

U.S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

Washington, DC

GENERAL TERMS, CONDITIONS, AND SPECIFICATIONS

For the Procurement of

Library Binding

as requisitioned from the U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO) by the

Senate Library

Single Award

TERM OF CONTRACT: The term of this contract is for the period beginning Date of Award and ending January 31, 2010, plus up to one (1) optional 12-month extension period that may be added in accordance with the "OPTION TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE CONTRACT" clause in SECTION 1 of this contract.

BID OPENING: Bids shall be publicly opened at 11:00 a.m., prevailing Washington, DC time, on **JANUARY 13, 2009.**

BID SUBMISSION: Submit bid in pre-addressed envelope furnished with solicitation or send to: U.S. Government Printing Office, Bid Section, Room C-161, STOP: PPSB, 36 H Street, NW, Washington, DC 20401. Facsimile bids in response to this solicitation are permitted. Facsimile bids may be submitted directly to the GPO Bid Section, Fax No. (202) 512-1782. The program number and bid opening date must be specified with the bid. Refer to Facsimile Bids in Solicitation Provisions of GPO Contract Terms, GPO Publication 310.2, as revised June 2001.

THIS IS A NEW CONTRACT. THERE IS NO ABSTRACT AVAILABLE.

For information of a technical nature Natoshka Faxio-Douglas on (202) 512-0303 (No collect calls).

SECTION 1. - GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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. 6-01)), the ANSI/NISO/LBI Standard for Library Binding (ANSI/NISO Z39.78-2000); and the Guide to the Library Binding Institute Standard for Library Binding (Chicago, American Library Association, 1990). Any amendments or revisions to the ANSI/NISO/LBI Standard or the Guide shall not be applied without the written consent of the Government.

SUBCONTRACTING: The predominant production function is Library Binding. Subcontracting will not be permitted.

OPTION TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE CONTRACT: The Government has the option to extend the term of this contract for a period of 12 months by written notice to the contractor not later than 30 days before the contract expires. If the Government exercises this option, the extended contract shall be considered to include this clause, except, the total duration of the contract may not exceed two (2) years as a result of, and including, any extension(s) added under this clause. Further extension may be negotiated under the "EXTENSION OF CONTRACT TERM" clause. See also "ECONOMIC PRICE ADJUSTMENT" for authorized pricing adjustment(s).

EXTENSION OF CONTRACT TERM: At the request of the Government, the term of any contract resulting from this solicitation may be extended for such period of time as may be mutually agreeable to the GPO and the contractor.

ECONOMIC PRICE ADJUSTMENT: The pricing under this contract shall be adjusted in accordance with this clause, provided that in no event will any pricing adjustment be made that would exceed the maximum permissible under any law in effect at the time of the adjustment. There will be no adjustment for orders placed during the first period specified below. Pricing will thereafter be eligible for adjustment during the second and any succeeding performance period(s). For each performance period after the first, a percentage figure will be calculated as described below and that figure will be the economic price adjustment for that entire next period. Pricing adjustments under this clause are not applicable to reimbursable postage or transportation costs, or to paper, if paper prices are subject to adjustment by separate clause elsewhere in this contract.

For the purpose of this clause, performance under this contract will be divided into successive periods. The first period will extend from Date of Award to January 31, 2010, and the second and any succeeding period(s) will extend for 12 months from the end of the last preceding period, except that the length of the final period may vary. The first day of the second and any succeeding period(s) will be the effective date of the economic price adjustment for that period.

Pricing adjustments in accordance with this clause will be based on changes in the seasonally adjusted "Consumer Price Index For All Urban Consumers - Commodities Less Food" (Index) published monthly in the CPI Detailed Report by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The economic price adjustment will be the percentage difference between Index averages as specified in this paragraph. An index called the variable index will be calculated by averaging the monthly Indexes from the 12-month interval ending three (3) months prior to the beginning of the period being considered for adjustment. This average is then compared to the average of the monthly Indexes for the 12-month interval ending September 30, 2008 called the base index. The percentage change (plus or minus) of the variable index from the base index will be the economic price adjustment for the period being considered for adjustment.

The Government will notify the contractor by contract modification specifying the percentage increase or decrease to be applied to invoices for orders placed during the period indicated. The contractor shall apply the percentage increase or decrease against the total price of the invoice less reimbursable postage or transportation costs and separately adjusted paper prices. Payment discounts shall be applied after the invoice price is adjusted.

PREAWARD SURVEY: In order to determine the responsibility of the contractor, the Government reserves the right to conduct an on-site preaward survey at the contractor's facility or to require other evidence of technical, production, managerial, financial, and similar abilities to perform, prior to the award of a contract.

