

COMMENT AND REVIEW To the REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) #110415 Entitled Janitorial Supplies and Related Custodial Products

The following advertisement was placed in Oregon's *Daily Journal of Commerce* on September 21, 2015, in Utah's *The Salt Lake Tribune* on September 21, 2015, in *USA Today* on September 21, 2015, and on the NJPA website <u>www.njpacoop.org</u>, Onvia website <u>www.onvia.com</u>, Notice to Bidders website <u>www.noticetobidders.com</u>, PublicPurchase.com, Merx, and Biddingo:

The National Joint Powers Alliance[®] (NJPA), on behalf of NJPA and its current and potential member agencies, which includes all governmental, higher education, K-12 education, not-for-profit, tribal government, and all other public agencies located in all fifty states, Canada, and internationally, issues this Request For Proposal (RFP) to result in a national contract solution for the procurement of # 110415 JANITORIAL SUPPLIES AND RELATED CUSTODIAL PRODUCTS. Details of this RFP are available beginning SEPTEMBER 21, 2015. Details may be obtained by letter of request to Jonathan Yahn, NJPA, 202 12th Street Northeast, P.O. Box 219, Staples, MN 56479, or by e-mail at <u>RFP@nipacoop.org</u>. Proposals will be received until NOVEMBER 4, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. Central Time at the above address and opened NOVEMBER 5, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. Central Time.

RFPs were requested from and distributed to:

County of Stearns, MN Staples Contract and Commercial, Inc. operating as Staples Facility Solutions 3M AFP Industries, Inc. All American Poly Corp. Apex Sanitation Products Ltd. **Bird Stairs** Black Hills Chemical & Janitorial Brame Specialty Bunzl Canada, Inc. Cardinal Health Canada **Cole Papers Construction Journal** Dacotah Paper Company Deb Dyna Pak Corp. Ecolab Education Intelligence, Inc. ePoly Star, Inc. Frontier Industrial Supply, Co. Global Industrial Global Material Technologies, Inc. **Global Supply USA** Glorin Imex Canada, Ltd. **Heartland Paper** M.A.N.S. Distributors, Inc. NativeVet Material Northland Chemical Office Basics One 4 All Cleaning, LLC P & G Professional Prime Vendor, Inc. **Progressive Sanitation RBM Building Services**, Inc. **Royal Imaging Solutions** Sani-Sol, Inc.

SMA SolutionsState Industrial ProductsTanshawTrans CanadaStandard Sanitation Systems, Inc, dba Triple STronex International, Inc.VertivUnipak Corp.Woodwyant (Sani Marc)

Proposals were opened on November 5, 2015 at the NJPA offices located at 202 12th Street Northeast in Staples, Minnesota 56479. Proposals were received from the following: Standard Sanitation Systems, Inc. dba Triple S Staples Contract & Commercial, Inc., operating as Staples Facility Solutions

Proposals were reviewed by the Proposal Evaluation Committee: Ginger Line, CPPB, NJPA Senior Contract Procurement Analyst Gregg Meierhofer, CPPO, NJPA Senior Contract Products and Price Analyst Keith Hanson, CPA, NJPA Accounting Manager Jonathan Yahn, JD, NJPA Contracts and Compliance Manager Kim Austin, NJPA Contract Procurement Analyst

The findings of the Proposal Evaluation Committee are summarized as follows:

The Proposal Evaluation Committee used the established NJPA RFP evaluation criteria and determined that all proposal responses met Level-One and Level-Two Responsiveness and were evaluated.

Staples Contract & Commercial, Inc., operating as Staples Facility Solutions, offered approximately 3,000 SKUs in its core list, in addition to a significant number of additional items in its non-core price list. Staples offers a low \$35.00 minimum order, volume rebates, and a large sales and service force across the United States. In addition, Staples supports various fulfillment platforms and employs numerous innovative green initiatives.

For these reasons the NJPA Proposal Review Committee recommends award of NJPA Contract #110415 to Staples Contract & Commercial, Inc. operating as Staples Facility Solutions 110415-SCC

The preceding recommendations were approved at the November 17, 2015 Board meeting.

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