



ARIZONA SUPREME COURT

Administrative Office of the Courts
1501 West Washington, Suite 221
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Request for Proposals

RFP 02-03

Building Blocks Community Assessments

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**SECTION 1
INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW**

1.1 Introduction

The Arizona Supreme Court (hereinafter referred to as the Court) is soliciting written, sealed proposals for Building Blocks Community Assessments. Vendors who wish to submit a sealed proposal based upon the specifications and conditions in this document shall submit it by 3:00 p.m. Arizona Time, April 1, 2002 in accordance with the established schedule for this RFP.

The public opening will be conducted on 3:00 p.m. Arizona Time, April 1, 2002 at the Arizona State Courts Building, 1501 West Washington, Conference Room 230, Phoenix, Arizona.

1.2 Proposal Schedule

Activity	Date
a. Request for Proposals (RFP) Published	March 11, 2002
b. Proposal Due Date*	April 1, 2002

Note: The Court reserves the right to deviate from this schedule.

*** Proposals received after 3:00 p.m. Arizona Time, April 1, 2002 will be accepted but will not be opened and will not be taken into consideration in the evaluation of proposals.**

1.3 Proposal Evaluation

Following the public opening, proposals will be evaluated based upon the criteria outlined in Section 4 of this document. The contract shall be entered into with the responsible offerer(s) whose proposal is determined to be the most advantageous to the Judicial Branch taking into consideration the evaluation factors set forth in this Request for Proposal. The Court reserves the right (prior to contract award) to inspect a vendors facilities.

The amount of any applicable transaction privilege or use tax of a political subdivision of this state is not a factor in determining the most advantageous proposal if a competing proposer located outside of this state is not subject to a transaction privilege or use tax of a political subdivision of this state.

If there are no offerers who adequately meet the Court's specifications and/or budget, the Court reserves the right to reject any or all proposals or parts thereof. This RFP does not commit the

Arizona Supreme Court, Administrative Office of the Courts, to award any contract or to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of proposals. The Court reserves the right to accept or reject, in whole or in part, all proposals submitted and/or to cancel this RFP.

1.4 Proposal Discussions

Discussions may be conducted with responsible offerers who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible to permit a contractual agreement for the purpose of clarification to assure full understanding of, and responsiveness to, the solicitation requirements. Proposers shall be accorded fair treatment with respect to any opportunity for discussion and revision of proposals, and such revisions may be permitted after submissions and before finalization of a contract for the purpose of obtaining best and final offers. In conducting discussions, there shall be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing offerers.

1.5 Americans with Disabilities Act

People with disabilities may request special accommodations such as interpreters, alternative formats, or assistance with physical accessibility. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation.

If you require special accommodations, please call (602) 542-9527 or text telephone (TDD) 542-9545.

SECTION 2 INSTRUCTIONS AND PROCEDURES

- 2.1 Vendors who wish to submit proposals for RFP 02-03 shall complete all necessary documentation as identified in Section 5 of this Request for Proposals.
- 2.2 The specifications included in this package provide adequate information as to whether or not vendors can meet the needs of the Court. Significant deviations from the specifications may be grounds for disqualification of the proposal.
- 2.3 The Rules Prescribing Procurement Policies and Procedures for the Judicial Branch (hereafter referred to as the Judicial Procurement Rules) adopted by the Arizona Supreme Court in accordance with the provisions of Arizona Revised Statutes 41-2501.E are incorporated by reference herein and are made a part of this document as if they are fully set forth herein. Copies of these rules can be obtained from the Arizona Supreme Court Website at: <http://www.supreme.state.az.us/rfp/default.htm> or from Victoria Prins, Arizona Supreme Court at the address referenced on the cover page.
- 2.4. The vendor has sole responsibility for any contracts or agreements made with any subcontractors in relationship to this RFP, and shall disclose all such agreements.
- 2.5 Vendor Certification. By submission of a proposal, the vendor certifies that:
 - A. The vendor has not paid nor agreed to pay any person, other than a bona fide employee, a fee or a brokerage resulting from the award of the contract.
 - B. The prices in the proposal have been arrived at independently without consultation, communication, or agreement for the purpose of restricting competition as to any matter relating to such prices with any other vendor.
- 2.6 Preparation of the Proposal
 - A. Vendors are expected to examine all rules, documents, forms, specifications, standard provisions, and all instructions. These materials can be made available in alternative formats upon request. Failure to do so will be at the vendor's risk.
 - B. Each vendor shall furnish all information required by the RFP. The vendor should refer to Section 5 which contains the proposal submittal checklist, to ensure all required materials have been enclosed.
 - C. Time, if stated as a number of days, will be calendar days.

2.7 Explanation to Proposers

Any inquiries/questions related to this RFP are to be directed in writing to the contact person below. Any verbal or written inquiries directed to other than the contact person specified below will not be considered. All questions must be submitted by March 25, 2002 to:

Victoria Prins, Procurement Officer
Arizona Supreme court
1501 West Washington, Suite 221
Phoenix, AZ 85007-3231
Email: vprins@supreme.sp.state.az.us
Fax: (602) 542-9735

The question and response will be posted on the Arizona Judicial Department's website. Any explanations or clarifications given at the website, will be considered added to the specifications. Interested parties must check the website at:
<http://www.supreme.state.az.us/rfp>

2.8 Submission of Proposal

- A. Sealed proposals are due on or before 3:00 p.m. Arizona Time, April 1, 2002 to Victoria Prins, Arizona Supreme Court, 1501 West Washington, Suite 221, Phoenix, Arizona 85007-3231. Proposals must be in the actual possession of the Court on or prior to the exact time and date indicated. Late proposals will not be considered under any circumstances.
- B. **Proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope with the RFP number and the vendor's name and address clearly indicated on the outside of the package.** All proposals must be completed in ink or be typewritten.
- C. The vendor must submit one (1) original copy and ten (10) copies of each proposal.
- D. Vendors submitting a proposal shall indicate the vendor's name and the RFP number on each page of the document.
- E. Erasures, interlineations, or other modifications in the proposal must be initialed by a person authorized to sign the proposal and contract.

