BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
PURCHASING DIVISION
400 WASHINGTON AVENUE, ROOM 148
TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204-4665

REQUEST FOR QUOTATION NO. Q-759

PROMOTIONAL ITEM FOR SENIOR EXPO 2016 – IMPRINTED PUZZLE BOOKS

Due Date: 06/02/16, Time: 2:00 PM

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Amendments to solicitations often occur prior to bid opening and sometimes within as little as 48 hours prior to bid opening. It is the potential vendor's responsibility to frequently visit the Purchasing web site (www.baltimorecountymd.gov/purchasing) to obtain amendments once they have downloaded a solicitation.

BIDDER CHECK LIST

____Have you signed your bid?
____Have you signed the Procurement Affidavit?
____Have you filled out all applicable forms?
____Have you returned the original? (and required duplicate copies when required?)
____Have you signed and returned amendments?
____Have you included the bid bond, if required?
_____Have you completed, signed and included all required MBE/WBE forms and documents? (if applicable)

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BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND
General Instructions for Solicitations

1. Instructions, Forms and Specifications

1.1 All bids/proposals are to be submitted on and in accordance with the forms provided by the Purchasing Division. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope or carton as appropriate. All bids must be clearly identified on the front of the envelope or top of the carton with the SOLICITATION NUMBER and the DUE DATE and TIME. Bid times are either Eastern Standard Time or Eastern Daylight Time, whichever prevails. Late bids will not be considered.

1.2 Responses to Requests for Bids and Requests for Proposals shall be accompanied by an executed Procurement Affidavit, as provided by the Purchasing Division. This does not apply to Requests for Quotations.

1.3 Amendments to solicitations often occur prior to bid opening and sometimes within hours prior to bid opening. All bidders are responsible for frequently visiting the Purchasing web site to obtain amendments once they have downloaded a solicitation.

1.4 Additional information or clarification of any of the instructions or information contained herein may be obtained from the Purchasing Division. The County assumes no responsibility for oral instructions or suggestions. All official correspondence in regard to this solicitation must be directed to, and will be issued by, the Purchasing Division.

1.5 Bidders finding any discrepancy in or omission from the specifications, in doubt as to meaning, or asserting that the specifications are discriminatory, shall notify the Purchasing Division in writing at once, but in no case later than five (5) business days prior to the scheduled opening of bids. Exceptions stated do not obligate the County to change the specifications. The Purchasing Division will notify all bidders in writing, by amendment duly issued, of any substantive revisions to specifications or instructions.

1.6 Unless a written exception detailing non-conformance to specifications is noted on the bid, any part number, product number, catalog number, etc., noted on the bid will be considered in full compliance with the specifications.

1.7 Submission of a bid in response to this solicitation evidences the bidder's acceptance of these General Instructions and the terms and conditions of the solicitation. Submission of a bid evidences bidder's representation and warranty that the person submitting the bid response is authorized to act for and bind the contractor.

1.8 All original and duplicate bids/proposals and other attachments, related documents and correspondence, including all follow-up documents and correspondence, shall be typed or written in English. All prices/percentages and/or other monetary figures shall be in United States dollars.

1.9 Requests for Bids and Requests for Proposals should be accompanied by an electronic version (Compact Disc) of the bid proposal in PDF format. It shall be the bidder's responsibility to verify that the electronic version is complete. The electronic version of the non-successful proposal response will be the only version retained by Baltimore County. The Compact Disc must be labeled with the bid number, the bid title, and the bidder's name submitting the response. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope or carton as appropriate. This does not apply to Requests for Quotation.

1.10 Issuing Officer: The sole point of contact for the County for purposes of this solicitation is the Buyer, listed on the cover page; questions regarding any aspect of the competitive process must be directed to the Buyer, in writing.

2. Award of Solicitations

2.1 Any award pursuant to Requests for Quotation and Requests for Bid is made to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder following the public opening of bids under Section 10-2-406 of the Baltimore County Code, 2003, as amended.

