



Part D - Questionnaire

AEPA 024-E

LAWN & GROUNDSKEEPING EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES & SERVICES

Instructions

This questionnaire contains forms and requests for information required by AEPA for vendor evaluation for responsiveness and responsibility.

To submit the required forms, follow these steps:

1. Read the documents in their entirety.
2. Respondents must use Part D – Questionnaire to its capacity. Attached exhibits and/or supplemental information should be included only when requested.
3. Complete all questions.
4. Save all pages in the correct order to a single PDF format titled “*Part D – Questionnaire – Name of Company*”.
5. Submit Part D, along with other required documents in Public Purchase.

The following sections will need to be completed prior to submission and submitted as one single PDF titled “Part D – Questionnaire – Name of Company”:

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Company Information

Name of Company: _____

Company Address: _____

City, State, zip code: _____

Website: _____

Contact Person: _____

Title: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Background

Note: Generally, AEPA will not accept an offer from a business that is less than five (5) years old or which fails to demonstrate and/or establish a proven record of business. If the respondent has recently purchased an established business or has proof of prior success in either this business or a closely related business, provide written documentation and verification in response to the questions below. AEPA reserves the right to accept or reject newly formed companies based on information provided in this response and from its investigation of the company.

This business is a: _____ public company _____ privately owned company

In what year was this business started under its present name? _____

Under what additional, or, former name(s) has your business operated? _____

Is this business a corporation? _____ No _____ Yes. If yes, complete the following:

Date of Incorporation: _____

State of Incorporation: _____

Name of President: _____

Name(s) of Vice President(s): _____

Name of Treasurer: _____

Name of Secretary: _____

Is this business a partnership? _____ No _____ Yes. If yes, complete the following:

Date of Partnership: _____

State Founded: _____

Type of Partnership, if applicable: _____

Name(s) of General Partner(s): _____

Is this business individually owned? _____ No _____ Yes. If yes, complete the following:

Date of Purchase: _____

State Founded: _____

Name of Owner/Operator: _____

Is this business different from those identified above? _____ No _____ Yes

If yes, describe the company's format, year and state of origin and names and titles of the principles below.

Is this business women-owned? _____ No _____ Yes

Is this business minority-owned? _____ No _____ Yes

Does this business have an Affirmative Action plan/statement? _____ No _____ Yes

Business Headquarter Location

Business Address _____
 City, State, zip code _____
 Phone _____
 How long at this address? _____

Business Branch Location(s)

Branch Address _____
 City, State, zip code _____
 Branch Address _____
 City, State, zip code _____
 Branch Address _____
 City, State, zip code _____
 Branch Address _____
 City, State, zip code _____

**If more branch locations exist, insert information here or add another sheet with the above information.*

Sales History

Provide your business's annual sales for in the United States by the various public segments.

	2021	2022	2023 YTD
K-12 (public & private), Educational Service Agencies			
Higher Education Institutions			
Counties, Cities, Townships, Villages			
States			
Other Public Sector & Non-profits			
Private Sector			
Total			

Provide your business's annual sales for **products and services that meet this solicitation's scope of work** in the United States by the various public segments.

	2021	2022	2023 YTD
K-12 (public & private), Educational Service Agencies			
Higher Education Institutions			
Counties, Cities, Townships, Villages			
States			
Other Public Sector & Non-profits			
Private Sector			
Total			

Work Force

Key Contacts and Providers: Provide a list of the individuals, titles, and contact information for the individuals who will provide the following services on a national and/or local basis:

Function	Name	Title	Phone	Email
Contract Manager				
Sales Manager				
Marketing Manager				
Customer & Support Manager				
Distributors, Dealers, Installers, Sales Reps				
Consultants & Trainers				
Technical, Maintenance & Support Services				
Quotes, Invoicing & Payments				
Warranty & After the Sale				
Financial Manager				

Sales Force: Provide total number and location of salespersons employed by your business in the United States by completing the following: *(To insert more rows, hit the tab key from the last field in the State column.)*

Number of Sales Reps	City	State

Describe how your company will implement training and knowledge of the contract with your respective sales force. Furthermore, describe how your company plans to support and train your sales force on a national, regional, or local level and generally assist with the education of sales personnel about the resulting contract.

Click or tap here to enter text.

What is your company's plan, if your company were awarded the contract, to service up to 29 states. Describe if your company has a national sales force, dealer network, or distributor(s) with the ability to call on eligible agencies in the participating states in AEPA.