2.9 Public Opening

A public opening of proposals shall be held on April 1, 2002 at 3:00 p.m. Arizona Time, or shortly thereafter, at the Arizona State Courts Building, 1501 W. Washington, Conference Room 230. At that time, the name of each vendor shall be publicly read and recorded. All other information contained in the Proposal shall be confidential so as to avoid disclosure of contents prejudicial to competing vendors during the process of negotiation. This record shall be open for public inspection after a contract is entered into. However, where the vendor designates, and the Court concurs, trade secrets or other proprietary data contained in the proposal documents shall remain confidential.

2.10 Contract

The contract shall be entered into with the responsible vendor whose proposal is determined in writing to be the most advantageous to the Judicial Branch unit, taking into consideration the evaluation factors set forth in the RFP.

SECTION 3 SPECIFICATIONS

Project Introduction

The National Building Blocks project is a unique initiative, which seeks to “protect minority youth in the justice system” and “to promote rational and effective juvenile justice policies”. Building Blocks for Youth combines research on such issues as the impact of new state waiver laws; field analysis of decision-making by police, juvenile courts, and others in the system; advocacy for systematic reforms; constituency building among local, state and national organizations; and communications and media strategies. The name “Building Blocks” arises out of the conceptual framework that change can be achieved incrementally on behalf of minority youth in the juvenile justice system. Further information on the National Building Blocks Initiative can be found at www.buildingblocksforyouth.org/about.html.

The Arizona Supreme Court, in partnership with the Governor’s Division for Children, the Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections, the City of Phoenix Police Department, the Arizona Juvenile Justice Commission, and the Maricopa County Juvenile Courts have initiated an Arizona Building Blocks Initiative. The mission of the initiative is to promote equitable treatment for children, families, and communities. The preliminary goals of the project are:

- , To identify, assess, and promote change of institutional conditions, policies, practices, and decisions, which contribute to the over- representation of minority youth in the juvenile justice system.
- , To identify, assess, and promote change of community conditions, policies, practices, and decisions, which contribute to the over-representation of minority youth in the juvenile justice system.
- , To identify, assess, support and build on the strengths of families, as they are relevant to over-representation of minority youth in the juvenile justice system.

Three distinct but related components will serve as a foundation for project planning: A Community Pre-Assessment, a Community Assessment, and Community Mapping. The foci of this Request for Proposals are the Community Pre-Assessment and Community Assessment.

The Planning Committee of the Arizona Building Blocks Initiative has chosen Maryvale, a community in west Phoenix as the pilot site. An approximately nine square mile subsection of the community will be the focus of this RFP. The subsection may be several non contiguous areas. The Community Pre-Assessment and the Community Assessment described in this RFP and the Community Mapping will all be done within the selected local area(s) of Maryvale.

Statement of Work

The Community Pre-Assessment will be the foundation to decide what factors to include in the Community Assessment. The expected vehicle for the Community Pre-Assessment will be unstructured focus groups and individual interviews, to be conducted in the community. (Other methodologies may be proposed.) It is expected that the survey tools will be meaningful to the community, accentuate community strengths, and identify existing resources that may or may not be utilized by the community. The Pre-Assessment is to include identification of those recreational and after-school type programs that either exist or do not exist in the community. Individuals and groups to be included in the Community Pre-Assessment are as follows:

- , Children involved in and not involved in the juvenile justice system (an equal number of each in different age groups)
- , Of the children selected, their parents/family members
- , Police Officers in the area
- , County Attorneys for that area
- , Public Defenders for that area
- , Juvenile Probation Officers including School Probation Officers for the area
- , Juvenile Parole Officers for the area
- , Faith Community Members
- , Business Community Members
- , Senior/elderly Citizens
- , Firemen/women and paramedics
- , Park and Recreation workers
- , Youth Service Club directors and workers
- , Community Justice Board members (Community members who assist Maricopa County Juvenile Court)
- , School Teachers
- , Department of Economic Security staff including CPS
- , Department of Education (DOE) Prevention Coordinators
- , Volunteer Group Members
- , Convenience Store Clerks
- , Fast food restaurant workers
- , Maryvale Community Issues Committee
- , Natural leaders - e.g. gang members, high school athletes
- , Drug treatment counselors
- , People who both live and work in the area
- , Block Watch neighborhood participants
- , Victims

The Community Assessment will be developed based on the Community Pre-Assessment. The researcher is to describe the methodology by which the Community Assessment will be developed and implemented.

The purpose of the Community Assessment is to define the perceptions of the key stakeholders: children, families, victims of crime, and the institutional community, including the law enforcement and justice community. Through the perceptions of these integral stakeholders, Building Blocks can begin to address the over-representation of minority youth in the juvenile justice system. The perceptions should include the community strengths and weaknesses as well as the resources and services available and needed.