2.2 Awards on Requests for Quotations and Requests for Bid will be made within sixty (60) days after bid opening unless otherwise indicated in this solicitation. No bidder will be allowed to withdraw a bid during that period.

2.3 The successful bidder may be required to give security or bond, as stated in the bid document, for performance of the contract.

2.4 When there is a conflict between the unit price or percentage and the extension, the unit price or percentage will prevail as the amount of the bid.

2.5 Cash discounts will be considered in determining awards. However, cash discount offers must allow not less than 30 days to be considered in bid evaluation. A bid offering a cash discount in a period of less than 30 days will be evaluated as a bid without a discount offer;

however, should that bidder obtain award by consideration of the gross price, the County shall make every effort to obtain the discount. The County will not accept any payment terms with a period of less than 30 days.

2.6 Invoices against resulting order(s) must be submitted, in duplicate, to the Office of Budget and Finance, Disbursements Section, 400 Washington Avenue, Room 148, Towson, Maryland 21204-4665. Invoices must show the vendor's Federal Tax Identification Number or Social Security Number, as appropriate, and order number and line number(s) that correspond with resulting order(s).

2.7 The County will not pay interest charges or other penalties for invoice payments.

2.8 Prices quoted shall be exclusive of all non-applicable Federal and Maryland State taxes. Tax exemption certificate will be furnished if required.

2.9 The County reserves the right to consider making payments via electronic funds transfers (EFT) on contracts for which this payment vehicle may be appropriate.

3. Reservations

3.1 The County reserves the right to reject, in whole or in part, any and all bids received, and to make a whole award, multiple awards, a partial award, or no award, to best serve the public interest.

3.2 The County may waive formalities in bids as the interests of the County may require.

3.3 The County reserves the right to increase or decrease quantities by approximately twenty (20) percent to be purchased at the prices bid.

3.4 The County reserves the right to award solicitations or place orders on a lump sum or individual item basis, or in such combination as to best serve the public interest.

3.5 The County may waive minor differences, irregularities, and technicalities in the specifications, provided they neither violate the specifications intent, materially affect the operation for which the items or services are being purchased, nor increase estimated maintenance and repair costs to the County.

3.6 At any time during normal business hours and as often as the County may deem necessary, the Contractor shall make available to and permit inspection and photocopying, by the County, its employees or agents, of all records, information and documentation of the Contractor related to the subject matter of this contract, including, but not limited to, all contracts, invoices, payroll, and financial audits.

3.7 Notwithstanding any other terms or provisions of the contract, in the event the County is temporarily or permanently prevented, restricted or delayed in the performance of any or all of the duties and obligations imposed upon or assumed by it thereunder, by act of the General Assembly of Maryland or the Baltimore County Council, by a court of competent jurisdiction or by administrative delay not due to the fault of the County (and its members and agents) shall not be liable directly or indirectly for any claims caused to or suffered by the Contractor or any other person in connection with or as a result of such prevention, restriction or delay.

3.8 The County further reserves the right to make such investigation as it deems necessary to determine the ability of bidders to furnish the required services, and bidders shall furnish all such information for this purpose as the County may request. The County also reserves the right to reject the proposal of any bidder who is not currently in a position to perform the contract, or who has previously failed to perform similar contracts properly, or in a manner acceptable to the County, all of which shall be in the County's sole discretion.

4. Delivery

4.1 Bidders shall guarantee delivery of materials in accordance with the delivery schedule stated in specifications. All items shall be delivered F.O.B. Destination/Inside Delivery, unless otherwise indicated, with delivery costs and charges included in the bid price.

4.2 The County reserves the right to charge the Contractor or vendor for each day the materials, supplies, or services are not delivered in accordance with the delivery schedule. The sum established by the specifications may be invoked at the discretion of the Purchasing Agent, said sum to be considered not as a penalty, but as liquidated damages, and deducted from final payment, or otherwise, charged to the Contractor or vendor. This remedy is not exclusive but shall be in addition to all other rights and remedies available to the County. These liquidated damages shall be in addition to any and all actual damages incurred directly or indirectly by the County, its agents, assigns, and contractors.