WORKMANSHIP: Material and quality of workmanship will be in accordance with the ANSI/NISO/LBI Standard for Library Binding, hereafter referred to as ANSI/NISO Z39.78-2000, unless otherwise specified in this contract.

All operations required must be performed with care to insure that the end product will be capable of withstanding the rigors of normal library circulation or use, and provide maximum reader usability.

ERRORS AND CORRECTIONS: Contractor must carefully open-out, and critically inspect all volumes for defects in binding, errors in lettering, etc., prior to delivery.

Any errors made by the contractor will be corrected (provided that corrections do not damage the textblock) prior to the shipment's return to the Government. Returned volumes with errors in lettering or defects in workmanship that are noted by Senate Library staff may be returned to the contractor for corrections.

All bindery corrections must be made within 30 workdays and all costs occasioned thereby, including transportation, must be borne by the contractor.

CONTRACTOR'S RESPONSIBILITY: The contractor must verify the number of volumes picked up and delivered and will be responsible for the safekeeping of the Government materials submitted for binding under the terms and conditions of this contract while in contractor's plant, or during transit to or from contractor's plant, and will be responsible for replacing any items lost or damaged. The value of the volumes lost will be determined by the Government, and will include processing costs.

In the event that an irreplaceable item is damaged or destroyed, the Government reserves the right to secure, at the contractor's expense, an independent appraisal of the damage or loss sustained. The contractor will reimburse the Government in full for repair of damage to the item or its fair market value.

PREAWARD TEST: The contractor being considered for award shall be required to demonstrate their ability to rebind/recase the items required in accordance with these specifications by completing a preaward test. The Government reserves the right to waive the preaward test if there is other evidence that, in the opinion of the Contracting Officer, indicates that the contractor being considered for award has the capability to successfully produce the items required.

For the preaward test, the Government will furnish two (2) books to be rebound/recased as specified. The books are representative of the items that are to be produced under these specifications. The prospective contractor shall rebind/recase the books in the specified style. New endpapers and stamping with gold or black foil will be required. The styles required for the preaward test books will be in accordance with the styles specified herein.

The contractor must submit the preaward test samples to the U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC, within 14 workdays of receipt of the Government furnished preaward test materials.

If the preaward test samples are disapproved by the Government, the Government, at its option, may require the contractor to submit revised test samples for evaluation. The contractor shall submit these revised samples within seven (7) workdays upon notification of the required changes.

In the event the revised test samples are disapproved by the Government, the contractor shall be deemed to have failed to comply with the applicable requirements of these specifications for rebinding/recasing, and may be reason for a determination of non-responsibility.

No charges will be allowed for costs incurred in the performance of this preaward test.

POSTAWARD CONFERENCE: In order to insure that the contractor fully understands the total requirements of the job as indicated in these specifications, Government representatives will conduct a conference with the contractor's representatives at the GPO, Washington, DC, immediately after award.

PAYMENT: Before any vouchers will be accepted by the GPO for payment, an itemized and totaled invoice for each print order must be submitted to: U.S. Government Printing Office, Central Receiving, Attn: Congressional Publishing Service (Cathy DeVinney), 44 H Street, NW, Washington, DC 20401, for examination and certification as to the correctness of the billings, as applicable to the work performed.

After examination and certification by the ordering agency, all vouchers must be submitted to: United States Government Printing Office, Financial Management Service, Comptroller: FME, Washington, DC 20401

ASSIGNMENT OF JACKETS, PURCHASE AND PRINT ORDERS: A GPO jacket number will be assigned and a purchase order issued to the contractor to cover work performed. The purchase order will be supplemented by an individual print order for each job placed with the contractor. The print order, when issued, will indicate the quantity to be produced and any other information pertinent to the particular order.

ORDERING: Items to be furnished under the contract shall be ordered by the issuance of print orders by the Government. Orders may be issued under the contract from Date of Award through July 31, 2009, plus for such additional period(s) as the contract is extended. All print orders issued hereunder are subject to the terms and conditions of the contract. The contract shall control in the event of conflict with any print order. A print order shall be "issued", for purposes of the contract, when it is either deposited in the U.S. Postal Service mail or otherwise furnished to the contractor in conformance

WARRANTY: The contractor shall guarantee for 10 years from binding date, the binding of the volumes. Latent defects such as lettering worn off so as to be illegible, defective sewing, use of improper adhesives, etc., shall be returned and repaired at no cost to the agency. Normal wear of the covering materials or damage caused by negligence on the part of the libraries or their users shall be excluded.

