF files furnished by the ordering agency.

If there are any author's alterations or delays caused by the Government in the handling of proofs, it's the contractor's responsibility to notify the GPO in advance of making changes so that an extension and/or price adjustment may be made by Contract Modification.

STOCK/PAPER: The specifications of all paper furnished must be in accordance with those listed herein or listed for the corresponding JCP Code numbers in the *Government Paper Specification Standards, No. 13*, dated September 2019. https://www.gpo.gov/docs/default-source/forms-and-standards-files-for-vendors/vol_13.pdf

JCP Code* A91, White, Smooth Text; Basis Size 25 X 38" Basis Weight 70 lbs.

NOTE: Agency preferred papers are Endurance Recycled, Velvet 70# text, Veritiv; Conservation Paper, 70# text White PC; Neenah Paper, 70# text and Cougar Super Smooth, Domtar.

PRINTING: Must be reproduced by offset printing. Contractor must provide final output with text equivalent to a minimum of 2400 dpi and all 4-color illustrations and photographs to 150-line screen or finer.

Newspapers print in 4-color process with moderate ink coverage and bleeds on three to four sides. Copy includes high-resolution photographs, fine-line graphic illustrations, fine-line illustrated map, color illustrations, icons, charts with background color bars, color logos and line-copy in color, black and reversed to white. NOTE: All pages contain crossover graphic elements that must align across binding margins after folding.

BINDING: Fold from 21 x 17" to 10-1/2 x 17" with pages nested in sequence then cross fold to 10-1/2 x 8-1/2" with title facing out.

DEPARTMENTAL RANDOM COPIES (BLUE LABEL SAMPLES): All items within this order must be divided into 125 equal sublots. A random sample must be selected from each subplot. Do not choose copies from the same general area in each subplot. The contractor will be required to certify that copies were selected as directed using GPO Form 917-Certificate of Selection of Random Copies (located on GPO.gov). The random copies constitute a part of the total quantity ordered, and no additional charge will be allowed. These randomly selected copies must be packed separately and identified by a special label (GPO Form 2678-Departmental Random Copies (Blue Label) that must be printed on blue paper and affixed to each affected container. This form can be downloaded from GPO.gov. The container and its contents shall be recorded separately on all shipping documents and sent in accordance with the distribution list. A copy of the signed Certificate of Selection of Random Copies must be included in the package.

PACKING: Pack each item separately. Band newspapers in sets of 50 and pack in boxes not to exceed 30-lbs. in weight. All boxes are to be labeled with vendor completed GPO form 905. Forms must include Dept. Requisition No. 3-21624, Jacket No. 760-935, Purchase Order No., quantity of newspapers within box, Number of banded sets per box, Title of item, Destination address.

All packaging is to follow GPO Contract Terms (GPO Publication 310.2, effective December 1, 1987 (Rev. 06-01)). <https://www.gpo.gov/docs/default-source/forms-and-standards-files-for-vendors/terms.pdf?sfvrsn=2>

SCHEDULE: MUST Delivery f.o.b. destination by September 25, 2023. Adherence to this schedule must be maintained.

Furnished material will be available electronically on or before August 30, 2023 from GPO Government-hosted <https://filesharing.gpo.gov/> or a thumb drive.

All proofs must be provided to agency by September 6, 2023. Proofs will be withheld 1 workday, from receipt by the Government designated party until a response by email by close of business September 7, 2023. Note: The first workday after receipt of proofs by the Government is day one of the hold time.

DISTRIBUTION: INSIDE DELIVERY REQUIRED 105,000 total copies (includes 125 random copies "Blue Label" per item number) delivered to:
Attn: Micki Bailey (ph. 505-954-2119)
Bureau of Land Management
New Mexico State Office
301 Dinosaur Trail
Santa Fe, NM 87508

NOTIFICATION OF SHIPMENT: Inform the Mountain Region GPO of the actual delivery date (not the shipped date) as soon as known. Email the Jacket number and delivery date to InfoMountain@gpo.gov. Contractor must notify the ordering agency on the same day that the product ships/delivers via e-mail sent to: Patricia Bailey, pbailey@blm.gov. The subject line of this message shall be "Distribution Notice for Requisition No. 3-21624, Jacket 760-935". The notice must provide all applicable tracking numbers, shipping method, and Title. Contractor must be able to provide copies of all delivery, mailing, and shipping receipts upon agency request.

RECEIPT FOR DELIVERY: Contractor must furnish their own receipts for delivery. These receipts must include the GPO jacket number, purchase order number, requisition number, total quantity delivered, number of cartons, and quantity per carton; date delivery made; and signature of the government agent accepting delivery. The original copy of this receipt must accompany the vendor's voucher for payment.