4.3 All bidders and vendors are to ensure that packaging materials used for this requirement are not made of non-recyclable Styrofoam (Polystyrene). Additionally, any materials used in packing to cushion, protect and ship are to be made of recycled, recyclable or biodegradable materials.

5. Competition

5.1 The name of any manufacturer, trade name, or vendor catalog number mentioned in the specifications is for the purpose of designating a standard of quality and type, and for no other purpose unless otherwise stated in the solicitation.

5.2 A bidder may offer a price on only one unit per line item. Even though two or more units may meet the specification, bidders must determine for themselves which to offer. Submission by a bidder of prices for more than one unit shall be sufficient cause for rejection of the bid for that specific item.

5.3 Bids which show omission, irregularity, alteration of forms or additions not called for, as well as conditional or unconditional unresponsive bids, or bids obviously unbalanced, may be rejected.

5.4 All bids must be accompanied by such descriptive literature as may be called for by the specifications or proposal.

5.5 If products to be provided to the County contain any substances that could be hazardous or injurious to a person's health, a material safety data sheet (MSDS) must be provided to the Purchasing Division. This applies also to any product used by a Contractor when providing a service to the County.

5.6 Specifications are based on County needs and uses, estimated costs of operations and maintenance, and other significant and/or limiting factors to meet County requirements, and to ensure consistency with County policies. Minimum specifications, and maximum specifications where included, are not established arbitrarily to limit competition or to exclude otherwise competitive bidders.

5.7 Unless multiple or alternate bids are requested in the solicitation, these bids may not be accepted. However, if a bidder clearly indicates a base bid, it shall be considered for award as though it were the only bid submitted by the bidder.

6. Terminations

6.1 Termination for Convenience: The County may terminate a contract, in whole or in part, without cause, by providing written notice thereof to the Contractor. In the event of termination, without cause, the County shall advise the Contractor in writing of the termination date and of work to be performed during the final days prior to contract termination. The Contractor shall be paid for all reasonable costs incurred by the Contractor up to the date of termination set forth in the written notice of termination. The Contractor will not be reimbursed for any anticipatory profits, which have not been earned up to the date of termination. Payments to be provided on a lump sum basis shall be prorated by the County based on the services rendered or goods delivered up to the date of termination set forth in the written notice.

6.2 Termination for Default:

6.2.1 In addition to other available rights and remedies, the County shall have the right upon the happening of any default, without providing notice to the Contractor: 1) To terminate a contract immediately, in whole or in part; 2) To suspend the contractor's authority to receive any undisbursed funds; and/or 3) To proceed at any time or from time to time to protect and enforce all rights and remedies available to the County, by suit or any other appropriate proceedings, whether for specific performance or any covenant, term or condition set forth in the contract, or for damages or other relief, or proceed to take any action authorized or permitted under applicable law or regulations.

6.2.2 Upon termination of a contract for default, the County may elect to pay the Contractor for services provided or goods delivered up to the date of termination, less the amount of damages caused by the default, all as determined by the County in its sole discretion. If the damages exceed the undisbursed sums available for compensation, the County shall not be obligated to make any further disbursements hereunder.

6.3 Funding Out: If funds are not appropriated or otherwise made available to support contract continuation in any fiscal year, the County shall have the right to terminate the contract without prior notice to the Contractor and without any obligation or penalty.

7. Hold Harmless – Indemnification

7.1 The Contractor shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the County, its employees, agents and officials from any and all liabilities, claims, suits, or demands including attorney's fees and court costs which may be incurred or made against the County, its employees, agents or officials resulting from any act or omission committed in the performance of the duties imposed by and performed under the terms of the contract. The Contractor shall not be responsible for acts of gross negligence or willful misconduct committed by the County.

7.2 The Contractor shall also defend, indemnify and hold harmless the County, its employees, agents and officials from any and all liabilities, claims, suits, or demands including attorney's fees and court costs which may be made against the County, its employees,

agents or officials by any third party arising from the alleged violation of any third party's trade secrets, proprietary information, trademark, copyright, patent rights, or intellectual property rights in connection with the contract.

