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Contract Award Notification

Title	:	Group 73001 - NASPO IT Research & Advisory Services (Statewide) Classification Code(s): 43
Award Number	:	PGB-23356 (Replaces Award NEG-22601)
Contract Period	:	January 10, 2025 – January 18, 2026
Bid Opening Date	:	N/A
Date of Issue	:	January 17, 2025 (Revised April 09, 2025)
Specification Reference	:	As Incorporated In The Piggyback Agreement
Contractor Information	:	Appears on Page 2 of this Award

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**Procurement Services values your input.
Complete and return "Contract Performance Report" at end of document.**

Description

This Award provides Authorized Users with a means of acquiring Information Technology (IT) Research and Advisory Services as it pertains to various aspects of IT, such as IT business advice, objective IT research, Advisory Services regarding strategic and tactical planning.

This Award has 0% MBE, 0% WBE and 0% SDVOB goal requirements.

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CONTRACT #	CONTRACTOR & ADDRESS	PHONE #	FED ID # (FEIN) NYS VENDOR # (VIN)
PS70436 Accepts PCard up to \$50,000.00	Forrester Research, Inc. 60 Acorn Park Drive Cambridge, MA 02140	617-613-5881	04-2797789 1100041950
PS70438 Accepts PCard up to \$50,000.00	International Consulting Acquisition Corp. dba ISG Public Sector 2187 Atlantic Street Stamford, CT 06902	612-868-1039	26-1376530 1100161659

Cash Discount, If Shown, Should be Given Special Attention.

AGENCIES SHOULD NOTIFY NEW YORK STATE PROCUREMENT SERVICES PROMPTLY IF THE CONTRACTOR FAILS TO MEET DELIVERY OR OTHER TERMS OF THIS CONTRACT. PRODUCTS OR SERVICES WHICH DO NOT COMPLY WITH THE SPECIFICATIONS OR ARE OTHERWISE UNSATISFACTORY TO THE AGENCY SHOULD ALSO BE REPORTED TO PROCUREMENT SERVICES.

SMALL, MINORITY AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESSES:

The letters SB listed under the Contract Number indicate the contractor is a NYS small business. Additionally, the letters MBE and WBE indicate the contractor is a Minority-owned Business Enterprise and/or Woman-owned Business Enterprise.

RECYCLED, REMANUFACTURED AND ENERGY EFFICIENT PRODUCTS:

Procurement Services supports and encourages the purchase of recycled, remanufactured, energy efficient and "energy star" products. If one of the following codes appears as a suffix in the Award Number or is noted under the individual Contract Number(s) in this Contract Award Notification, please look at the individual awarded items for more information on products meeting the suffix description.

RS, RP, RA	Recycled
RM	Remanufactured
SW	Solid Waste Impact
EE	Energy Efficient
E*	EPA Energy Star
ES	Environmentally Sensitive

NOTE TO AUTHORIZED USERS:

This Centralized Contract requires, for each transaction, that the Authorized User issue a competitive Request for Quotation (RFQ), to be issued to all eligible Contractors pursuant to a How to Use Process.

When placing purchase orders under the contract(s), the authorized user should be familiar with and follow the terms and conditions governing its use which usually appears at the end of this document. The authorized user is accountable and responsible for compliance with the requirements of public procurement processes. The authorized user must periodically sample the results of its procurements to determine its compliance. In sampling its procurements, an authorized user should test for reasonableness of results to ensure that such results can withstand public scrutiny.

The authorized user, when purchasing from OGS contracts, should hold the contractor accountable for contract compliance and meeting the contract terms, conditions, specifications, and other requirements. Also, in recognition of market fluctuations over time, authorized users are encouraged to seek improved pricing whenever possible.

Authorized users have the responsibility to document purchases, particularly when using OGS multiple award contracts for the same or similar product(s)/service(s), which should include:

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- a statement of need and associated requirements,
- a summary of the contract alternatives considered for the purchase,
- the reason(s) supporting the resulting purchase (e.g., show the basis for the selection among multiple contracts at the time of purchase was the most practical and economical alternative and was in the best interests of the State).

CONTRACT TERM AND EXTENSIONS

The term of this Piggyback Contract shall begin on the date of approval by OSC, pursuant to *Section 1.3 NYS Comptroller Approval*, and shall end upon the expiration or termination of the Master Contract, subject to OGS' right to terminate this Piggyback Contract as provided herein. The term of this Piggyback Contract shall be deemed extended whenever the term of the Master Contract is extended, without the need for the Parties to execute an extension or amendment to this Piggyback Contract.

PRICE

The price for Product shall either be at the agreed-upon discounts and service rates listed in *Attachment 1 - Pricing*, or at a price that is more advantageous to the Authorized User.

Price shall include all customs, duties, and charges, and be net, F.O.B. destination any point in New York State as designated by the ordering Authorized User.

ORDERING

Contractor must provide a quote in response to an Authorized User's RFQ by the RFQ response opening/due date or a written statement declining to respond that must include the reasons why the Contractor declines to respond to the RFQ.