The Community Assessment:

- (1) May serve as the basis for possible modification of the goals and objectives of the Arizona Building Blocks Initiative.
- (2) Will identify community strengths and weaknesses.
- (3) Will identify resources and whether these resources are being used.
- (4) Will provide community-relevant strategies for meeting the initiative's mission.
- (5) Will serve to inform law enforcement and juvenile justice agencies of community expectations and perceptions of the need for agency analysis of decision points in the systems.

Deliverables

It is expected that the Arizona Building Blocks Initiative will be replicated in a number of sites. In order to assure that all aspects of the initiative can be easily replicated, the researcher will be required to provide clear documentation of the methodology and results of the project. The Building Blocks Research Advisory Committee will review the deliverables at milestones in the research.

- , A draft of the Pre-Assessment focus group model and individual interview questions to the Building Blocks Research Advisory Committee prior to conducting the pre-assessment.
- , Results, answers and conclusions to the Pre-Assessment focus groups and individual interviews and the draft of the questions for the Community Assessment to the Building Blocks Research Advisory Committee prior to conducting the Community Assessment.
- , Twenty-five (25) hard copies and an electronic copy of the comprehensive research document containing the results, answers and conclusions of the Pre-Community Assessment and Community Assessment which will include copies of survey tools and an executive summary appropriate for a lay audience.
- , Any other documentation relevant to replication.

**SECTION 4
PROPOSAL EVALUATION CRITERIA**

Proposals will be evaluated in two phases:

- 4.1 An initial review to determine the responsiveness of the proposal to the requirements of the Request for Proposals (RFP). For a proposal to be considered responsive, it must meet the following tests:
 - A. A sealed original and 10 copies must be physically in the possession of the Arizona Supreme Court, 1501 W. Washington, Suite 221, no later than 3:00 p.m. Arizona Time April 1, 2002.
 - B. The proposal must be completed and contain no substantive errors or omissions.
 - C. The original and all copies of the proposal must be in ink or typewritten.
- 4.2 An in-depth analysis and evaluation based upon the following criteria. The evaluation criteria are listed in order of relative importance:

<u>EVALUATION CRITERIA</u>	<u>RELATIVE IMPORTANCE</u>
A. Cost (Detailed budget with indirect costs identified)	25%
B. Relevant Research Experience (Including publications, community assessment experience, experience as a facilitator of focus groups)	25%
C. Theoretical Framework and Methodology Proposed (Including literature review, project plan)	25%
D. Cultural and Linguistic Relevance (Spanish speaking, preferably dialects found in Southwestern Communities in which a significant proportion of residents have immigrated from Mexico, knowledge and experience with minority cultures in multi cultural communities)	25%

**SECTION 5
PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL DOCUMENTS**

Proposal Submittal Checklist

The following materials must be submitted as part of a vendor response:

- 5.1 Proposal Submittal Letter (see page 12)
- 5.2 Three references (see page 13)
- 5.3 Vendor Profile (see page 14)
- 5.4 Proposal pricing sheets, with any indirect costs separately identified.
- 5.5 A brief synopsis of the literature relevant to the identified research issues.
- 5.6 A description of the theoretical framework.
- 5.7 A description of the proposed methodology, including individuals and groups to be included in the Pre-Assessment and Community Assessment.
- 5.8 A demonstration of the ability to make community contacts linguistically appropriate and culturally relevant to the Maryvale Community.
- 5.9 A detailed project plan including time frames, milestones, estimated start time, and hours for each phase of the project. The time line for each of the assessments should consist of at least the stages documented below. There should be a minimal amount of time between the Pre-Assessment and the Community Assessment.
 - A. Pre-Assessment: 1) Pre-Assessment focus group model and questions generated and reviewed with the Building Blocks Research Advisory Committee; 2) data collected and analyzed; 3) questions generated for the Community Assessment; and 4) a draft written.
 - B. Community Assessment: 1) questions generated and reviewed by the Research Advisory Committee; 2) interviews and focus groups; 3) data collected, analyzed; and 4) a draft written.
- 5.10 A curriculum vitae for each participating researcher.
- 5.11 A description of any relevant research authored by the proposer(s).
- 5.12 Acknowledgments that all resources involved in the project are the proposer's resources.
- 5.13 Any additional descriptive/narrative data the proposer wants to submit.

**APPENDIX A
PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL LETTER
(Use as page 1 of proposal)**

Ms. Victoria Prins
Arizona Supreme Court
Administrative Office of the Courts
1501 W. Washington, Suite 221
Phoenix, Arizona 85007-3231

Dear Ms. Prins::

In response to your Request for Proposals (RFP) number 02-03, please accept the following.

In submitting this proposal, I hereby certify that:

1. the RFP has been read and understood;
2. the materials requested by the RFP are enclosed;
3. all information provided is true, accurate, and complete to the best of my knowledge;
4. this proposal is submitted by, or on behalf of, the party that will be legally responsible for service delivery should a contract be awarded.

Signature of Authorized Official

Date

Name of Signatory: _____

Company: _____

Title: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Federal Employer ID# or SSN#: _____

**APPENDIX B
PROPOSAL REFERENCES
(Use as page 2 of proposal)**

Vendors shall provide at least three (3) references (Phoenix or Tucson metropolitan areas preferred). Please provide the following information for each reference:

CLIENT NAME: Identify the name of the client or site as appropriate.

CONTACT NAME: Identify who the point of contact at the client or site should be.

CONTACT INFORMATION: Provide the address and telephone number where the client or contact can be reached.

	<u>CLIENT NAME</u>	<u>CONTACT NAME</u>	<u>CONTACT INFORMATION</u>
1.	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____

VENDOR PROFILE

(Information can be on a separate sheet)

What is the physical address, mailing address, and fax number of your company's main office?