7.3 Unless notified in writing by the County to the contrary, the Contractor shall provide defense for the County, its employees, agents and officials in accordance with this Article and in doing so the Contractor shall allow the County to participate in said defense of the County, its employees, agents and officials, to the extent and as may be required by the County and the Contractor shall cooperate with the County in all aspects in connection therewith. All filings, actions, settlements, and pleadings shall be provided to the County for comment and review prior to filing or entering thereof. No filing, action, settlement or pleading shall be filed or entered without the prior consent and approval of the County.

8. Minority/Women's Business Enterprise (MBE/WBE) and Small Business Notice: Baltimore County is seeking Minority, Woman and Small Businesses to bid on current solicitations as a prime or sub contractor. In accordance with the Executive Order dated June 4, 2009, "an overall goal of 15% of the cumulative total of all discretionary dollars spent in a fiscal year of County procurements is to be awarded to and/or performed by MBE and WBE firms." MBE/WBE's and Small Businesses are encouraged to respond to this solicitation.

9. Authority

9.1 In case of disputes as to whether an item or service quoted or delivered meets specifications, the decision of the Purchasing Agent or authorized representative shall be final and binding on both parties. The Purchasing Agent may request the recommendation in writing of the head of the using agency, the Standards and Specifications Committee, or other objective sources.

9.2 Bidders desiring to appeal a decision of the Purchasing Division must deliver written protests to the Purchasing Division within 10 days of notification of award. The Purchasing Agent or designee will review the protested decision, examine any additional information provided by the bidder and respond in writing within 10 working days of receipt of written protests.

9.3 Instructions, Specifications, and Proposals are issued, and all bids, quotations, orders, and purchases are made pursuant and subject to the provisions of the Baltimore County Charter, and Article 10, Title 2 of the Baltimore County Code, 2003, as amended, and regulations and policies established or prescribed by the Purchasing Division.

10. HIPAA: The Contractor shall comply with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and shall execute a Business Associate Agreement as may be required by the County.

11. Reports: When required, reports prepared for Baltimore County should be printed on recycled and recyclable paper printed on both sides per Section 10-2-312 of the Baltimore County Code, 2003, as amended.

12. Terms of Contract

12.1 Any contract awarded pursuant to this solicitation shall be by and between the successful bidder and the County, and shall contain and incorporate, but may not be limited to, all terms and conditions of the solicitation, any amendments or changes thereto. Submission of a bid in response to this solicitation evidences the Contractor's acceptance of the terms and conditions therein.

12.2 The provisions of the contract awarded pursuant to this solicitation shall be governed by the laws and regulations of Maryland and Baltimore County.

12.3 Any litigation arising out of or relating in any way to the contract or the performance thereunder shall be brought only in the courts of Maryland, and the Contractor hereby irrevocably consents to such jurisdiction. To the extent that the County is a party to any litigation arising out of or relating in any way to the contract or the performance thereunder, such an action shall be brought only in a court of competent jurisdiction in the courts of the State of Maryland.

13. Severability: If any provisions in the contract are declared by a court or other lawful authority to be unenforceable or invalid for any reason the remaining provisions hereof shall not be affected thereby and shall remain enforceable to the full extent permitted by law.

14. Counterparts: The contract may be executed in any number of counterparts and by different parties hereto in separate counterparts, each of which when so executed and delivered shall be deemed to be an original and all of which taken together shall constitute but one and the same instrument.

15. Survival: The provisions of paragraphs 1.7 (Representations and Warranties), 4.2 (Damages), 7 (Indemnification), and 10 (HIPAA) shall survive delivery of commodities and/or performance of services.

16. No Waiver, Etc.: No failure or delay by the County to insist upon the strict performance of any

term, condition or covenant of the contract, or to exercise any right, power, or remedy consequent upon a breach thereof, shall constitute a waiver of any such term, condition, or covenant or of any such breach, or preclude the County from exercising any such right, power, or remedy at any later time or times.