Click or tap here to enter text.

Products, Services & Solutions

Provide a description of the Products, Services & Solutions to be provided by the product category set forth in Part B - Specifications. The primary objective is for each Supplier to provide its complete product, service, and solutions offerings that fall within the scope of this solicitation so that participating agencies may order a range of products as appropriate for their needs.

Click or tap here to enter text.

Bidders may bid for products within the categories of 1) Turf and Landscape Equipment, 2) Electric Tractors, 3) Heavy Equipment, or 4) any combination of categories. Which category or combination of categories are you bidding on?

Click or tap here to enter text.

Optional services must be identified separately and must include clear descriptions of proposed services.

Click or tap here to enter text.

Have you used the pricing spreadsheet to bid on the core items for each of the categories you have chosen?

Click or tap here to enter text.

Have you included a discount formula for all items in your commercially available catalog for each category you are bidding on?

Click or tap here to enter text.

For each category you are bidding on, have you included effective bid pricing for the non-core products in your commercially available catalog?

Click or tap here to enter text.

Distribution

Describe how your company proposes to distribute the products and services nationwide, regionally, or at the local level.

Click or tap here to enter text.

Service/Support and Distribution Centers: Provide the type (service/support or distribution) and location of centers that support the United States by completing the following: *(To insert more rows, hit the tab key from the last field in the State column.)*

Center Type	City	State

Describe the criteria and process by which your company selects and approves subcontractors, distributors, installers, and other independent services.

Click or tap here to enter text.

Provide a list of current subcontractors, distributors, installers, and other independent service providers who are contracted to perform the type of work outlined in this solicitation in the member agency states. Include, if applicable, contractor license or certificate information and the state(s) wherein they are eligible to provide services on behalf of the business.

Click or tap here to enter text.

If applicable, describe your company's ability to do business with manufacturer/dealer/distribution organizations that are either small or MWBE businesses as defined by the Small Business Administration.

Click or tap here to enter text.

If applicable, describe other ways your company can be sensitive to a participating agencies desire to utilize local and/or MWBE companies, such as the number of local employees and offices with a geographic region, companies your firm uses that may be local (i.e. delivery company), your own company's diversity of owner employees, etc.

Click or tap here to enter text.

If applicable, provide details on any products or services being offered by your company where the manufacturer or service provider is either a small or MWBE business as defined by the Small Business Administration. Provide product/service name, company name and small/MWBE designation.

Click or tap here to enter text.

Marketing

Key Marketing Contact(s): List the name(s), title(s), and contact information of the business's key national and regional marketing office(s). *To insert more rows, hit the tab key from the last field in the Email column.*

Name	Title	Phone	Email

Describe how this business marketed its products and services to schools, nonprofit organizations, and other public sector audiences in Fiscal Year 2021– 2022 (July 1 – June 30). List all conventions, conferences, and other events at which this company exhibited.

Click or tap here to enter text.

Describe how your company will market the resulting contract to eligible Member Agencies. Describe how your company differentiates the new agreement from existing contracts that your company may hold today. Please be specific and detailed in your response.

Click or tap here to enter text.

Cooperative Marketing. Describe ways in which your company will collaborate with AEPA Member Agencies in marketing the resulting contract. Submit any supplemental materials as PDFs and title it Exhibit A – Marketing Plan.

- Process on how the contract will be launched to current and potential agencies.
- The ability to produce and maintain in full color print advertisements in camera-ready electronic format, or electronic advertisements, including company logos and contact information.
- Anticipated contract announcements, planned advertisements, industry periodicals, other direct or indirect marketing activities promoting the AEPA awarded contract.
- How the contract award will be displayed/linked on the Respondent's website.

Click or tap here to enter text.

Environmental Initiatives

Describe how your products and/or services support environmental goals.

Click or tap here to enter text.

Indicate if your company has any products in your offering that have any third-party environmental certifications.

Click or tap here to enter text.

Describe the business's "green" objectives (i.e. LEED, reducing footprint, etc.).

Click or tap here to enter text.

Describe what percentage of your offering is environmentally preferable and what are your company's plans to improve this offering.

Click or tap here to enter text.

Additional Information

Describe any/all features, advantages and benefits of your organization that you feel will provide additional value and benefit to a participating AEPA agency.

Click or tap here to enter text.