Who in your company will be our primary point of contact during the proposal evaluation process? (Please provide name, title, direct phone number, e-mail address, fax number, and mailing address).

Who in your company is authorized to negotiate a contract with us? (Please provide name, title, direct phone number, fax number, and mailing address).

Provide a brief history of your company.

Indicate the total number of employees in your company and their distribution by function.

Provide most recent annual report and financial statement.

Comment on any partnerships(s) with other vendors.

SECTION 6
STANDARD TERMS AND
CONDITIONS

Arizona Supreme Court
Administrative Office of the Courts

STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Solicitation No.

Vendor:

These terms supplement and modify the terms and conditions of the contract with the vendor named above. In the event of any conflict between any "form" contract and these provisions, these terms shall govern unless expressly overridden. "Court" means the Arizona Supreme Court and the Administrative Office of the Courts. "State" means the State of Arizona and its departments, agencies, boards and commissions. "Contract" or "Agreement" means the agreement between the Court and the vendor named, including all attachments and other documents incorporated by reference. "Contractor" means the vendor named above.

1. CERTIFICATION

By execution of this Contract, Contractor certifies:

A. The submission of the offer did not involve collusion or other anti-competitive practices.

B. Contractor shall comply with all applicable state and federal laws, rules, regulations and executive orders governing equal employment opportunity, immigration, nondiscrimination, including the Americans with Disabilities Act, and affirmative action. Contractor shall include a clause to this effect in all subcontracts related to this Contract.

C. The Contractor has not given, offered to give, nor intends to give at any time hereafter any economic opportunity, future employment, gift, loan, gratuity, special discount, trip, favor, or service to a public servant in connection with this Contract. Signing this Contract with a false statement shall void the Contract and

may be subject to all legal remedies provided by law.

D. The Contractor agrees to promote and offer to agencies eligible to purchase under this Contract only those materials and/or services as stated in and allowed for under this Contract as Court contract items.

E. No individual or agent has been employed or retained to solicit or secure this Contract for a commission, percentage, brokerage or contingent fee, except a bona fide employee maintained by Contractor to secure business. This paragraph does not apply to payment of fees for assistance in marketing, installation, and support or for any other purpose in performance of this Contract.

2. AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

Payments for contractual obligations are contingent on funds for that purpose being appropriated, budgeted, and otherwise made available, and the provisions of the Contract shall be effective only when funds appropriated for the purpose of compensating Contractor actually are available to the Court for disbursement. The Administrative Director of the Courts shall be the sole judge and authority in determining the availability of funds under the Contract and shall keep the Contractor informed as to the availability of funds. The Court shall not be liable for any purchases or subcontracts entered into by Contractor in anticipation of funding.

3. GRATUITIES

The Court may, by written notice to the Contractor, terminate the Contract if it is found that gratuities in the form of entertainment, gifts, or otherwise were offered or given by the Contractor or any agent or representative of the Contractor, to any officer or employee of the Court or the state with a view toward securing a contract or securing favorable treatment with respect to the awarding or amending or the making of any determinations with respect to the performance of such Contract. In the event this Contract is canceled by the Court pursuant to this provision, the Court shall be entitled, in addition to any other rights and remedies, to recover or withhold from the Contractor the amount of the gratuity. Paying the expense of normal business meals which are generally made available to all eligible customers shall not be prohibited by this paragraph.

4. APPLICABLE LAW

The laws and regulations of the State of Arizona shall govern the rights of the parties, the performance of this Contract and any dispute thereunder. Any action relating to this Contract shall be brought in an Arizona Court in Maricopa County. Any changes in the governing laws, rules and regulations during the term of this Contract shall apply and do not require an amendment to this Contract.

5. ARIZONA PROCUREMENT CODE

The Arizona Procurement Code (ARS Title 41, Chapter 23) and the Arizona Supreme Court Rules Prescribing Procurement Policies and Procedures for the Judicial Branch (Judicial Branch Procurement Rules) are incorporated as a part of this document as if fully set forth herein.

6. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

The Contract contains the entire agreement between the Court and the Contractor concerning the subject transaction and shall prevail over any and all previous agreements, contracts, proposals, negotiations, purchase orders or master agreements in any form.

7. AMENDMENTS

This Contract shall be modified only by a written Contract amendment signed by persons duly authorized to enter into contracts on behalf of the Court and the Contractor.

8. PROVISIONS REQUIRED BY LAW

Each and every provision of law and any clause required by law to be in the Contract shall be read and enforced as though it were included herein, and if through mistake or otherwise any such provision is not inserted, or is not correctly inserted, then upon the application of either party the Contract shall forthwith be physically amended to make such insertion or correction.

9. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

The Court may cancel this Contract without penalty or further obligation pursuant to ARS §38-511, if any person significantly involved in initiating, negotiating, securing, drafting, or creating the Contract on behalf of the Court is or becomes at any time, while the Contract or any extension of the Contract is in effect, an employee of any other party to the Contract in any capacity or a consultant to any other party to the Contract with respect to the subject matter of the Contract. Cancellation shall be effective when written notice from the Court is received by all parties to the Contract unless the notice specifies a later time.

10. SEVERABILITY

If any provision of the Contract is held invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall continue valid and enforceable to the full extent permitted by law.

11. RELATIONSHIP OF PARTIES

It is clearly understood that each party shall act in its individual capacity and not as an agent, employee, partner, joint venturer, or associate of the other. An employee or agent of one party shall not be deemed or construed to be the employee or agent of the other party for any purpose whatsoever. The Contractor is an independent contractor in the performance of work and the provision of services under this Contract, and taxes or Social Security payments shall not be withheld from a Court payment issued hereunder.