17. Maryland Registration / Qualification Requirements:

17.1 Baltimore County verifies the company's status with SDAT and may require the successful bidder to submit a Good Standing Certificate (also known as a "Certificate of Status") issued by the Maryland Department of Assessment and Taxation's ("SDAT") Charter Division, and the State of Organization.

17.2 For information on registering to do business in the State of Maryland call SDAT at (410) 767-1340 or email at charterhelp@dat.state.md.us. Sole Proprietors and General Partnerships should call (410) 767-4991. You may download the SDAT forms at http://www.dat.state.md.us./sdatweb/sdatforms.html

17.3 Baltimore County requires the successful bidder to be in "good standing" (also known as Certificate of Status) with the State in which it is organized, and in the State of Maryland, under certain circumstances. Baltimore County verifies the successful bidder's status with SDAT. Non-compliance to this section may result in a delay in contract award or rejection of a bid.

18. Eligibility of Candidates for Employment:

18.1 The E-Verify program is an internet-based employment verification system that allows employers to verify employee status against Federal Social Security and immigration databases.

18.2 Baltimore County encourages employers to utilize the E-verify program, or an equivalent system, as a means to help employers determine the eligibility of new hires.

19. Warranty:

19.1. Contractor warrants for one year from acceptance, or for such longer period otherwise expressly stated in the attached solicitation, all goods, services, and construction provided. This includes a warranty against any and all defects. The contractor must correct any and all defects in material and/or workmanship that may appear during the warranty period, even if discovered after the end of the warranty period, by repairing any such defect, (or replacing with new items or new materials, if necessary), at no cost to the County and to the County's satisfaction.

19.2. Should a manufacturer's or service provider's warranty exceed the requirements stated above, that warranty will be the primary one used in the case of defect. Copies of manufacturer's or service provider's warranties must be provided upon request.

19.3. All warranties must be in effect from the date of acceptance by the County of the goods, services, or construction.

19.4. The contractor warrants that all work shall be accomplished in a workmanlike manner, and the contractor must observe and comply with all Federal, State, County and local laws, ordinances and regulations in providing the goods, and performing the services or construction.

20. **American Manufactured Goods Required for Public Works:**

20.1 The Contractor shall comply with Section 14-416 of the Maryland State Finance and Procurement Article which requires a contractor or subcontractor to use or supply American Manufactured goods in the performance of a contract for (a) constructing or maintaining a public work; or (b) buying or manufacturing machinery or equipment that is to be installed at a public work site, as the same may be amended from time to time.

20.2 This section does not apply: (a) if Baltimore County determines that: (i) the price of the American manufactured goods exceeds the price of a similar manufactured good that is not manufactured in the United States by an unreasonable amount; (ii) the item or a similar item is not manufactured or available for purchase in the United States in reasonably available quantities; (iii) the quality of the item or a similar item manufactured in the United States is substantially less than the quality of a comparably priced, similar, and available item that is not manufactured in the United States; or (iv) the procurement of a manufactured good would be inconsistent with the public interest; or (b) to emergency life safety and property safety goods.

20.3 The Contractor shall certify to Baltimore County whether the offered goods and/or services are provided in the United States.

"PRIME" CONTRACTOR
MINORITY INFORMATION

This form is NOT applicable to Sub-Contractor requirements, and should be completed by the PRIME Contractor ONLY.

A. AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

I am the [title]_____ of [business] _____ (the "Business").

B. DEFINITIONS

I am aware that, pursuant to the June 4, 2009 Executive Order of Baltimore County, Maryland, the following words have the meanings indicated.

(A) "Minority Business Enterprise" or "MBE" means a business enterprise that is owned, operated and controlled by one or more minority group members (African American, Hispanic American, Asian American, or Native American) who have at least 51% ownership and in which the minority group members have operational and managerial control, interest in capital and earnings commensurate with their percentage of ownership.

(B) "Women's Business Enterprise" or "WBE" means a business enterprise that is owned, operated and controlled by one or more women who have at least 51% ownership and in which the women have operational and managerial control, interest in capital and earnings commensurate with their percentage of ownership.

