

**DEPARTMENTAL INPUT
CONTRACT/PROJECT MEASURE ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATION**

New Contract
 OTR
 Sole Source
 Bid Waiver
 Emergency
 Previous Contract/Project No. 1016-0/15
 Re-Bid Other
 LIVING WAGE APPLIES: YES NO
 Requisition No./Project No.: RQID1500047
 TERM OF CONTRACT 8 YEAR(S) OTR

Requisition /Project Title: Window Treatments and Related Items-Pre-qualification

Description: This request to qualify will establish a pool of pre-qualified vendors capable of delivering/providing window drapery, curtains, blinds, shades and related items for various Miami Dade County Departments. Entry into the pre-qualification pool is not a contract between Miami Dade County and any member of the pool, but rather is an acknowledgement that the pool member satisfies the pre-qualification criteria.

Issuing Department: ISD Contact Person: Sherry Y. Crockett Phone: 305-375-4693

Estimate Cost: **\$1,708,500** Funding Source: GENERAL X FEDERAL X OTHER

ANALYSIS

Commodity Codes: 265-20

Contract/Project History of previous purchases three (3) years
 Check here if this is a new contract/purchase with no previous history.

	EXISTING	2ND YEAR	3RD YEAR
Contractor:	Multiple Vendors		
Small Business Enterprise:			
Contract Value:	\$	\$	\$

Comments:

Continued on another page (s): YES NO

RECOMMENDATIONS

	Set-aside	Sub-contractor goal	Bid preference	Selection factor
SBE				

Basis of recommendation:

Signed: *Sherry Y. Crockett* Date sent to SBD: *February 12, 2015*

Date returned to DPM: _____

SECTION 2 – SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**2.1 PURPOSE**

This Request to Qualify (RTQ) will establish a pool of pre-qualified vendors capable of delivering/providing window drapery, curtains, blinds, shades and related items for various County Departments. Entry into the pre-qualification pool is not a contract between MDC and any member of the pool, but rather is an acknowledgement that the pool member satisfies the pre-qualification criteria set forth below for membership in the pool. Pre-qualified vendors will be invited to participate in future spot market competitions. The pool shall remain open for the term of the RTQ, enabling vendors to qualify at any time after the initial RTQ opening date.

2.2 TERM OF CONTRACT: EIGHT (8) YEARS

The pre-qualification pool will begin on the first calendar day of the month succeeding approval by the Board of County Commissioners, or designee, unless otherwise stipulated in the Notice of Award Letter which is distributed by the County's Internal Services Department, Procurement Management Services Division, and contingent upon the completion and submittal of all required RFQ documents. The pre-qualification pool shall expire on the last day of the last month of the ninety six (96) month period.

2.3 MINIMUM QUALIFICATION CRITERIA

Vendors shall submit all of the qualifying documents with their submittal form. However, the County may, at its sole discretion and in its best interests, allow vendors to supplement submitted documents in order to satisfy the prequalification criteria. It shall be the sole prerogative of the County to determine the number of vendors who will be included under the pre-qualification pool. During the term of the RTQ, the County reserves the right to add and/or delete pre-qualified vendors.

2.3.1 Award of this contract will be made to all responsive, responsible vendors who meet the minimum qualifications set forth in this solicitation.

2.3.2 The minimum qualifications are as follows. The vendor must be:

- i. A manufacturer, authorized distributor or reseller of window treatments and related items for the manufacturers' brands listed in Section 3 of this solicitation. All of the above must provide a letter from the manufacturer attesting to this.
- ii. Must have a working email for communication and must designate an emergency contact person and phone number.
- iii. The vendor shall be regularly engaged in the business of providing window treatments and related items to commercial customers. As such, the vendor must submit a list of references with its bid submittal.

2.3.3 Vendors deemed to be pre-qualified shall participate in subsequent spot market purchases as required by the County on either an as-needed or on a periodic basis. When such spot market purchases are initiated, the pre-qualified vendors shall be invited to offer a fixed price for a specific individual purchase, or a specific purchasing period. The vendor then offering the lowest fixed price shall be awarded for the specific period or specific purchase. The award to one vendor for a specific period or individual action does not preclude the remaining pre-qualified vendors from submitting spot market offers for other specific purchases.

2.3.4 Spot market pricing procedures may be initiated by either the using County department or by Procurement Management. In general, written spot market quotes will be requested from all prequalified vendors whenever possible.