12. INTERPRETATION

This Contract is intended by the parties as a final, complete and exclusive statement of the terms of their agreement. No course of prior dealings between the parties and no usage of the trade shall be relevant to supplement or explain any term used in this Contract. Acceptance or acquiescence in a course of performance rendered under this Contract shall not be relevant to determine the meaning of this Contract even though the accepting or acquiescing party has knowledge of the nature of the performance and opportunity to object. Whenever a term defined by the Arizona procurement code or the Judicial Branch Procurement Rules is used in this Contract, the definition contained in this code or these rules shall control with the provisions of the Judicial Branch Procurement Rules governing in the case of conflicting terms.

13. ASSIGNMENT - DELEGATION

No right or interest in this Contract shall be assigned by the Contractor or the Court without prior written permission of the other party, and no delegation of any duty of the Contractor or the Court shall be made without prior written permission of the other party. The Court and the Contractor will not unreasonably withhold approval and will notify the other of its position within 15 days of receipt of written notice by the other. Any attempt to assign any of the rights, duties or obligations of this Contract, or otherwise assign any item acquired under this Contract, without such consent is void.

14. SUBCONTRACTS

No subcontract shall be entered into by the Contractor with any other party to furnish any of the material, service or construction specified herein without the advance written approval of the Court. All subcontracts shall comply with Federal and State laws and regulations which are applicable to the services covered by the subcontract and shall include all the terms and conditions set forth herein which shall apply with equal force to the subcontract, as if the subcontractor were the Contractor referred to herein. The Contractor is responsible for Contract performance whether or not subcontractors are used.

The Court shall not unreasonably withhold approval and shall notify the Contractor of the Court's position within 15 days of receipt of written notice by the Contractor.

15. RIGHTS AND REMEDIES

No provision in this document or in the Contractor's offer shall be construed, expressly or by implication as a waiver by either party of any existing or future right and/or remedy available by law in the event of any claim of default or breach of contract. The failure of either party to insist upon the strict performance of any term or condition of the Contract or to exercise or delay the exercise of any right or remedy provided in the Contract, or by law, or the acceptance of materials or services, or the payment for materials or services, shall not release either party from any responsibilities or obligations imposed by this Contract or by law, and shall not be deemed a waiver of any right of either party to insist upon the strict performance of the Contract.

16. DISPUTES

A. Contract Administrator Procedure. If any dispute arising under this Contract is not disposed of by agreement between the parties within thirty (30) days, then the Court contract administrator identified in this Contract shall decide the dispute in writing and send a copy of the decision to Contractor.

B. Appeals. If the Court contract administrator's decision is not acceptable to Contractor, the dispute shall be resolved in accordance with the procedures set forth in Supreme Court Administrative Policy 7.04.

C. Continued Performance. The Court and the Contractor agree that the existence of a dispute notwithstanding, they will continue without delay to carry out all their responsibilities under this Contract that are not affected by the dispute.

17. WARRANTIES

Contractor warrants that all material, service or construction delivered under this Contract shall conform to the specifications of this Contract. Mere receipt of shipment of the material, service, or construction specified, and any inspection incidental thereto by the Court, shall not alter or affect the obligations of the Contractor or the rights of the Court under the foregoing warranties. Additional warranty requirements may be set forth in this document.

18. INDEMNIFICATION

Contractor shall indemnify, defend, and save harmless the Court from any and all

claims, demands, suits, actions, proceedings, loss, cost, and damages of every kind and description, including any reasonable attorneys' fees and/or litigation expenses, which may be brought or made against or incurred by the Court on account of loss of or damage to any property or for injuries to or death of any person, caused by, arising out of, or contributed to, in part, by reasons of any act, omission, professional error, fault, mistake, or negligence of the Contractor, its employees, agents, representatives, or subcontractors, their employees, agents or representatives in connection with or incidental to the performance of this Agreement, or arising out of worker's compensation claims, unemployment compensation claims, or unemployment disability compensation claims of employees of Contractor and/or its subcontractors or claims under similar such laws or obligations. Contractor's obligation under this Section shall not extend to any liability caused by the negligence of the Court, or its employees.

19. OVERCHARGES BY ANTITRUST VIOLATIONS

The Court maintains that, in actual practice, overcharges resulting from antitrust violations are borne by the purchaser. Therefore, to the extent permitted by law, the Contractor hereby assigns to the Court any and all claims for such overcharges as to the goods or services used to fulfill the Contract.

20. FORCE MAJEURE

- A. Except for payment of sums due, neither party shall be liable to the other nor deemed in default under this Contract if and to the extent that such party's performance of this Contract is prevented by reason of force majeure. The term "force majeure" means an occurrence that is beyond the control of the party affected and occurs without its fault or negligence. Without limiting the foregoing, force majeure includes acts of God, acts of the public enemy; war; riots; strikes; mobilization; labor disputes; civil disorders; fire; flood; lockouts; injunctions-intervention-acts, or failures or refusal to act by government authority; and other similar occurrences beyond the control of the party declaring force majeure which such party is unable to prevent by exercising reasonable diligence. The force majeure shall be deemed to commence when the party declaring force majeure notifies the other party of the existence of the force majeure and shall be deemed to continue as long as the results or effects of the force majeure prevent the party from resuming performance in accordance with this agreement.
- B. Force majeure shall not include the following occurrences:
- (1) Late delivery of equipment or materials caused by congestion at a manufacturer's plant or elsewhere, or an oversold condition of the market.
 - (2) Late performance by a subcontractor unless the delay arises out of a

force majeure occurrence in accordance with this force majeure term and condition. Any delay or failure in performance by either party hereto shall not constitute default hereunder or give rise to any claim for damages or loss of anticipated profits if, and to the extent that such delay or failure is caused by force majeure.