PAYMENT: Submitting invoices for payment via the GPO fax gateway (if no samples are required) utilizing the GPO barcode coversheet program application is the most efficient method of invoicing. Instruction for using this method can be found at the following web address:
<http://winapps.access.gpo.gov/fms/vouchers/barcode/instructions.html>.

Invoices may also be mailed to: U.S. Government Publishing Office, Office of Financial Management, Attn: Comptroller, Stop: FMCE, Washington, DC 20401.

For more information about the billing process refer to the General Information of the Office of Finance web page located at <https://www.gpo.gov/how-to-work-with-us/agency/billing-and-payment>.

BID SUBMISSION: Bidders must email bids to bidsmountain@gpo.gov for this solicitation. No other method of bid submission will be accepted at this time.

The Jacket number 760-935 and bid opening date of August 24, 2023 must be specified in the subject line of the emailed bid submission. ***Bids received after 2:00 pm Mountain Time on the bid opening date specified above will not be considered for award. This will not be a public bid opening.***

NOTE: Bidders are to fill out, sign and return page 7.

ADDITIONAL EMAILED BID SUBMISSION PROVISIONS: The Government will not be responsible for any failure attributable to the transmission or receipt of the emailed bid including, but not limited to:

- 1) Illegibility of bid.
- 2) Emails over 30 MB may not be received by GPO due to size limitations for receiving emails.
- 3) The bidder's email provider may have different size limitations for sending email; however, bidders are advised
- 4) not to exceed GPO's stated limit.
- 5) When the email bid is received by GPO, it will remain unopened until the specified bid opening time.
- 6) Government personnel will not validate receipt of the emailed bid prior to bid opening. GPO will use the prevailing time (specified as the local time zone) and the exact time that the email is received by GPO's email server as the official time stamp for bid receipt at the specified location.

PREAWARD SURVEY: In order to determine the responsibility of the prime contractor or any subcontractor, the Government reserves the right to conduct an on-site pre-award survey at the contractor's/subcontractor's facility or to require other evidence of technical, production, managerial, financial, and similar abilities to perform, prior to the award of a contract. As part of the financial determination, the contractor in line for award may be required to provide one or more of the following financial documents:

- 1) Most recent profit and loss statement
- 2) Most recent balance-sheet
- 3) Statement of cash flows
- 4) Current official bank statement
- 5) Current lines of credit (with amounts available)
- 6) Letter of commitment from paper supplier(s)
- 7) Letter of commitment from any subcontractor

The documents will be reviewed to validate that adequate financial resources are available to perform the contract requirements. Documents submitted will be kept confidential, and used only for the determination of responsibility by the Government. Failure to provide the requested information in the time specified by the Government may result in the Contracting Officer not having adequate information to reach an affirmative determination of responsibility.

Jacket No: 760-935

Bid Price \$ _____ **Additional Rate** _____ **Per E/C/M** _____

DISCOUNTS: Discounts are offered for payment as follows: _____ Percent, _____ calendar days. See Article 12 "Discounts" of Solicitation Provisions in GPO Contract Terms (Publication 310.2).

BID ACCEPTANCE PERIOD: In compliance with the above, the undersigned agree, if this bid is accepted within _____ calendar days (60 calendar days unless a different period is inserted by the bidder) from the date for receipt of bids, to furnish the specified items at the price set opposite each item, delivered at the designated points(s), in exact accordance with specifications.

NOTE: Failure to provide a 60-day bid acceptance period may result in expiration of the bid prior to award.

BIDDER'S NAME AND SIGNATURE: Unless specific written exception is taken, the bidder, by signing and submitting a bid, agrees with and accepts responsibility for all certifications and representations as required by the solicitation and GPO Contract Terms – Publication 310.2. When responding by email, fill out and return one completed copy of all applicable pages that include the Jacket Number, Bid Price, Additional Rate, Discounts, Amendments, Bid Acceptance Period, and Bidder's Name and Signature, including signing where indicated. Valid electronic signatures will be accepted in accordance with the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act, § 2. Electronic signatures must be verifiable of the person authorized by the company to sign bids.

Failure to sign the signature block below may result in the bid being declared non-responsive.

Bidder _____
(Company Name) (GPO Contractor's Code)

(Street Address, City State and Zip Code)

(Printed Name and Title) (Telephone Number)

(Signature) (Date)

(E-Mail) (Facsimile Number)

COMPLETE AND SUBMIT THIS PAGE WITH YOUR BID

THIS SECTION FOR GPO USE ONLY

Certified by: BB Date: 08/28/2023 Contracting Officer: _____ Date: _____
(Initials) (Initials)