2.3.5 It shall be the sole prerogative of the County as to the number of vendors who will be initially included under this contract. During the term of this contract, the County reserves the right to add or delete vendors as it deems necessary in its best interests. If the County elects to add vendors, they must meet the same minimum qualifications established for the original competition.

2.4 CONTACT PERSON

For any additional information regarding the terms and conditions of this solicitation and resultant contract, contact: Sherry Crockett at (305) 375-4693 or by email address crocket@miamidade.gov.

2.5 INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE

Additional or revised insurance requirements may be necessary when performing work in certain County facilities that limit or restrict access. Any change or addition in insurance requirements will be detailed in the RFQ.

2.6 METHOD OF PAYMENT: Periodic Invoices for Completed Purchases

2.6.1 The vendor shall submit an invoice to the County user department after purchase has been completed, whether the specific item(s) were picked up by authorized County personnel or delivered to the site by the vendor. In addition to the general invoice requirements set forth below, the invoices shall reference the corresponding delivery ticket number or packing slip number that was signed by an authorized representative of the County user department at the time the items were delivered and accepted. Submittal of these periodic invoices shall not exceed thirty (30) calendar days from the delivery of the items. Under no circumstances shall the invoices be submitted to the County in advance of the delivery and acceptance of the items.

2.6.2 All invoices shall contain the following basic information:

a. Vendor Information:

- The name of the business organization as specified on the contract between Miami-Dade County and vendor
- Date of invoice
- Invoice number
- Vendor's Federal Identification Number on file with Miami-Dade County

b. County Information:

- Miami-Dade County Release Purchase Order or Small Purchase Order Number

c. Pricing Information:

- Unit price of the goods, services or property provided
- Extended total price of the goods, services or property
- Applicable discounts

d. Goods or Services Provided per Contract:

- Description

- e.
 - Quantity
 - Delivery Information:
 - Delivery terms set forth within the Miami-Dade County Release Purchase Order
 - Location and date of delivery of goods, services or property

Failure to submit invoices in the prescribed manner will delay payment.

2.7 AVAILABILITY OF CONTRACT TO OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS

It is hereby agreed and understood that any County department or agency may avail itself of this contract and purchase any and all items or services specified herein from the vendors. Under these circumstances, a separate purchase order shall be issued by the County, which identifies the requirements of the County department or agency.

2.8 COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL STANDARDS

All items to be purchased under this contract shall be in accordance with all governmental standards, to include, but not be limited to, those issued by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), the National Institute of Occupational Safety Hazards (NIOSH), and the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA).

Since the goods, services, and/or equipment that will be acquired under this solicitation will be purchased, in part or in whole with federal funding, it is hereby agreed and understood that Section 60-250.4, Section 60-250.5 and Section 60-741.4 of Title 41 of the United State Code, which address Affirmative Action requirements for handicapped workers is incorporated into this contract by reference.

2.9 MATERIALS SHALL BE NEW AND WARRANTED AGAINST DEFECTS

All materials, except where recycled content is specifically requested, supplied by the vendor in conjunction with this contract shall be new, warranted for their merchantability, and fit for a particular purpose. In the event any of the materials supplied to the County by the vendor are found to be defective or do not conform to specifications: (1) the materials may be returned to the vendor at the vendor's expense, (2) The County may require the vendor to replace the materials at the vendor's expense, and (3) the County may cancel the contract.

2.10 CLEAN-UP

All unusable materials and debris shall be removed from the premises at the end of each workday, and disposed of in an appropriate manner. Upon project completion, the vendor shall thoroughly clean up all areas where work has been involved as mutually agreed with the associated user department's project manager.

2.11 WARRANTY SHALL BE SUPPLIED IN WRITTEN FORM

2.11.1 Type of Warranty Coverage Required (minimum one (1) year)

- a. In response to spot market quotation requests, the vendor shall provide a copy of its written warranty certificates with its offer, or upon request from the County. The vendor shall warrant its work against defective labor, repairs, or installation. Failure to meet these requirements may result in the offer being rejected. The warranty supplied by the vendor shall remain in force for the full period identified by the vendor; regardless of whether the vendor is under contract with the County at the time of defect. Any payment by the County on behalf of the

goods or services received from the vendor does not constitute a waiver of these warranty provisions. The vendor's warranty must be for a minimum of one (1) year, for both materials and labor.