- C. If either party is delayed at any time in the progress of the work by force majeure, the delayed party shall notify the other party in writing of such delay, as soon as is practical, of the commencement thereof and shall specify the causes of such delay in such notice. Such notice shall be hand delivered or mailed certified-return receipt and shall make a specific reference to this article, thereby invoking its provisions. The delayed party shall cause such delay to cease as soon as practicable and shall notify the other party in writing when it has done so. The time of completion shall be extended by contract modification for a period of time equal to the time that results or effects of such delay prevent the delayed party from performing in accordance with this Contract.

21. RIGHT TO ASSURANCE

Whenever one party to this Contract in good faith has reason to question the other party's intent to perform, he may demand that the other party give a written assurance of this intent to perform. In the event that a demand is made and no written assurance is given within five (5) days, the demanding party may treat this failure as an anticipatory repudiation of the Contract.

22. RECORDS

Pursuant to provisions of Title 35, Chapter 1, Article 6 Arizona Revised Statutes §35-214 and §35-215 each Contractor shall retain, and shall contractually require each subcontractor to retain, all books, accounts, reports, files and other records relating to the acquisition and performance of the Contract for a period of five (5) years after the completion of the Contract. All such documents shall be subject to inspection and audit at reasonable times. Upon request, a legible copy of any or all such documents shall be produced at the offices of the Auditor General, the Attorney General, the Supreme Court or any agency doing business under this Contract. This paragraph does not apply to confidential information or trade secrets, such as product costing data, research and development data, and the like.

23. ADVERTISING

Contractor shall not advertise or publish information concerning this Contract, without prior written consent of the Court. The Court shall not unreasonably withhold permission.

24. RIGHT TO INSPECT PLANT

The Court may, at reasonable times, and at the Court's expense, inspect the plant or place of business of a Contractor or subcontractor which is related to the performance of any contract as awarded or to be awarded, in accordance with the Judicial Branch Procurement Code.

25. INSPECTION AND ACCEPTANCE

All material, service and construction are subject to final inspection and acceptance by the Court. Material, service or construction failing to conform to the specifications of this Contract shall be held at Contractor's risk and may be returned to the Contractor. If so returned, all costs are the responsibility of the Contractor. Compliance shall conform to the termination clause set forth in this document.

26. EXCLUSIVE POSSESSION

All services, information, computer program elements, reports and other deliverables which may be created under this Contract are the sole property of the Court and shall not be used or released by the Contractor or any other person except with prior written permission of the Court.

27. SHIPPING - TITLE AND RISK OF LOSS

Unless otherwise indicated by the Court, prices shall be F.O.B. Destination to any delivery location in the State of Arizona, in accordance with the Contractor's current shipping practices, using handling methods, equipment, and access routes which are normal for the particular goods. Contractor shall retain title and control of all goods until they are delivered, received, and the contract of coverage has been completed. All risk of transportation and all related charges shall be the responsibility of the Contractor. All claims for visible and concealed damage shall be filed by the Contractor. The Court will notify the Contractor promptly of any damaged goods and shall assist the Contractor in arranging for inspection.

28. NO REPLACEMENT OF DEFECTIVE TENDER

Every tender of materials must fully comply with all provisions of this Contract. If a tender is made which does not fully conform, this shall constitute a breach and Contractor shall not have the right to substitute a conforming tender. Compliance shall conform to the termination clause set forth within this document.

29. DEFAULT IN ONE INSTALLMENT TO CONSTITUTE TOTAL BREACH

Contractor shall deliver conforming materials in each installment or lot of this Contract and may not substitute nonconforming materials. Delivery of nonconforming materials or a default of any nature, at the option of the Court, shall constitute a breach of the Contract as a whole. Compliance shall conform to the termination clause set forth within this document.

30. SHIPMENT UNDER RESERVATION PROHIBITED

Contractor is not authorized to ship materials under reservation and no tender of a bill of lading shall operate as a tender of the materials. Compliance shall conform to the termination clause set forth within this document.

31. LIENS

All goods, services and other deliverables supplied to the Court under this Contract shall be free of all liens other than the security interest held by the Contractor until payment in full is made by the Court. Upon request of the Court, the Contractor shall provide a formal release of all liens.

32. PAYMENT

A separate invoice shall be issued for each shipment of material or service performed, and no payment shall be issued prior to receipt of material, service or construction and correct invoice. Payment shall be subject to the provisions of ARS Title 35. Court will provide the Contractor with a contract number and the Contractor will reference the number on all invoices. The Court will make every effort to process payment for the purchase of goods or services within (30) calendar days after receipt of goods or services and a correct invoice of amount due, unless a good faith dispute exists as to any obligation to pay all or a portion of the account. Payment for deliverables subject to an acceptance test shall be made within 30 days following acceptance. Any amount that is due after (30) calendar days will be considered past due.

33. LICENSES AND PERMITS

Contractor shall maintain in current status all Federal, State, and local licenses and permits required for the operation of the business conducted by the Contractor as applicable to this Contract.