C. INFORMATION REGARDING MINORITY STATUS

[___] The Business is a certified MBE ___ or WBE ___

[____] Maryland State Department of Transportation (MDOT) #_____

[____] City of Baltimore #_____

[____] Name Other Jurisdiction: _____ #_____

[____] The Business is not a certified MBE/WBE, however, the ownership of the Business consists of _____% minorities and _____% women (for a total of _____%), each of which has operational and managerial control, interest in capital and earnings commensurate with their percent of ownership. Please select the ethnic group of the owner(s) regardless of MBE/WBE certification:

____ African American ____ Hispanic American ____ Caucasian
____ Asian American ____ Native American ____ Other

_____ The Business anticipates utilizing subcontractors for _____% of the work of the contract requirements.

_____ The Business anticipates utilizing MBE/WBE subcontractors for _____% of the work of the contract requirements. (Complete attached MBE/WBE forms)

Date: _____ By:_____

Name:
Title:
(Authorized Representative)

Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) and Certification
(Substitute for IRS Form W-9)
COMPLETE BOTH SIDES OF FORM

Baltimore County, Maryland
Office of Budget and Finance
400 Washington Avenue, Room 148
Towson, Maryland 21204

Certification of TIN and business name are required for all successful bidders prior to issuing a contract or purchase order. Completion of **SIDE 1** of this form is necessary to meet IRS regulations. All MBE/WBE vendors should also complete **SIDE 2.** For questions, call 410-887-3587.

SIDE 1

List your **legal business name** below, **as shown on your income tax return**. **Sole proprietors** should list their individual name as noted on your social security card. You may enter a business name on line 2. Other entities must list your business name as shown on Federal tax documents. This name should match the name shown on the charter or other legal document creating the entity. You may enter any business, trade, or DBA name on the business name line (2). For **limited liability companies** (LLC) that are owned by an individual, the owner's name must be listed in the Name line (1) and the business name can be listed on the business name line (2). For **limited liability companies** that are corporations, partnerships, etc., enter the business name on Name line (1).

1. Name (as shown on your income tax return)

2. Business name, if different from above

Address

City State ZIP Code

Remittance Address, if different from above

City State ZIP Code

Contact Person Title

Phone Number ( ) - Ext: Fax Number ( ) -

E-mail address

Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on Line 1. For individuals, this is your social security number (SSN). For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). Note, this is the TIN shown on your federal tax documents.

Social security

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OR

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	CHECK HERE IF YOU ARE EXEMPT FROM BACK-UP WITHHOLDING
	CHECK HERE IF YOU ARE TAX-EXEMPT, EXPLAIN:

Filing Status (Ownership) (LLC is not acceptable)

	Individual		Sole Proprietor
	Corporation		Partnership
	Other: (explain)		

CERTIFICATION:

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:
1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me), and
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding, and
3. I am a U.S. person (including a U.S. resident alien).

Signature of U.S. Person	Date

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SIDE 2

MBE / WBE Certification	
Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) Certification #: _____ Certification Date: _____ / _____ / _____ Pending: _____	**City of Baltimore** Certification #: _____ Certification Date: _____ / _____ / _____ Pending: _____

Business Ownership (Check Only One)					
	G	Government Entity		O	Other: _____
	H	Disabled		P	Non Profit
	MA	Minority-owned, Not small business		W	Woman-owned, Small business
	M	Minority-owned, Small business		WA	Woman-owned, Not small business
	NS	Non-minority-owned, small business		X	Woman-owned, Minority, Small business
	NL	Non-minority-owned, Large business		XA	Woman-owned, Minority, Not small business

Type of Business/Organization			
	Association		Attorney
	Government Entity		Educational Institution
	Medical Service Provider		Non-profit Organization
	Other: (explain)		Financial Institution

Ethnicity of Ownership (Check Only One)					
	A	Asian American		I	American Indian/Alaskan Native
	B	African American		N	Non-minority
	H	Hispanic American		O	Other Ethnic Group: _____

Incorporation
Incorporation State: _____ OR Date Business Started _____ / _____ / _____

Signature		
I certify that the information shown on this registration is true and correct. I will advise the Purchasing Division immediately, in writing, of any change affecting this data.		
Signature:	Title:	Date:

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BID REPLY LABEL

CUT ON THE DOTTED LINE AND SECURE TO THE OUTSIDE OF YOUR RESPONSE ENVELOPE OR CARTON.