2.11.2 Correcting Defects Covered Under Warranty

- a. Vendor shall promptly correct all apparent and latent deficiencies and/or defects in work, and/or any work that fails to conform to the contract documents regardless of project completion status. All corrections shall be made **within five (5)** working days after such rejected defects, deficiencies, and/or non-conformances are verbally reported to the vendor by the County's project administrator, who may confirm all such verbal reports in writing. The vendor shall bear all costs of correcting such rejected work. If the vendor fails to correct the work within the period specified, the County may, at its discretion, notify the vendor, in writing, that the vendor is subject to contractual default provisions if the corrections are not completed to the satisfaction of the County **within two (2) working** days of receipt of the notice. If the vendor fails to correct the work within the period specified in the notice, the County shall place the vendor in default, may obtain the services of another vendor to correct the deficiencies, and charge the incumbent vendor for these costs; either through a deduction from the final payment owed to the vendor or through invoicing. If the vendor fails to honor this invoice or credit memo, the County may terminate the contract for default.

2.12 **MIAMI-DADE PUBLIC HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT (PHCD) EXEMPTION TO CERTAIN CLAUSES**

The contract to be awarded under this solicitation will be accessed by the Miami-Dade Public Housing and Community Development Department (PHCD). As a Federally-funded agency, certain clauses within this solicitation do not apply to that Department's allocation: Section 1 Paragraph 1.10 (Local Preferences), Section 1 Paragraph 1.26 (Office of the Inspector General), and any other clause that is not allowed.

2.13 **MIAMI-DADE PUBLIC HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT MINIMUM WAGES BASED ON THE DAVIS BACON ACT (Federal Funds Utilized)**

Since this solicitation is being processed in conjunction with federal funding, the wage rate paid to all classifications of employees of the vendor for the work under this solicitation shall not be less than the prevailing wage rates for similar classification of work in Dade County, Florida, as established in the Federal Area Wage Decision by the United States Department of Labor. Additionally, all federal regulations and statutes adopted by U.S. Department of Labor as a result of the Davis Bacon Act shall prevail during the term of this term of this contract.

Vendor shall comply with the regulations of the Davis Bacon Act, pay wages in accordance with the act, submit to the County certify copies of their payroll whenever requested, allow the County to performs interviews to their work force and allow the County to inspect their payrolls as it may deem necessary.

Section 2, paragraph 2.13 shall be used only when federal funds are utilized for specific project not exceeding \$50,000.00 each.

2.14 MIAMI-DADE HOUSING SECTION 3 REQUIREMENTS

This contract is a Section 3 covered activity for Miami-Dade Public Housing and Community Development Department (PHCD). Section 3 requires that job training, employment and contracting opportunities be directed toward low and very-low income persons and to businesses that provide economic opportunities to those persons.

Bidder(s) are required to execute and submit Document 00400, "Section 3 Economic Opportunity and Affirmative Marketing Plan (Plan)", with the bid (see Appendix "A" and Attachment 1). An executed Plan document is the Bidder's certification that Bidders will take all necessary affirmative marketing steps required, in connection with each PHCD project award, to (a) meet Section 3 training and employment goals, where feasible, when filling vacant or new positions resulting from PHCD awards, and also seek to recruit qualified minorities and women to fill vacant or new positions resulting from PHCD awards, and (b) meet Section 3 subcontracting goals and ensure small, minority and women subcontractors are used (where subcontracting is permitted).



SECTION 3 – TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS**3.1 SCOPE**

This solicitation will create a pre-qualification pool of vendors who have met or exceeded the minimum criteria established in this Invitation to Bid. This list of pre-qualified vendors may be accessed by County departments in order to obtain price quotations for the provision of window drapery, curtains, blinds, shades and related items in conjunction with the County's needs on an as needed basis. These specifications cover the minimum requirements for all knit, lace, foam-back, stitch-bonded, conventional weights, and sheer woven fabrics to be used in the manufacture of curtains and draperies, including the purchase, installation, or repair of these and related items, spot market quote requests may include additional or alternate requirements.