REQUIREMENTS: This is a requirements contract for the items and for the period specified herein. Shipment/delivery of items or performance of work shall be made only as authorized by orders issued in accordance with the clause entitled "ORDERING". The quantities of items specified herein are estimates only, and are not purchased hereby. Except as may be otherwise provided in this contract, if the Government's requirements for the items set forth herein do not result in orders in the amounts or quantities described as "estimated", it shall not constitute the basis for an equitable price adjustment under this contract.

Except as otherwise provided in this contract, the Government shall order from the contractor all the items set forth which are required to be purchased by the Government activity identified on page 1.

The Government shall not be required to purchase from the contractor, requirements in excess of the limit on total orders under this contract, if any.

Orders issued during the effective period of this contract and not completed within that time shall be completed by the contractor within the time specified in the order, and the rights and obligations of the contractor and the Government respecting those orders shall be governed by the terms of this contract to the same extent as if completed during the effective period of this contract.

If shipment/delivery of any quantity of an item covered by the contract is required by reason of urgency prior to the earliest date that shipment/delivery may be specified under this contract, and if the contractor will not accept an order providing for the accelerated shipment/delivery, the Government may procure this requirement from another source.

The Government may issue orders which provide for shipment/delivery to or performance at multiple destinations.

Subject to any limitations elsewhere in this contract, the contractor shall furnish to the Government all items set forth herein which are called for by print orders issued in accordance with the "ORDERING" clause of this contract.

SECTION 2. - SPECIFICATIONS

SCOPE: These specifications provide for the procurement of library binding of books and serial publications requiring such operations as rebinding or recasing, stamping, packing, and distribution.

TITLE: Library Binding.

FREQUENCY OF ORDERS/QUANTITY: Approximately 10 to 20 orders per year for approximately 1 to 36 volumes per order.

TRIM SIZES: Approximate trim sizes are 8-3/4 x 6"; 8 x 11-1/2"; 8-1/2 x 11"; 8-1/2 x 14"; 11-1/2 x 15".

Binding text block size is 2-1/2" to 3" thick. (An occasional order may be placed where the text block size is less than 2-1/2".) Recasing text block size is 3" to 6" thick. Page range is approximately 625 to 750 pages. (An occasional order may be placed for less than 625 pages.)

GOVERNMENT TO FURNISH: Print orders, individual binding instructions (binding ticket), and material to be bound.

Camera copy or dummy to create stamping media for spine.

One reproduction proof, Form 905 (R. 6/03) with labeling and marking specifications.

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

TYPE OF VOLUMES TO BE BOUND:

Monographs: For the purposes of this contract, a monograph or book is defined as a single piece of graphic material consisting of an appreciable number of leaves or sections (folds, gatherings or signatures) submitted for rebinding or recasing as a single unit.

Monographic Set: A monographic set is a group of materials submitted for rebinding or recasing which are related to each other and for which the cloth color selected and the cover stamping must match other publications in the same set.

Serials: For the purposes of the contract, a serial is defined as a periodical of one or more multi-leaved, like constructed, serially numbered graphic units submitted for binding into a single physical unit, i.e., one or more soft cover issues to be bound together as first-time hard publications. All covers are to be retained unless otherwise specified. The cloth color must be selected and the cover stamped with information so as to match other publications in the same set or series.

BINDING STYLES:

A brief description of binding styles and their requirements are as follows:

Style B: Monograph/Oversewn –

- Machine oversewn;
- cloth and paper linings;
- rounded and backed;
- narrow hinge;
- no collation;
- F-grade acrylic buckram bookcloth (Government shall select color).

Style CAT: Serial/Sew-through-fold on linen tapes –

- Machine sew-through-fold on linen tapes;
- cloth and paper linings;
- rounded and backed;
- narrow hinge;
- standard collation;
- F-grade acrylic buckram (Government shall select color).

Style RC: Monograph/Custom recase –

- Sewing of textblock is intact;
- initial spine lining of alkaline long-fibered Japanese tissue applied with methyl cellulose;
- linen tapes attached to spine;
- endpapers attached to textblock by sewing through fold of endpaper and around each tape;
- cloth lining applied with Polyvinyl Acetate (PVA) adhesive;
- rounded and backed text blocks to be rerounded and backed only if poorly shaped and have strong thread and paper;
- no collation;
- C-Grade or F-grade acrylic bookcloth to be specified by the Government (Government shall select color).

GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS:

All binding will be done in accordance with ANSI/NISO Z39.78-2000, unless otherwise specified in this contract. These specifications shall apply to all styles covered under this contract except where noted. Technical specifications (e.g., procedures) and material specifications (thread, covering materials, boards, adhesives, etc.), unless otherwise specified, shall comply with ANSI/NISO Z39.78-2000.