34. INSURANCE

Without limiting any liabilities or any other obligation of the Contractor, the Contractor shall purchase and maintain, in a company or companies lawfully authorized to do business in the State of Arizona, and rated at least "A VII" in the current A.M. Best's, the minimum insurance coverage below:

a. Commercial General Liability, with minimum limits of \$1,000,000 per occurrence and an unimpaired products and completed operations aggregate limit and general aggregate minimum limit of \$2,000,000. Coverage shall be at least as broad as the Insurance Services Office, Inc. Form CG25031185, issued on an occurrence basis and endorsed to add the State of Arizona and Arizona Supreme Court as Additional Insureds with reference to this contract. The policy shall include coverage for:

- Bodily Injury
- Broad Form Property Damage (including completed operations)
- Personal Injury
- Blanket Contractual Liability
- Products and Completed Operations, and this coverage shall extend for one year past acceptance, cancellation or termination of the services or work defined in this contract
- Fire Legal Liability

b. Business Automobile Liability, with minimum limits of \$1,000,000 per occurrence combined single limit, with Insurance Service Office Inc. declarations to include Symbol One (Any Auto) applicable to claims arising from bodily injury, death or property damage arising out of the ownership, maintenance or use of any auto. The policy shall be endorsed to add the State of Arizona and Arizona Supreme Court as Additional Insureds with reference to this contract.

c. Workers Compensation and Employers Liability insurance as required by the State of Arizona Workers Compensation statutes, as follows:

Workers Compensation (Coverage A):	Statutory Arizona benefits
Employers Liability (Coverage B):	\$500,000 each accident
	\$500,000 each employee/disease
	\$1,000,000 policy limit/disease

Policy shall include endorsement for All State coverage for the state of hire.

d. Professional Liability Insurance with minimum limits of \$1,000,000 Each Claim (or Each Wrongful Act) with a Retroactive Liability Date (if applicable to Claims-Made coverage) the same as the effective date of this contract. The policy shall cover professional misconduct or lack of ordinary skill for those positions providing services in the Description of Work of this contract and, if a specified professional liability policy is determined to be applicable by the Court, shall include one or more of the following type(s) of Professional Liability policies:

- Directors and Officers
- Errors and Omissions
- Medical Malpractice
- Druggists Professional
- Architects/Engineers Professional
- Lawyers Professional
- Teachers Professional
- Accountants Professional
- Social Workers Professional

The State of Arizona and Arizona Supreme Court shall be named as Additional Insureds as their interests may appear. The policy shall contain an Extended Claim Reporting Provision of not less than one year following termination of the policy.

e. The Court reserves the right to request and receive certified copies of all policies and endorsements at any time during the term of the contract. Upon such request, contractor shall deliver the requested information within 10 calendar days.

f. Certificates of Insurance acceptable to the Court shall be issued and delivered prior to the commencement of the work defined in this contract, and shall identify this contract and include certified copies of endorsements naming the State of Arizona and Arizona Supreme Court as Additional Insureds for liability coverages. The certificates, insurance policies and endorsements required by this paragraph shall contain a provision that coverages afforded will not be canceled until at least 50 days prior written notice has been given to the Court. All coverages, conditions, limits and endorsements shall remain in full force and effect as required in this contract.

g. Failure on the part of the Contractor to meet these requirements shall constitute a material breach of contract, upon which the Court may immediately terminate this agreement or, at its discretion, procure or renew such insurance and pay any and all premiums in connection therewith, and all monies so paid by the Court or the State of Arizona shall be repaid by the Contractor upon demand, or the Court may offset the cost for the premiums against any monies due to the Contractor. Costs for coverages broader than those required or for limits in excess of those required shall not be charged to the Court. Contractor and its insurer(s) providing the required coverages shall waive their rights of recovery against the Court, State of Arizona, and their Departments, Employees and Officers, Agencies, Boards and Commissions.

35. SAFETY STANDARDS

All items supplied on this Contract must comply with the current applicable occupational safety and health standards of the State of Arizona Industrial Commission, the National Electric Code, and the National Fire Protection Association standards.

36. SERIAL NUMBERS

Offers must be for equipment on which the original manufacturers' serial number has not been altered in any way. Throughout the Contract term, the Court reserves the right to reject any altered equipment.

37. ADDITION OF NEW MODELS

In the event that a product or model described in this Contract is discontinued or a new model or a comparable product is announced by the manufacturer, the Court at its sole discretion may allow the Contractor to substitute the comparable product for the discontinued product or the new or comparable model for the product described in the Contract subject to the procurement provisions of the Judicial Branch Procurement Rules. The Contractor shall request permission to substitute a new product or model and provide the following:

1. Certification by the manufacturer that the product or model described in the Contract has been discontinued or that a new model or a comparable product has been announced.
2. Documentation that provides clear and convincing evidence that the replacement meets or exceeds all specifications required by the original solicitation.
3. Documentation that provides clear and convincing evidence that the replacement will be compatible with all the functions or uses of the discontinued product or model.
4. Documentation confirming that the price/performance for the replacement is the same as or better than the discontinued model.

38. CONFIDENTIALITY OF RECORDS

The Contractor shall establish and maintain procedures and controls that are acceptable to the Court for the purpose of assuring that no information contained in its records or obtained from the Court or from others in carrying out its functions under the Contract shall be used or disclosed by it, its agents, officers,

or employees, except as required to efficiently perform duties under the Contract. Persons requesting such information should be referred to the Court. Contractor also agrees that any information pertaining to individual persons shall not be divulged other than to employees or officers of Contractor as needed for the performance of duties under the Contract, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the Court.