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GENERAL CONDITIONS and SPECIFICATIONS

1. SCOPE.

1.1 It is the intention of this solicitation for the vendor to furnish and Baltimore County to purchase 10,000 puzzle books for Senior Expo 2016.

1.2 The puzzle books shall meet the following specifications:

1.2.1 Sharp Minds Games, "Your Active Mind Challenge" booklet, ASI/54100 SM104, or approved equal.

1.2.2 Booklet shall feature an assortment of mind games including crossword, Sudoku, and word searches, or approved equal.

1.2.3 52 pages or more in the booklet with cover made of 10 pt card stock.

1.2.4 Item size 8 ½" x 5 ½", with imprint area of 3 ½" x 2".

1.2.5 **IMPRINT:** One (1) color, one (1) location imprint in **black,** shall be provided by the Baltimore County Department of Aging **to the awarded vendor only**.

1.3 Artwork to be supplied by Baltimore County Department of Aging. Artwork will be supplied electronically to the awarded bidder by Ethel Rasmussen.

2. ARTWORK AND COPY.

2.1 Artwork and copy will be supplied by the Baltimore County Department of Aging **to the awarded vendor only**. Artwork and copy will be supplied electronically, in EPS format to the awarded bidder **only**.

2.2 Artwork, including film; camera ready copy; die; or any other artwork needed or created to complete this job is (or becomes) the property of Baltimore County, Maryland, and must be returned to the using agency upon completion of project.

2.3 The successful bidder shall send pre-production proof of the imprint to Ethel Rasmussen, Department of Aging, erasmussen@baltimorecountymd.gov, 410-887-2379, for final approval prior to production. Ethel Rasmussen will notify bidder of approval within 48 hours.

2.4 As per County Code, Section 10-2-312 (b) (6), "County publications may not use inks containing toxic components."

3. SAMPLES.

3.1 **If bidding a product that differs from Baltimore County's specification, bidders must furnish a sample with their bid submission, no exceptions**. Example of an imprint on submission is required; however, the sample submitted at time of bid may use any imprint in the specified location, and does not need to utilize Baltimore County's imprint. Samples furnished must conform

exactly to the product specifications herein, unless otherwise specified by the Buyer. Samples furnished with deviations must be clearly marked. Samples not provided in accordance with the specifications or within the time specified may result in rejection of the bid.

3.2 The successful Bidder's samples may be retained pending delivery, for comparison with products delivered under the contract.

3.3 Samples will not be returned unless the Vendor indicates the requirement to do so at the time the sample is furnished, and then only at the Vendor's expense. Failure to arrange for pick up of released samples within thirty (30) calendar days will result in disposal of the samples.

4. DELIVERY.

4.1 The successful bidder shall **guarantee delivery by no later than Friday, October 14, 2016.** If deliveries are not made by October 14, 2016, the Purchasing Agent reserves the right to procure the supplies/services elsewhere on the open market, in which event, the extra cost of procuring the supplies/services may be charged against the vendor and deducted from any monies due or which may become due him.

4.2 Inside delivery to be made to Edgemere Senior Center, 6600 North Point Road, Baltimore, MD 21219, Attn: Grace McDowell.

4.2.1 Inside delivery to the back of the center. Delivery must be made with a lift gate, on pallets and shrink wrapped, to the rear of the Senior Center.

4.2.2 For the delivery, the driver will need to drive to the rear of the building which walks into basement level where storage area is. A lift gate is necessary to lower the delivery from truck height to level of storage area.

4.3 Arrangements for delivery must be made 48 hours in advance. Call Ethel Rasmussen, at (410)887-2379, to make arrangements.