PREPARATION FOR BINDING:

Examination –

In addition to the examination described in ANSI/NISO Z39.78-2000, Section 6, all volumes will be inspected to detect damaged leaves, and characteristics of paper or construction that would make rebinding, or recasing inadvisable. Items that the contractor regards as poor candidates for library binding will be returned unbound, at no charge to the Government, with a written note of explanation. Regarding “examination of the head, fore edge, and tail margin...to identify those volumes that cannot be trimmed without cutting into text or illustrations,” see “TRIMMING.”

Serial Collation –

All serial collation will be standard unless instructions from the Government direct otherwise. Incomplete or imperfect volumes will be returned, at no charge to the Government, unbound unless the Government has instructed the contractor to “bind as is.” All covers are to be retained, unless otherwise specified by the Government.

Preparation of the Spine –

Very bulky serial issues which are saddle-stitched and which cannot be sewn through the fold (e.g. when they must be bound with non-saddle-stitched issues) shall be prepared for adhesive binding or oversewing by slitting through the fold rather than by trimming or milling.

All staples will be pulled from side-stapled text blocks to provide an inner binding margin of maximum width. All staples are to be removed from saddle-stitched issues prior to their being sewn through the fold. No text blocks shall have staples removed by trimming or milling.

Mending –

When collation is required, the contractor shall examine leaves carefully to detect any damage or peculiarities of paper or construction. Repairs shall be made with: (a) long-fibered, alkaline Japanese tissue of a weight appropriate for the material at hand and an alkaline, water-reversible paste; or, (b) archival heat-set tissue. Any other materials used for mending must receive the prior approval of the Government. If extensive mending is indicated, the Government shall be notified and the item returned, at no charge, for examination.

When collation is not required and the contractor discovers that mending is needed, the contractor shall notify the Government for a decision on whether to proceed.

Endpapers –

Endpapers shall be white or off-white (natural) in color, as specified; shall have a pH of not less than 8.5 (cold extraction), an alkaline reserve (measured as a percentage of calcium carbonate) of not less than 1.5%, and a folding endurance (machine and cross direction combined) of not less than 500.

Samples of the paper stock to be used for endpapers, in accordance with the above specifications, shall be submitted to the Government for approval prior to their utilization in work performed under this contract.

The contractor shall submit to the Government, not less than 25 samples of paper of each color (white and off-white (natural)) to be used in the production of the contract requirements. Each sample shall be approximately 8-1/2 x 11” and must be of the kind and quality required by the specifications.

Samples will be inspected and tested and must comply with the specifications as to kind and quality of materials.

Contractor must submit samples to: U.S. Government Printing Office, Central Receiving, Attn: Congressional Publishing Service (Joe Benjamin/Cathy DeVinney), 44 H Street, NW, Washington, DC 20401. The package and accompanying documentation shall be marked “PAPER SAMPLES” and shall include the GPO jacket, purchase order, and program number.

The samples must be submitted within five (5) workdays of notification of award.

The Government will approve, conditionally approve, or disapprove the samples within five (5) workdays of the receipt thereof. Approval or conditional approval shall not relieve the contractor from complying with the specifications and all other terms and conditions of the contract. A conditional approval shall state any further action required by the contractor. A notice of disapproval shall state the reasons therefor.

If the samples are disapproved by the Government, the Government, at its option, may require the contractor to submit additional samples for inspection and test, in the time and under the terms and conditions specified in the notice of rejection. Such additional samples shall be furnished, and necessary changes made, at no additional cost to the Government and with no extension in the shipping schedule. The Government will require the time specified above to inspect and test any additional samples required.

In the event the additional samples are disapproved by the Government, the contractor shall be deemed to have failed to make delivery within the meaning of the default clause in which event this contract shall be subject to termination for default, provided however, that the failure of the Government to terminate the contract for default in such event shall not relieve the contractor of the responsibility to deliver the contract quantities in accordance with the shipping schedule.

In the event the Government fails to approve, conditionally approve, or disapprove the samples within the time specified, the Contracting Officer shall automatically extend the shipping schedule in accordance with the procedures as indicated in Contract Clause 12, “Notice of Compliance With Schedules,” of GPO Contract Terms (GPO Publication 310.2, effective December 1, 1987 (Rev. 6-01)).

Manufacture of the final product prior to approval of the sample submitted is at the contractor’s risk. Samples will not be returned to the contractor. All costs, including the costs of all samples shall be included in the contract price for the production quantity.