If applicable, describe your company's ability to integrate into other ecommerce sites:

Include details about your company's ability to create punch out sites and accept orders electronically (cXML, OCI, etc.).

Provide detail on where your company has integrated with a public agency's ERP (Oracle, Infor Lawson, SAP, etc.) system in the past and include some details about the resources you have in place to support these integrations. List, by ERP provider, the following information: name of public agency, ERP system used, "go live" date, net sales per calendar year since "go live", and percentage of agency sales being processed through this connection.

Click or tap here to enter text.

Disclosures

Legal: Does this business have actions currently filed against it? No Yes

If **Yes**, **AN ATTACHMENT IS REQUIRED**: List and explain current actions, such as, Federal Debarment (on US General Services Administration's "Excluded Parties List"), appearance on any state or federal delinquent taxpayer list, or claims filed against the retainage and/or payment bond for projects.

References

Provide contact information of your business's five largest public agency customers.

Agency	Name	Title	Phone Number	Email
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				

Service Questionnaire

The following chart indicates which AEPA Member States intend to participate in this solicitation category. Respond to Yes/No and choice questions by using an (X). **Note: A Respondent must be willing and able to deliver the proposed products and/or services to 90% of the participating AEPA Member States.**

AEPA Member States	Participating in this category.	In which states has this company sold products/services in the past 3 years? (Place an X where applicable)	If awarded, which states does this company propose to sell in? (Place an X where applicable)	Indicate which states this company has sales reps, distributors or dealers in. (Place an X where applicable)
California	Yes			
Colorado	Yes			
Connecticut	Yes			
Florida	Yes			
Georgia	Yes			
Illinois	No			
Indiana	Yes			
Iowa	Yes			
Kansas	Yes			
Kentucky	Yes			
Massachusetts	No			
Michigan	Yes			
Minnesota	Yes			
Missouri	Yes			
Montana	Yes			
Nebraska	Yes			
New Jersey	No			
New Mexico	Yes			
North Dakota	Yes			
Ohio	Yes			
Oregon	Yes			
Pennsylvania	Yes			
South Carolina	Yes			
Texas	Yes			
Virginia	Undecided			
Washington	Yes			
West Virginia	Undecided			
Wisconsin	Yes			
Wyoming	No			

e-Commerce: Does this business have an e-commerce website? _____ **No** _____ **Yes**

If YES, what is the website? _____

Customer and Support Service: It is understood depending on the type, kind and level of products and/or services being proposed in response to this solicitation will impact and determine the type and level of services required and these are identified in Part B Specifications of this solicitation.

Does this business have online customer support options? _____ **No** _____ **Yes**

Does this business have a toll-free customers support phone option? _____ **No** _____ **Yes**

Does this business offer local customer and support service options? _____ **No** _____ **Yes**

State your normal delivery time (in days) and any options for expediting delivery.
Click or tap here to enter text.

State your backorder policy. Do you fill the order when available, or cancel the order and require participating agencies to reorder if items are backordered?
Click or tap here to enter text.

Describe your company's payment terms as well as any quick pay discounts.
Click or tap here to enter text.

State your company's return policy and any applicable restocking fees.
Click or tap here to enter text.

Describe any special program that your company offers that will improve customers' ability to access products, on-time delivery, or other innovative strategies.
Click or tap here to enter text.

Pricing

Is your pricing methodology guaranteed for the term of the contract?	No	Yes
Will you offer customized price lists to participating entities as required per the pricing terms of Part A?	No	Yes
Will you offer hot list pricing (optional) as described in the pricing terms of Part A?	No	Yes
Will you offer volume price discounts as described in the pricing terms of Part A?	No	Yes
Are you offering a price discount formula for used tractors and heavy equipment?	No	Yes
Have you included this discount on the quote sheet of your pricing workbook?	No	Yes

Competitiveness: In order for your response to be considered, your company must offer AEPA prices that are equal to or lower than those normally offered to individual entities or cooperatives with equal or lower volume.

Is the pricing that is proposed to AEPA equal to or lower than pricing your company offers to individual entities or cooperatives with equal to or lower volume? _____ **No** _____ **Yes**

Indicate which of the following apply and the **level of competitive range** you are offering in response to this solicitation.