3.2 MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS**3.2.1 VERTICAL BLINDS**

- a. Fabricate using the Graber G-71 Super-Vue Vertical Blind Channels, or approved equal, with a 10 year warranty. G-71 Head Channel as manufactured by Graber Industries, Inc., Middleton, WI 53562, or an approved equal. Complete with accessory items required for installation.
- b. Electrostatic painted baked enamel and decorative aluminum inserts shall be available.
- c. Pantograph Spacing System shall be evenly spaced when traversed across the head channel. Overlap shall not be less than 3/8". Central housings within 1-3/8" high head channel.
- d. Louver materials offered; including soft louvers with louver weights connected by means of bead chain and clips.
- e. Special Metal Louver and Positions of Controls will be specified by Miami-Dade County User Department indicating opening, stacking, and control operation of traversing and rotation mechanism, and #10 nickel plated bead chain.
- f. Vendor shall measure and manufacture above to fabricate blind units to fill openings completely from head to sill and jamb to jamb. For continuous window wall installations, fabricate blinds so that ends occur only over mullions or other defined vertical separations, unless otherwise directed by User Department.
- g. Cord shall have a minimum breaking strength of 150 pounds.
- h. An additional 3 years minimum warranty on all materials to run concurrent with installation warranty for defects.

3.2.2 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS (Testing) American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) D3691

When tested, the properties of woven, lace and knits used in the manufacture of curtains and draperies, shall conform to ASTM D3691-02 (incorporated by reference).

NOTE: By mutual agreement between the County Department and the supplier, exceptions/modifications to the performance requirements, may be allowed if approved by County Departments.

3.2.3 VERTICAL FLAMMABILITY TEST National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 701 LARGE SCALE PROCEDURE

All draperies, curtains, window shades and related items shall comply with the Acceptance Criteria of NFPA 701 (incorporated by reference) Large Scale Procedure.

Testing of draperies, curtains, window shades and related items shall be conducted as follows:

- a. Initially before laundering or dry cleaning and
- b. After five (5) launderings or
- c. After five (5) dry cleanings

The supplier shall specify which cleaning method should be used for its product.

3.2.4 NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION (NFPA) 701 LARGE SCALE TEST

a. PURPOSE OF TEST:

To measure the resistance to ignition of a fabric (usually draperies or hospital cubicle curtains) when subjected to a very severe flame exposure while the fabric is held in a slightly restrained vertical position.

b. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF TEST:

The test is divided into two parts: single strip, and simulated drapery folds. In both parts of the test, the material is subjected to an 11" high flame for a period of 2 minutes. The bottom edge of the test specimen hangs 7.0" into the test flame.

c. CRITERIA: PASS/FAIL

Part #1 Single Strip Specimen (5" X 7'):

Char Length* - 10" maximum

After Flame - 2 seconds maximum

Drip Burn - Prohibited

Part #2 Drapery Fold Specimen (25" X 7'):

Char Length* - 35" maximum

After Flame - 2 seconds maximum

Drip Burn - Prohibited

(* Char Length measurement begins from the tip of the igniting flame.)

d. STORAGE FACILITIES AND JOB SITE ACCESS:

Prior to the time the drapery hardware and equipment are to be delivered to building sites and prior to start of installation work, the vendor shall make arrangements with Interior Design and Building Management Supervisor for assignment of building entry to be used, pathway through building, storage area for drapery and/or blinds and rooms where installation of drapery and blinds may best be stored.

e. SECURITY, DELIVERY TIMES AND INSTALLATION TIME (NEW BUILDINGS):

Delivery and installation of drapery and blinds shall not begin until the building is weatherproofed and secure with windows, doors and locks installed, or until a portion of the building is weatherproofed, and secure so that materials may be locked up. Air conditioning must be on and balanced prior to start of installation. Until the building is accepted as substantially complete by the County, the Building General Contractor will be responsible for building security. Until building is accepted as substantially complete, delivery times and installation times for furnishings and equipment shall be during Building General Contractor's normal working days Monday through Friday, excepting legal holidays and during the Building General Contractor's normal working hours 8:00 A.M. through 4:30P.M. If the vendor desires to deliver and install furnishings and equipment at times other than normal working days and normal working hours, vendor, upon proper notice and at no additional cost to the County, shall arrange with the Building General Contractor to pay for one of their employees to unlock building, to be present during delivery and installation of furnishings and equipment and to lock up the building when workers leave the building.

3.2.5 QUALIFIED PRODUCTS FOR HARDWARE

- a. Kirsch Superfine Traverse Rods, or approved equal, with tension pulley cording #4 - Nylon outer casing with fiberglass center.
- b. Graber Super-heavy Duty Traverse Rods, or approved equal, with tension pulley.
- c. OB/MASCO track and hardware accessories.