LEAF ATTACHMENT:

Unless otherwise specified in this document, methods of leaf attachment should strictly adhere to the guidelines provided by ANSI/NISO Z39.78-2000. Neither cleat sewing nor side sewing will be considered methods of leaf attachment under the terms of this contract. In cases where the contractor ascertains that side sewing is the only suitable method of leaf attachment, the volume will be returned to the Government, at no charge, with a note requesting permission to side sew. The only acceptable methods of leaf attachment are those specified below:

All volumes in folded sections shall be sewn through the fold by machine unless otherwise instructed by the Government. See specifications that follow for style-specific requirements for sew-through-fold on linen tapes. If folded signatures are cut and another binding method utilized without specific instructions from the Government, the contractor shall be assessed the full replacement cost of the volume.

Text blocks sewn through the fold by hand shall be sewn on linen tapes as specified for style CAT below. Sewing onto sawn-in cords is not acceptable.

Style B:

Oversewing – Oversewing shall be used only when requested by the Government, with inner margins at least 5/8". Maximum thickness for any volume will be 3".

Process – The spine of the volume shall be milled if necessary to free the leaves for sewing. No more than 1/16" of the inner margin shall be removed. Serials wire-stitched in bulky "saddle" style and with margins less than 1", shall be prepared for oversewing by hand slitting instead of cutting or trimming.

Preparation – All volumes shall be divided into uniform sections, each not less than 0.055" thick and not more than 0.065". As many needles as possible shall be used, provided that the sewing is no closer to the head or tail of the volumes than 1/4" after trimming and no further than 1". The shuttle thread shall be coated with methyl cellulose paste during sewing, or a thin line of paste shall be applied along the binding margin of each section prior to sewing. In no case shall the sewing be closer to the text than 1/8".

Endpapers – Endpapers shall consist of three (3) functional parts: a pasted-down or outward end-leaf which becomes the board paper, and two free flyleaves. The grain (machine direction) of the paper must be parallel to the spine. End papers shall be described as follows: Three-leaf, single-reinforcement, invisible joint, with inward fly-leaf not pasted to the middle leaf. The construction of end papers shall be such that sewing will be through the reinforcing fabric the same as through the sections of the book.

Style CAT – Sew-through-Fold:

Style CAT text blocks shall be sewn through the fold by machine on linen tapes of the best quality and of suitable width (generally 1/2" to 3/5") spaced no more than 2" apart and no more than 2" from the kettle stitches. The centers of the tapes will be spaced evenly between the head and tail of the volume. The kettle stitches shall be no closer to the head and tail of the text block than 1/4" but no farther from the head and tail than 1". Sewing onto sawn-in cords is not acceptable.

Endpapers – In the case of text blocks sewn through the fold, endpapers shall consist of three (3) functional parts: a pasted down or outward end-leaf which becomes the board paper and two free fly-leaves. The grain (machine direction) of the paper must be parallel to the spine. The binding edge of the outer sheet shall be reinforced with a 1-1/4" strip of fabric.

Style RC – Custom Recase:

Like standard recases, the sewing of the text block shall be intact. If, after cleaning the spine, it is found that the sewing is not intact, the volume shall be returned at no charge to the Government.

The custom recase shall adhere to specifications for standard recase with the following exceptions:

1. An initial lining of alkaline, long-fibered Japanese tissue applied with methyl cellulose shall wrap onto the inner margins of the first and last leaves of the textblock.
2. Three to five 1/2" linen tapes shall be attached to the spine with PVA at uniform intervals and no less than 5/8" from the head and tail.
3. Double folio endpapers shall be attached to the text block by sewing through the fold of the endpaper folio and around each tape (at the edge of the spine).
4. A second spine lining of cloth shall be applied with PVA.
5. The spine inlay for the case shall be made of alkaline-buffered text weight paper comparable to that used for the endpapers.
6. Covering material shall be C-grade or F-grade acrylic bookcloth, as specified by the Government. (Government shall select color.)

TRIMMING: Government specifications call for "NO TRIM." The heads, fore edges, and tails of text blocks shall be left untrimmed, or upon instructions from the Government, be trimmed as slightly as possible, with a maximum of 1/8" allowed. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHALL ANY VOLUME BE TRIMMED TO THE EXTENT THAT PRINTED MATTER OR MAPS OR CHARTS, SHALL BE REMOVED IN ANY PART. If any text or printed matter is trimmed, the contractor is responsible for the cost of the replacement volume. Volumes in which text and/or illustrations bleed to the edge of paper will be left untrimmed.

GLUING THE SPINE:

Spines of Style RC shall be glued with methyl cellulose. Style RC shall have a Japanese paper lining applied. (See "Style RC-Custom Recase".)