4.4 All deliveries will be inside deliveries, FOB destination.

4.5 If the Vendor is unable to supply requested supplies/services within the designated time, due to factory delay, strike or any unforeseen circumstances, the Vendor must notify the Buyer of the delay and the anticipated delivery date. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in a poor performance rating, which is considered in subsequent awards.

5. PRICES.

5.1 Prices quoted shall include all set-up charges, pre-production charges, shipping and/or freight charges, and inside delivery costs.

6. METHOD OF AWARD.

6.1 Award will be made on a total lump sum basis. In accordance with Sec. 10-2-406 of the Baltimore County Code, 2003, as amended, past performance of bidders in furnishing goods and services to Baltimore County will be considered in determining the award.

7. EQUIVALENTS.

7.1 Equivalent items will be considered provided descriptive specifications and a sample accompany the bid. Acceptability of equivalent items is determined by the Purchasing Agent.

8. INQUIRIES.

8.1 Any inquiries relative to this bid should be directed to Dawn Diffenderffer-Baker, the Buyer, at ddiffenderffer@baltimorecountymd.gov, or 410-887-3855. Email is the preferred mode of communication in case an amendment is needed based on inquiries.

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PROMOTIONAL ITEM FOR SENIOR EXPO 2016 – IMPRINTED PUZZLE BOOKS
Due Date: 06/02/16, Time: 2:00 P.M.

PROPOSAL SIGNATURE COVER PAGE

SUBMISSION OF A BID/PROPOSAL IN RESPONSE TO THIS SOLICITATION EVIDENCES THE BIDDER'S ACCEPTANCE OF THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS THEREIN. THIS PAGE MUST BE PROPERLY SIGNED BY AN AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL IN THE FIRM WHO REPRESENTS AND WARRANTS ACCEPTANCE OF ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE REQUEST FOR BID/ REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL. THE PERSON SIGNING THE BID/PROPOSAL MUST INITIAL ANY ALTERATIONS IN FIGURES ON THIS FORM IN INK.

COMPANY NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

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(City) (State) (Zip Code)

TELEPHONE:_____ FAX:_____

SIGNED:_____ DATE: _____

PRINT NAME: _____ TITLE: _____

TAX ID NUMBER (FIN/SS#)_____ EMAIL: _____

Is your company a <u>certified</u> Minority Business Enterprise? *Bidders <u>must</u> complete the applicable Minority Participation Affidavit attached.*

Is your firm in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations relating to the employment of illegal aliens? If YES, check here _____

NOTICE: **A notice required to be delivered shall be deemed to have been received when such notice has been sent to the following address and individual:**

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F.O.B. Destination (unless otherwise stated herein).

Delivery shall be made within _____ calendar days after receipt of order.

Payment Terms: _____ Cash discounts for less than 30 days will not be considered in determining awards. However, should that bidder obtain award by consideration of the gross price, the County should make every effort to obtain the discount. The County will not accept payment terms with a period of less than (30) days.

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LINE NO.	COMMODITY /SERVICE DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY FROM/TO	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	EXTENDED AMOUNT
1	**COMMODITY CODE: 037-52** Sharp Minds Games, Your Active Mind Challenge booklet, ASI/54100 SM104, or approved equal. Booklet shall feature an assortment of mind games including crossword, Sudoku, and word searches, or approved equal. 52 pages or more in the booklet with cover made of 10 pt card stock. Item size 8 1/2 x 5 1/2 inches, with imprint area of 3 1/2Â• x 2 inches. One (1) color, one (1) location imprint in black, shall be provided by the Baltimore County Department of Aging to the awarded vendor only. Sample must be provided to Ethel Rasmussen for approval prior to production. Inside delivery shall be guaranteed by no later than Friday, October 14, 2016, to the Edgemere Senior Center, 6600 North Point Road, Baltimore, MD 21219.	**10,000**	**Each**	**$_____**	**$_____**

GRAND TOTAL $_____

COMPANY NAME: _____

FED ID OR SOCIAL SECURITY NO. _____