3.2.6 QUALIFIED PRODUCTS FOR BLINDS

The end clearance of each aluminum slat shall not exceed 1/4 inch from each side of the window opening for jamb installation. For face installation slats shall overlap jamb by 1-1/2 inches minimum at each end where possible, unless light proof channels are required for inside same installations. Bottom rail shall have molded plastic end caps with bottom flange shall protect jamb and sill. Tassel shall be attached to lift cord not less than 9 inches from the head. Cords shall be dyed to color standards. All dry color pigments used in coatings shall be for interior and exterior use and shall meet Federal lead content standards. The blinds shall be free of sharp edges, burrs or other defects which might be harmful to its operation or to persons or materials in contact with them.

3.2.7 WINDOW SHADE (MATERIAL CONTENT)

- a. Material - 140 thread count cotton fabric cambric vinyl impregnated and coated shall be washable, flame resistant, sun resistant, straight hanging.
- b. Fiberglass constructed - tightly woven duck type shade cloth with all the benefits of glass fiber construction. Non Curl - flame resistant colorfast - scrubbable, long wearing - vinyl coated.
- c. Laminated Shades - shall be laminated w/140 count cambric vinyl impregnated and coated and shall be washable, stain resistant, - fire resistant U.S. Government Specifications CCC-C-521d.
- d. Option of trim and hem treatment for all groups.
- e. Valances shall be included with options of matching or decorative hem treatment and trim options.
- f. All pulls and grips for window shades shall be provided by the awarded vendor.

3.2.8 WOVEN WOOD SHADES

Roman style shades shall include all brackets nylon cording, cord weight, end cleat and enclosed metal rod for bottom hem - 9" valance shall be attached to the shades.

3.2.9 FABRIC (DRAPERY)

a. WIDTHS

This specification covers drapery fabrication for pinch pleated type (three Finger French Pinch Pleated). Finish panel sizes unlined material - option of Box Pleated drapery shall be included.

- i. Finished panel width 16-3/4" to 17-1/4". Fabric width before pleating 45" to 46".
 - ii. Finished panel width 18" to 20". Fabric width before pleating 48" to 50".
 - iii. Finish panel width 22-1/2". Fabric width before pleating 54" to 60".
 - iv. Finished panel width 24-3/4" to 25-1/2". Fabric width before pleating 66" to 72".
 - v. Finished panel width 39". Fabric width before pleating 105".
 - vi. Finish panel width 43" to 44-1/4". Fabric width before pleating 115" to 118".
- b. BUCKRAM & CRINOLIN HEADING
- i. 4" permanent heavyweight Buckram Heading Material white resin (finish 25) 60 x 48 thread count. Washable and dry cleanable each pleat tacked 1/2" above bottom of pleat "pinch pleated panel" and "top head hem".
 - ii. 4" permanent Crinolin Heading Material double sheers turned over or 4" permanent medium weight and white resin (finish 25) 44 x 36 thread count washable and dry cleanable, "top (head) hem".

iii. Option of colored buckram to be used on open weave casements.

c. HEMS & FINISHING

- i. 1-1/2" side hems - blind stitched - except blackouts.
- ii. Bottom hem shall be 4" double fold, and blind stitched vinyl covered lead weights shall be used at all seams and corners, "double bottom hem".
- iii. Weighted tapes shall be required in lighter casement and sheers. Use of 6" bottom hem when required by the County.
- iv. Completed drapery to be flat pressed and finished to provide even header, even hem lines and even spaced folds between each pleat. Pleats are fan folded so as not to have sharp creases.

d. SEAMS

- i. All seams on multiple width drapes to be overlooked with safety stitch. Seams shall occur on inside of pleat fold - not visible from front view.
- ii. Box pleated panels shall have double stitch locked seams. Seam shall occur at inside of pleat where sizes of panel require multiple widths of fabric.

e. FLAME RETARDANCY

Lined drapery for sateen 108 count, flame proofed shall be fabricated together with all 45" to 48" width fabric available on specialty or wholesale lists listed for 116" material or 115" in 50% polyester, or 100% cotton or rayon and shall require heavy duty offset drapery hooks. Fabric liners, when required, shall be fabricated with line opaque fabric, or any lining or fabric selected meeting the small scale or large scale flame resistance requirements of NFPA 701. Flame retardancy treatment used on non-inherently fire retardant yarns shall not be composed of any compounds which are suspected of being hazardous or injurious to any personnel handling or coming into contact with curtains, drapes or bedspreads. Flame retardant compounds which shall not be used include all those compounds which have been banned or are considered suspect by the Consumer Product Commission of the Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, D.C.