Spines of all other text blocks shall be glued with an internally-plasticized polyvinyl adhesive, buffered to a neutral pH (6.0 to 8.5). The adhesive shall thoroughly coat the spines. Text blocks shall be stacked squarely and allowed to dry without the use of a heating or drying device. For volumes that are sewn through the fold, the adhesive shall be applied prior to trimming, if the volume is to be trimmed.

ROUNDING AND BACKING:

When rounding and backing is specified, text blocks shall be rounded to form a smooth and convex spine and a concave fore edge. Rounded text blocks shall be backed to form shoulders that are symmetrical, uniform head to tail, and as nearly equal in size to the anticipated board thickness as possible.

If the contractor fails to follow instructions regarding whether a volume should be rounded and backed, he/she will incur a penalty equal to the cost of the binding.

No rounding and backing will be required in the following cases:

- Text blocks sewn through the fold on tapes, but with signatures of more than 1/4" in thickness shall be rounded, but not backed.

- Text blocks already rounded and backed that are to be recased only.
- Flat-backed text blocks being recased.

LINING THE SPINE:

Paper Lining – Style RC shall have a Japanese paper lining applied. (See “Style RC – Custom Recase”.)

Cloth lining – The spines of all text blocks shall be lined with a spine lining cloth meeting ANSI/NISO Z39.78-2000 specifications and applied with PVA. The cloth shall be cut to within 1/2” of both head and tail of the text block and shall extend squarely onto each endpaper at least 1”. The grain of the spine lining cloth shall run parallel to the spine of the text block.

Extra paper lining – The spines of Style CAT, or any volume 1-1/2” or more in thickness, shall be reinforced by an extra lining of alkaline paper applied over the cloth lining for additional support. The paper shall be cut to the height and width of the spine and shall be no lighter than 60-lb. text weight. The grain of the paper lining shall run parallel to the spine of the text block.

CASE MAKING:

Cloth and boards – F-grade acrylic buckram bookcloth shall be used for Styles B and CAT, unless otherwise specified by the Government. F-grade or C-grade acrylic buckram bookcloth shall be used for Style RC, unless otherwise specified by the Government. The covers shall be made of the specified bookcloth over well-seasoned binder’s board (the grain of which must run parallel to the binding edge), with uniform squares and in a neat and workmanlike manner. See Section 12.3 of ANSI/NISO Z39.78-2000. The thickness of the board must be suited to the size and weight of the volume or as specified by the Government.

Uniform binding of serials and sets – All serials and monographic sets must be covered in F-grade or C-grade buckram bookcloth, in colors specified by the Government. The contractor will match the binding pattern, placement of lettering on the spine, and color of stamping foil and cloth with already-bound volumes of serials and sets. To ensure such uniformity, the contractor will make and maintain, at no extra cost, a computerized file by which uniformity can be achieved.

Turn-ins – The cover material shall be turned in sufficiently to ensure good adhesion (normally 5/8” is sufficient).

Inlays – All covers shall have an inlay of acid-free flexible paper, with the grain running lengthwise of the inlay, and securely attached to the inside of the backbone of the cover. The paper shall be cut to the same length as the cover boards and its width must cover the spine/back of the book after it has been rounded and backed. Inlay paper shall not be less than 0.012”, nor more than 0.030” in thickness, and shall have a minimum pH of 7.0.

Casing-in – Text blocks shall be cased in squarely and tightly using an internally-plasticized polyvinyl adhesive buffered to a neutral pH (6.0 to 8.5). All squares shall be uniform around the perimeter of the text block and shall be 1/8” wide, plus or minus 1/16”, depending on the size of the text block.

The spaces between the inlay and the boards for rounded only or rounded and backed volumes (narrow hinge) shall be uniform and no greater than 1/4”. The spaces between the inlay and the boards for flat-backed volumes (wide hinge) shall be uniform and no greater than 1/2”.

Cased-in volumes shall either be pressed between metal-edged boards until thoroughly dry; or pressed in a building-in machine (hydro-press) using sufficient pressure, dwell and heat to ensure good adhesion of the endpapers to the boards and turn-ins, and good adhesion of the covering material to the spine lining and endsheets in the joint area of the textblock. The amount of adhesive applied to the joints, and the method used for building in, shall be sufficient to ensure that joints are tight and secure and cannot be separated without damaging the bonded surfaces. Endpapers shall adhere to all surfaces smoothly, and be free of wrinkles and bubbles.

LETTERING/STAMPING: Contractor must create stamping media from furnished copy or dummy. (At contractor's option, lettering/stamping may be accomplished by use of die or computerized stamping.)