39. PATENTS AND COPYRIGHTS

The Contractor will, at its expense, defend the Court against any claim that any item furnished under this Contract infringes a patent or copyright in the United States or Puerto Rico. The Contractor will pay all costs, damages, and attorney's fees that a court finally awards as a result of such claim. To qualify for such defense and payment, the Court will give the Contractor prompt written notice of any such claim and allow the Contractor to control, and fully cooperate with the Contractor in, the defense and all related settlement negotiations.

If the use of any item furnished under this Contract becomes, or the Contractor believes is likely to become, the subject of such a claim, the Court will permit the Contractor, at the Contractor's option and expense, either to secure the right for the Court to continue using the item or to replace it or modify it so that it becomes non-infringing so long as the item continues to meet the specifications of the original Contract. However, if neither of the foregoing alternatives is available on terms which are reasonable in the Contractor's judgement, the Court will return the item upon the Contractor's written request. The Contractor will grant the Court a credit for returned items in the full amount of the purchase price.

The Contractor shall have no obligation with respect to any such claim based upon the State's modification of the item or its combination, operation or use with apparatus not furnished by the Contractor.

This paragraph states the Contractor's entire obligation to the Court regarding infringement or the like.

40. END USER CERTIFICATION

The Court understands that the Contractor is providing any volume discounts under this Contract in reliance on the State's representation that it is acquiring the items for use within its own organization, within the United States or Puerto Rico, and not for re-marketing. However, the Court is under no obligation to actually purchase any quantity of items.

41. TAXES

The Arizona Supreme Court is exempt from Federal Excise Tax, including the

Federal Transportation Tax. The Court will pay all applicable taxes resulting from this Contract or activities hereunder exclusive of taxes based on Contractor's net income. Sales tax, as required, shall be indicated as a separate item on all invoices.

42. OTHER CONTRACTS

The Court may perform additional work related to this Contract or award other contracts for such work. The Contractor shall reasonably cooperate with such other contractors or state employees in the scheduling of and coordination of its own work with such additional work.

43. TERMINATION

A. The Court reserves the right to terminate the whole or any part of this Contract due to failure by the Contractor to carry out any material obligation, term or condition of the Contract. The Court will issue written notice to Contractor for acting or failing to act as in any of the following:

- (1) The Contractor provides material that does not meet the specifications of the Contract;
- (2) The Contractor fails to adequately perform the services set forth in the specifications of the Contract;
- (3) The Contractor fails to complete the work required or to furnish the materials required within the time stipulated in the Contract;
- (4) The Contractor fails to make progress in the performance of the Contract and/or gives the Court reason to believe that the Contractor will not or cannot perform to the requirements of the Contract.

B. Upon receipt of the written notice of concern, the Contractor shall have ten (10) days to provide a satisfactory response. During the ten day period, the parties will have an opportunity to address the concern. If the response is considered unsatisfactory, the Court will so indicate and participate in continued discussion toward resolving the concern. This process will continue during the ten day period until the concern is adequately addressed. Failure on the part of the Contractor to satisfactorily address all issues of concern by the end of the ten day period may result in the Court resorting to any single or combination of the following remedies:

- (1) Cancel the Contract;
- (2) Reserve all rights or claims to damage for breach of any covenants of the Contract;

(3) Perform any test or analysis on materials for compliance with the specifications of the Contract. If the results of any test or analysis confirms a material noncompliance with the specifications, any reasonable expense of testing shall be borne by the Contractor;

(4) In case of default, the Court reserves the right to purchase materials, or to complete the required work in accordance with the Judicial Branch Procurement Code. The Court may recover any reasonable actual excess costs up to the greater of \$100,000 or the purchase price of the equipment or services that are the subject matter of, or directly related to, the cause of action, from the Contractor by:

(a) Deduction from an unpaid balance;

(b) Collection against any bid and/or performance bond, or:

(c) Any combination of the above or any other remedies as provided by law.

44. PRICE REDUCTION

A price reduction adjustment may be offered at any time during the term of this Contract and shall become effective upon notice.

45. INSTALLATION

Any order, acceptance or other document evidencing a purchase under this Contract for equipment or software shall describe the responsibilities of the parties regarding installation of the goods ordered, including the establishment of the date of installation.

46. STATEWIDE PURCHASING

If authorized in a particular solicitation, any Arizona court or any political subdivision on behalf of a court may procure material or services described in this Contract for use by Arizona courts or judicial branch units. Where so authorized, Contractor agrees to provide such materials or services to other courts at the Contract prices and under the Contract terms. Any attempt to represent any material and/or service as being under contract with the Court which is not a subject of or addition to this Contract is a violation of the Contract and the Judicial Branch Procurement Rules. Any such action is subject to the legal and contractual remedies available to the Court inclusive of, but not limited to, Contract cancellation, suspension and/or debarment of the Contractor.

47. LIFE CYCLE COSTS AND APPLICATION BENEFITS

ARS §41-2553 requires any state agency purchasing an information or telecommunication system costing more than \$100,000 to take into account the total life cycle cost and application benefit of the system, as defined by statute. Upon request, the Contractor shall provide this information at the time such a system is proposed for purchase under this Contract.

48. PUBLIC RECORD

This Contract is a public record, available for review, as required by state law.

49. CRIMINAL HISTORY CHECK

The Court may require Contractor to provide identifying information for Contractor and any individuals working in judicial facilities or having access to judicial information for the purposes of conducting a criminal history records check for security purposes. Contractor agrees to cooperate with such requests and understands that the Court may terminate this Agreement if the results of the criminal history records check would disqualify the Contractor or individual and there is no acceptable alternative.