f. CERTIFICATION

A flame spread certificate shall be supplied on each job, at the request of the

County, for drapery meeting ASTM-E84 (Incorporated by reference) with a flame spread rate of 25 or less for class A or flame-spread. Spread rate of 75 or less for class B use and all selection of materials shall be in conformance with New York Port Authority and Boston Fire Department and latest Miami Dade County requirements, as may be required. It is the intent of the County to require inherently flame resistant; and flame-proofed fabrics for all projects. All fabrics to have a certificate notarized by flame-proofer dated for each project when required. A maximum of 20 dry- cleanings shall be required as to flame-proofing method and certification.

g. SOIL REPELLANT TREATMENT

Spotproofing, such as Zepel, AA protection, or Scotchguard, or an approved equal, to be included in quote if required by the County department. Additional yardages needed for shrinkage to be included at net cost.

h. PRINTING, SCREEN ON ROLLER

Printing charges if applicable and required by County department, shall be included in the quote.

3.2.10 INTERIOR WOOD SHUTTERS

- a. Hand select "A" grade cottonwood, sanded, stained or painted as specified by County department. All construction to be premium grade Architectural Woodwork Institute (AWI) standard. Imperfection such as pin knots, spots and checks are not allowed.
- b. All installations shall be custom fit and scribed to existing openings. Framing shall be designed to support wood shutters. Any warping due to hardware failure, improper installation, or sealing of material shall be replaced at no cost to Miami-Dade County for a period of one (1) year from date of acceptance of installation by County. Quotations shall be submitted by the vendor with shop drawings for approval prior to fabrication. Shop drawings are to indicate fixed and movable louvers adjustable with dimensions also indicating finished openings and framing if openings require jamb reinforcement to guarantee non-binding operation.

3.3 EQUAL PRODUCTS

3.3.1 The manufacturer's name, brand name and/or model number information contained in this solicitation are being used for the sole purpose of establishing the minimum requirement of level of quality, standard of performance, and design and is in no way intended to prohibit the offer of another manufacturer's items of equal material unless otherwise indicated herein.

3.3.2 The invitation to quote shall require submission of the following documentation to enable County evaluation of "equal" products, upon specific request:

- i. Product Information Sheets
- ii. Product Samples

3.3.3 If an "equal" product may be considered by the County in accordance with the quote, the unit shall be equal in quality and standards of performance to the item specified in the solicitation.

- a. Where an "equal" item is offered, and product information sheets are required, the vendor must submit two (2) complete sets of product information sheets (such as factory specifications, standard manufacturer information sheets, catalogues, and brochures), and if required, two (2) copies of performance test results of the unit offered as an equal. Also for product information submittals, all supporting documentation submitted by the vendor must in total meet the required specifications set forth in this solicitation and the request to quote. Where the standard product literature submitted with the offer provides information that does not comply with the specifications, the vendor shall state, in an official letter on corporate letterhead as part of their offer, the differences between the item they are specifically offering, and the equipment described by the standard product

literature, to substantiate compliance to all of the specifications set forth in this solicitation. In such cases, any offer submitted with standard product literature but without the letter explaining compliance will result in the rejection of the offer for not meeting the solicitation specifications.

- 3.3.4 If samples of all "equal" items bid are required for evaluation, such items are to be provided at no cost to the County, and should be submitted the time of specific request. Failure to meet this requirement may result in the offer being rejected.
- 3.3.5 The County shall be sole judge of equality, based on the best interests of the County, and its decision in this regard shall be final. Items labeled "No Substitute" on the County's Quote Form are the only products that will be accepted under the spot market.

3.4 MANUFACTURERS

- a. Maharam Fabric Corporation 14. Valley Forge
- b. Kasmir-Frank Associates 15. Lord Jay
- c. Coral of Chicago 16. S & S Fabrics
- e. Dazion Inc. 17. Blautex
- f. Saul S. Siegel Co. 18. Ben Rose LTD
- g. Frankel & Assoc. 19. Graber
- h. Design Tex Fabrics 20. Levolor
- i. Arc Com Fabrics 21. Joanna Western
- j. Carosel Designs 22. Webb Textiles
- k. Sistrunk 23. Kirsch
- l. Boris Kroll Fabrics Inc. 24. C - Mor
- m. Phifer Wire Products 25. Sistrunk
- n. American Textile Co., Inc.

Once the contract is awarded, additional manufacturers of Blinds & Drapery may be added to the list above during the term of the contract.