All monographs and serials must be stamped, in upper case letters, with title and/or author if so specified by the Government. Lettering of title, author and call number shall be done in gold or black foil, as specified (unless otherwise directed) on the spine of volumes. Lettering shall be permanent, sharp, clean and legible, and stamped with adequate pressure, temperature and dwell to ensure adhesion of the foil to the covering material. Stamping must have solid impressions; no picking, pinholes or filled letters. The Government's preference is for horizontal lettering.

Volumes less than 5/8" shall have title and author stamped vertically on the spine, so that it reads from top to bottom.

Foil used shall be subject to the approval of the Government. Type style is Record Gothic or Record Gothic Condensed, as specified on the print order, unless otherwise specified.

Government lettering guidelines, including instructions for correct truncation and type sizes, will be determined by the contractor and the Government prior to any work proceeding on this contract. These guidelines must be incorporated into the Government customer profile maintained by the contractor. **PROPER AND ACCURATE STAMPING OF ALL VOLUMES IS ESSENTIAL**, and must meet the standards established by the approval of the preaward test samples before binding is initiated on this contract. If any stamping is incorrect and/or does not conform to furnished copy, the contractor is responsible for corrections.

Type size – All lettering and call numbers shall be in 12- or 14-point type, with 14-point the preferred size. Books thinner than 1" may be lettered in 12-point type, and vertical stamping may be used.

Call numbers will be furnished as part of the stamping copy –

First Line: Alphabetical character(s) in caps.

Second Line: Numerical characters, followed by decimal numerical characters of call number, if any.

Third Line: Decimal point followed by capital letter and numerical characters of the Cutter number, as specified.

Fourth Line: Additional Cutter number, if used (capital letter and numerical characters) or date or year.

Final Line: Additional call number information, such as volume, part, or copy number.

Call numbers represent the Library of Congress classification system.

Examples of call numbers:

HV
7619
.T6
U55
Oct 2005 –
March 2006
c.2

E
840.8
.A45
A3
2005
c.1

- NOTE: 1. Copy is abbreviated with a lowercase c, eg, c.2.
2. Volume is abbreviated with a lowercase v, eg, v.3.
3. Supplement is abbreviated as Suppl.

4. Part is abbreviated as Pt.1.

TAB DIVIDERS: The Government will insert blue numbered divider sheets as needed for the placement of numbered tabs. The contractor will insert tabs where specified to the divider sheets.

Tabs to be made of bookcloth (Government to specify color). Tabs must be securely attached and extend onto the divider sheet a minimum of 3/8". Length of tab must accommodate numbers. Numbers to be stamped in gold foil as specified. Stamping must have solid impressions; no picking, pinholes or filled letters.

POCKETS: The Government will provide measurements for pockets. Dimensions and type of pocket (cloth or paper) will be inserted into the "NOTES" field of the binding ticket. Pockets will be glued in place as indicated in the binding instructions.

Cloth – The pockets shall be made of lightweight or acrylic book cloth over heavy alkaline paper. Cover material shall be turned in enough to insure good adhesion and glued into position with an internally-plasticized polyvinyl adhesive, buffered to a neutral pH. Size and capacity will be as ordered.

Paper – The pockets shall be made of heavyweight alkaline paper. Pocket size and capacity shall be as ordered.

STUBBING/FILLERS:

Fillers – At the Government's direction, when parts of different heights are to be bound together, the tail of the resulting text block shall be flush, not the head. Fillers shall be inserted at the top of the volume, whenever practical, to make up the size differences. In no case shall one piece be trimmed for the purpose of making it conform to a smaller piece with which it must be bound.

Stubbing – Stubbing shall be added to volumes to compensate for thick pockets on back covers and to correct text block which flare out towards the fore edge. The Government will send measurements and determine the placement of stubbing, outside or within the leaves of the text block. Measurements and positioning information will be placed in the "NOTES" field of the binding ticket.

PACKING: Shrink-film wrap each book individually.

Volumes must be packed suitable in shipping containers not to exceed 45 pounds when fully packed.

Books rejected for binding shall be packed in a separate container and returned with the block of books bound. The container shall give the block number and shall be clearly marked "rejections." Detailed packing lists shall accompany each shipment.

LABELING AND MARKING: The contractor shall reproduce the shipping container label from the furnished repro, fill in appropriate blanks and attach it to shipping containers.

DISTRIBUTION:

Deliver f.o.b. destination to the: U.S. Government Printing Office, Central Receiving, Attn: Congressional Publishing Service (Cathy DeVinney), 44 H Street, NW, Washington, DC 20401.

Contractor must give 24-hour notice prior to any delivery to the U.S. Government Printing Office. Contact Cathy DeVinney on (202) 512-0224. Deliveries to the U.S. Government Printing Office must be made prior to 12 noon, local time.