The Contractor is required to honor all quotes for 30 calendar days, regardless of price increases, unless otherwise specified in Authorized User Request for Quote; except that for State Agencies subject to the provisions of Chapter 839 of the Laws of 2022, which requires that OSC approval is required for purchases from OGS centralized contracts exceeding the OSC approval threshold as defined in STF §112 only, Contractor must honor all quotes for either 30 calendar days or until OSC approves the purchase, whichever occurs last, regardless of price increases.

Purchase Orders shall be made in accordance with the terms set forth in Appendix B Purchase Orders. Authorized Users may submit orders over the phone, and, if available, may submit orders electronically via web-based ordering, e-mail, or facsimile at any time. Orders submitted shall be deemed received by Contractor on the date submitted.

All orders shall reference Contract number, requisition, and/or Purchase Order number (if applicable). Upon Contractor's receipt of an order, confirmation is to be provided to the Authorized User electronically or via facsimile. Order confirmation should be sufficiently detailed, and include, at a minimum, purchase price, date of order, delivery information (if applicable), Authorized User name, and sales representative (if applicable).

PURCHASING CARD ORDERS

If the Contractor accepts orders using the State's Purchasing Card (see Appendix B *Purchasing Card*), also referred to as the Procurement Card, the Contractor shall not charge or bill the Authorized User for any additional charges related to the use of the Purchasing Card, including but not limited to processing charges, surcharges, or other fees.

MINIMUM ORDER

If the Master Contract contains minimum order quantities or values, Contractor may elect to honor orders for less than the minimum order.

If the Master Contract does not contain minimum order quantities or values, then there are no minimum order quantities under this Piggyback Contract.

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INVOICING AND PAYMENT

Invoicing and payment shall be made in accordance with the terms set forth in Appendix B *Contract Invoicing*.

The Contractor is required to provide the Authorized User with one invoice for each Purchase Order at the time of delivery.

The invoice must include detailed line-item information to allow Authorized Users to verify that pricing at point of receipt matches the Contract price on the original date of order. At a minimum, the following fields must be included on each invoice:

- Contractor Name
- Contractor Billing Address
- Contractor Federal ID Number
- NYS Vendor ID Number
- Account Number
- NYS Contract Number
- Name of Authorized User indicated on the Purchase Order
- NYS Agency Unit ID (if applicable)
- Authorized User's Purchase Order Number
- Order Date
- Invoice Date
- Invoice Number
- Invoice Amount
- Product Descriptions
- Unit Price
- Quantity
- Unit of Measure
- Dates of Service (if applicable)

Cost centers or branch offices within an Authorized User may require separate invoicing as specified by each Authorized User. The Contractor's billing system shall be flexible enough to meet the needs of varying ordering systems in use by different Authorized Users. Visit the following link for further guidance for vendors on invoicing: <https://bsc.ogs.ny.gov/nysvendors>.

"OGS OR LESS" GUIDELINES

Purchases of the Products included in the Piggyback Contract are subject to the "OGS or Less" provisions of State Finance Law § 163(3)(a)(v). This means that State Agencies can purchase Products from sources other than the Contractor provided that such Products are substantially similar in form, function or utility to the Products herein and are (1) lower in price and/or (2) available under terms which are more economically efficient to the State Agency (e.g., delivery terms, warranty terms, etc.).

Agencies are reminded that they must provide the State Contractor an opportunity to match the non-Contract savings at least two business days prior to purchase. In addition, purchases made under "OGS or Less" flexibility must meet all requirements of law including, but not limited to, advertising in the New York State Contract Reporter, prior approval of the Office of the State Comptroller and competitive bidding of requirements exceeding the discretionary threshold. State Agencies should refer to Procurement Council Guidelines for additional information.

NEW ACCOUNTS

Contractor may ask State Agencies and other Authorized Users to provide information in order to facilitate the opening of a customer account, including documentation of eligibility to use New York State Contracts, agency code, name, address, and contact person. State Agencies shall not be required to provide credit references.

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**State of New York
Office of General Services
PROCUREMENT SERVICES
Contract Performance Report**

Please take a moment to let us know how this contract award has measured up to your expectations. If reporting on more than one contractor or product, please make copies as needed. This office will use the information to improve our contract award, where appropriate. **Comments should include those of the product's end user.**

Contract No.: _____ **Contractor:** _____

Describe Product* Provided (Include Item No., if available): _____

***Note:** "Product" is defined as a deliverable under any Bid or Contract, which may include commodities (including printing), services and/or technology. The term "Product" includes Licensed Software.

	Excellent	Good	Acceptable	Unacceptable
• Product meets your needs				
• Product meets contract specifications				
• Pricing				

CONTRACTOR

	Excellent	Good	Acceptable	Unacceptable
• Timeliness of delivery				
• Completeness of order (fill rate)				
• Responsiveness to inquiries				
• Employee courtesy				
• Problem resolution				

Comments: _____

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Agency: _____ Prepared by: _____

Address: _____ Title: _____

_____ Date: _____

_____ Phone: _____

_____ E-mail: _____

Please complete and return this form by e-mail to Josh.Sack@ogs.ny.gov or mail to:

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