_____ Pricing offered to AEPA is EQUAL TO pricing offered to individual customer and/or cooperatives.

_____ Pricing is LESS THAN individual customer and/or cooperatives. Lower by _____%

Cooperative Contracts: Does your business currently have contracts with other cooperatives (local, regional, state, national)? _____ **No** _____ **Yes**

If YES, identify which cooperative and the respective expiration date(s).

Click or tap here to enter text.

If YES, and your business is awarded an AEPA contract, explain which contract your business will lead with in marketing and sales representative presentations (sales calls)?

Click or tap here to enter text.

Administrative Fee: Which of the following best reflects how your pricing includes the individual AEPA Members' administrative fee. Mark with an "X".	
<input type="checkbox"/>	The pricing for the products and/or services are the same for each AEPA Member Agency, shipping, handling, administrative fee and other specific state costs are added to arrive at total price offered to the Individual AEPA Member Agency.
<input type="checkbox"/>	The pricing for the products and/or services is inclusive of the administrative fee and therefore the pricing is the same for all AEPA Member Agencies. Shipping, handling and other state specific costs are added to the adjusted AEPA Member Agency's price.
<input type="checkbox"/>	The pricing for the products and/or services includes ALL (shipping, handling, administrative fee, other) costs to arrive at a single price for all AEPA Member Agencies.

Leasing: Do your business offer leasing arrangements under this solicitation? _____ **No** _____ **Yes**

If Yes, please indicate how the rate factor is determined and other cost factors below.

Click or tap here to enter text.

If an AEPA contract is approved and awarded by the Member Agencies, as a Vendor Partner, I agree to:

Responsibilities	Yes, indicate with an "X"	No, indicate with an "X"
1. Designate and assign a dedicated senior-level contract manager (one authorized to make decisions) to each of the Member Agency accounts. This employee will have a complete copy and must have working knowledge of the AEPA contract.		
2. Train and educate sales staff on what the AEPA contract is: including pricing, who can order from the contract (by state), terms/conditions of the contract, and the respective ordering procedures for each state. It is expected that Vendor Partners will lead with AEPA contracts.		
3. Develop a marketing plan to support the AEPA contract in collaboration with respective AEPA Member Agencies. The marketing plan should include, but not be limited to, a website presence, electronic mailings, sales flyers, brochures, mailings, catalogs, etc.		
4. Create an AEPA-specific sell sheet with a space to add a Member Agency logo and contact information for use by the Member Agencies and the Vendor Partner's local sales representatives to market within each state.		
5. On a quarterly basis, complete the sales and administrative fee report (see attached PDF example) and submit to each Member Agency along with the respective administrative fees to be paid. If there are no sales, the Vendor Partner is required to submit a \$0 report to the AEPA Member Agency.		
6. Have ongoing communication with the Category Oversight Chairperson, AEPA Member Agencies and the Member Agencies Participating Entities.		
7. Attend two (2) AEPA meetings each year (see Part A)		

8. Participate in and/or support AEPA's attendance at national conference trade shows to promote the AEPA contract.		
9. Commit to a goal of increasing sales of the AEPA contract over the term of the contract with all participating AEPA Member Agencies.		

Exceptions

Instructions:

1. Mark “No” or “Yes” with an “X” below.
2. If “yes” is marked with an “X” below, insert answers into the form shown below, providing narrative explanations of exceptions. *(To insert more rows, hit the tab key from the last field in the last row and column.)*
3. If adding pages, the company name and identifying information as to which item the response refers must appear on each page.
4. Exceptions to local, state or federal laws cannot be accepted under this solicitation.

	No , this respondent does not have exceptions to the Terms and Conditions incorporated in Parts A and B of this IFB.
	Yes , this respondent has the following exceptions to the Terms and Conditions incorporated in Parts A and/or B of this solicitation.

IFB Section and Page Number	Outline Number	Term and Condition	Exception

Deviations

Instructions:

1. Mark “No” or “Yes” with an “X” below.
2. If “yes” is marked with an “X” below, insert answers into the form shown below, providing narrative explanations of deviations. *(To insert more rows, hit the tab key from the last field in the last row and column.)*
3. If adding pages, the company name and identifying information as to which item the response refers must appear on each page.
4. Deviations to local, state, or federal laws cannot be accepted under this solicitation.

	No , this respondent does not have deviations (exceptions or alternates) to the specifications listed in Part B of this solicitation.
	Yes , this respondent has the following deviations to the specifications listed in Part B of this solicitation.

Outline Number Part B	Specification (describe)	Details of Deviation