Upon completion of each order, all furnished materials, and all stamping dies made, must be returned (via traceable means) to the: U.S. Government Printing Office, Central Receiving, Attn: Congressional Publishing Service (Cathy DeVinney), 44 H Street, NW, Washington, DC 20401.

All expenses incidental to picking up and returning materials, submitting paper samples, and returning books rejected for binding must be borne by the contractor.

SCHEDULE: Adherence to this schedule must be maintained. Contractor must not start production of any job prior to receipt of the individual print order (GPO Form 2511).

Furnished material must be picked up from the: U.S. Government Printing Office, 27 G Street, NW, Washington, DC 20401.

No definite schedule for pickup of material can be predetermined.

The following schedules begin the workday after notification of the availability of print order and furnished material; the workday after notification will be the first workday of the schedule.

Contractor must complete production and distribution within 60 workdays of receipt of notification of availability of print order and furnished materials.

The ship/deliver date indicated on the print order is the date products ordered for delivery f.o.b. destination must be delivered to the destination(s) specified.

Unscheduled material such as shipping documents, receipts or instructions, delivery lists, labels, etc., will be furnished with the order or shortly thereafter. In the event such information is not received in due time, the contractor will not be relieved of any responsibility in meeting the shipping schedule because of failure to request such information.

Upon completion of each order, the contractor is to notify the U.S. Government Printing Office of the date of shipment or delivery. Call (202) 512-0516 or 0517; callers outside the Washington, DC area may call toll free 1-800-424-9470 or 9471.

SECTION 3. - DETERMINATION OF AWARD

The Government will determine the lowest bid by applying the prices offered in the "SCHEDULE OF PRICES" to the following units of production which are the estimated requirements to produce one year's production under this contract. These units do not constitute, nor are they to be construed as, a guarantee of the volume of work which may be ordered for a like period of time.

The following item designations correspond to those listed in the "SCHEDULE OF PRICES."

- I. (a) 80
- (b) 36
- (c) 604

- II. (a) 720
- (b) 56
- (c) 25

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SECTION 4. - SCHEDULE OF PRICES

Bids offered are f.o.b. destination.

Prices must include the cost of all required materials and operations for each item listed in accordance with these specifications.

Bidder must make an entry in each of the spaces provided. Bids submitted with any obliteration, revision, or alteration of the order and manner of submitting bids may be declared nonresponsive.

An entry of NC (No Charge) shall be entered if bidder intends to furnish individual items at no charge to the Government.

Bids submitted with NB (No Bid) or blank spaces for an item may be declared nonresponsive.

The Contracting Officer reserves the right to reject any offer that contains prices for individual items of production (whether or not such items are included in the DETERMINATION OF AWARD) that are inconsistent or unrealistic in regard to other prices in the same offer or to GPO prices for the same operation if such action would be in the best interest of the Government.

All invoices submitted to the GPO shall be based on the most economical method of production.

I. LIBRARY BINDING: The prices offered must be all inclusive for services described in SECTION 2 - SPECIFICATIONS, for binding volumes of any height and up to 3” in thickness.

There shall be no additional charges for hand splitting or opening of volumes, or label or ad removal.

Prices will include all title and author lettering, whether it is horizontal or vertical, or foreign, and all call number lettering, on the spine or on the upper left corner of the front cover.

There shall be no charge for volumes returned unbound.

(a) Style B (Monograph/Oversewn).....per volume \$ _____

(b) Style CAT (Serial/Sew-through-fold on linen tapes)per volume \$ _____

(c) Style RC (Monograph/Custom recase).....per volume \$ _____

II. ADDITIONAL OPERATIONS: The prices offered for each of the following items must be all-inclusive for the performance of special operations, for certain orders, that are additional to those specified under Item I, and must include the cost of all required materials and operations necessary, in accordance with these specifications.

(a) Stamping (including cost of die)per volume \$ _____

(b) Tabbing.....per tab \$ _____

(c) Mending.....per page \$ _____

(Initials)

INSTRUCTIONS FOR BID SUBMISSION: Fill out "SECTION 4.-SCHEDULE OF PRICES," initialing or signing each page in the space(s) provided. Submit two copies (original and one exact duplicate) of the "SCHEDULE OF PRICES" with two copies of the GPO Form 910 "BID" form. Do not enter bid prices on GPO Form 910; prices entered in the "SCHEDULE OF PRICES" will prevail.

Bidder _____

(City - State)

By _____

(Signature and title of person authorized to sign this bid)

(Person to be contacted)

(Telephone Number)