

BID OPENING: JANUARY 15, 2009

BIDS SHALL BE PUBLICLY OPENED AT 11:00 A.M., PREVAILING WASHINGTON, D.C. TIME.

ANY QUESTIONS BEFORE AWARD CONCERNING THESE SPECIFICATIONS CALL JIM MCWILLIAMS AFTER AWARD, REFER ALL QUESTIONS TO YOUR CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR WHOSE NAME APPEARS IN THE UPPER PORTION OF THE PURCHASE ORDER. (202) 512-0303. NO COLLECT CALLS.

FACSIMILE BID SPECIFICATIONS

U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO)
Washington, D.C.

GPO CONTRACT TERMS: Any contract which results from this Invitation for Bid will be subject to GPO Contract Terms (GPO Publication 310.2, effective December 1, 1987 (Rev. 6-01)) and Quality Assurance Through Attributes Program for Printing and Binding (GPO Publication 310.1, effective May 1979 (Rev. 8-02)).

PRODUCT: 16 page saddle stitched pamphlet with a separate cover.

TITLE: VA Health Care Overview, March 2008

QUANTITY: 2,000,500 plus 50 QARC's.

TRIM SIZE: 8-1/2 x 11", bind on 11" dimension.

GOVERNMENT TO FURNISH:

Sample from a similar printing to be used as a general guide. One CD-ROM generated on an IBM compatible computer with Windows XP using Adobe InDesign CS3 files in PDF.

One VA supplied Carton Label (reproducible).

GPO Form 892 proof label.

One reproduction proof, Form 905 with labeling and marking specifications.

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

Prior to image processing, the contractor is responsible for checking files contained on the furnished electronic media to insure that such features as bleeds, register marks, and correct file output selection have been provided for, so as to correctly generate films for printing. The contractor must supply necessary trapping. Films must be generated on high resolution image processors.

At time proofs are sent Contractor is to notify C. D. Lee @ 202-461-8907, between the hours of 8:00am and 3:00pm prevailing eastern time, with tracking numbers.

PROOFS: 2 sets of digital color content proofs of the entire publication. At contractor's option, a film-based composite blueline may be submitted. Proofs must be created using the same Raster Image Processor (RIP) that will be used to produce the product. Proofs shall be collated with all elements in proper position (not pasted up), imaged face and back, trimmed, and folded to the finished size of the product.

2 sets of digital one-piece composite laminated color proofs on the actual production stock (Kodak Approval, Screen TrueRite, Dupont Thermal Waterproof, Polaroid PolaProof, CreoSpectrum, or Fuji Final Proof) with a minimum resolution of 2400 dpi of the entire publication. At contractor's option, a film-based composite

laminated color proof on the actual production stock may be submitted provided direct-to-plate is used to produce the final product. The make and model number of the proofing system utilized shall be furnished with the proofs.

These proofs must have all elements in press configuration and must indicate margins. Proofs will be used for color match on press and must show dot structure. Inkjet, photographic, and overlay proofs are not acceptable. The proofs must contain color control bars for each color of ink on the sheet. Control bars must be placed parallel to the press's ink rollers. The control bars (such as Brunner, GATF, GRETAG, or RIT) must show areas consisting of minimum 3/16" x 3/16" solid color patches; tint patches of 25, 50, and 75%; dot gain scale; and gray balance patches for process color (if applicable). These areas must be repeated consecutively across the sheet.

Send one complete set of proofs together with the furnished media (copy, transparencies, electronic files) directly to: Department of Veterans Affairs (0497), Attn: C. D. Lee 202-461-8907, Room 213, 811 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420. **INSIDE DELIVERY REQUIRED** Contractor must call GPO Contract Compliance Section at (202) 512-0520 immediately upon sending/delivering proofs and immediately upon notification that the proofs are available for pickup at the department. Proofs will be withheld not more than 3 workdays from receipt in the department to when they are made available for pickup at the department. **CONTRACTOR MUST NOT PRINT PRIOR TO RECEIVING AN "OK TO PRINT"**.

Send one complete set of proofs to: Health Eligibility Center (HEC), 2957 Clairmont Road, Ste. 200, Atlanta, GA 30329-1647.

The contractor must not print prior to receipt of an "OK to print."

STOCK/PAPER: The specifications of all paper furnished must be in accordance with those listed herein or listed for the corresponding JCP Code numbers in the "Government Paper Specification Standards No. 11" dated February 1999.

Text: White Gloss Book 70 lbs. JCP A180 All text paper used in each copy must be of a uniform shade.

Cover: White Gloss Cover 80 lbs. JCP L10 All cover paper must have the grain parallel to the spine.

PRINTING: Publication prints type, rule, and illustration matter in builds of the process inks. All pages bleed four sides. After printing coat the entire surface of Covers 1 and 4 with a clear varnish to prevent scratching and smearing.

Contractor to match the final OK'd proofs.

BINDING: Saddle stitch in two places on the 11" side.

PACKING: Pack suitable in shipping containers.

Pallets are required.

LABELING AND MARKING (package and/or container label): Reproduce shipping container label from furnished repro, fill in appropriate blanks and attach to shipping containers.

QUALITY ASSURANCE LEVELS AND STANDARDS: The following levels and standards shall apply to these specifications:

Product Quality Levels:

- (a) Printing Attributes -- Level II.
- (b) Finishing Attributes -- Level II.

Inspection Levels (from ANSI/ASQC Z1.4):

- (a) Non-destructive Tests -- General Inspection Level I.
- (b) Destructive Tests -- Special Inspection Level S-2.

Specified Standards: The specified standards for the attributes requiring them shall be:

<u>Attribute</u>	<u>Specified Standard</u>
P-7. Type Quality and Uniformity	Electronic Media
P-10. Process Color Match	Pantone Matching System.

QUALITY ASSURANCE RANDOM COPIES: In addition to the Departmental Random Copies (Blue Label), the contractor may be required to submit quality assurance random copies to test for compliance against specifications. The purchase order/specifications will indicate the number required, if any. When ordered, the contractor must divide the entire order into equal sublots and select a copy from a different general area of each subplot. The contractor will be required to execute a statement furnished by GPO certifying that copies were selected as directed. Copies will be paid for at the running rate offered in the contractor's bid and their cost will not be a consideration for award. A copy of the purchase order/specifications must be included.

Business Reply Mail labels will be furnished for mailing the quality assurance random copies. The copies are to be mailed at the same time as the first scheduled shipment. A U.S. Postal Service approved Certificate of Mailing, identified by Jacket and Purchase Order numbers, must be furnished with billing as evidence of mailing.

DISTRIBUTION: Ship f.o.b. destination.

Deliver furnished material, Department of Veterans Affairs (0497), Attn: C. D. Lee 202-461-8907, Room 213, 811 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420. **INSIDE DELIVERY REQUIRED**

Deliver 2,000,500 copies including 200 Departmental Random Assurance (Blue Label) copies to: Department of Veterans Affairs, SDC/Ops, Building 37, Door 14, 1st. Avenue one block north of 22nd. Street, Hines, IL 60141.

All expenses incidental to returning materials, submitting proofs, and furnishing sample copies must be borne by the contractor.

SCHEDULE: Furnished material will be available for pick up at the U.S. Government Printing Office, 27 G St., NW, Washington, D.C. 20401, on January 16, 2009.

Submit proofs as soon as the contractor deems necessary in order to comply with the shipping schedule. Proofs will be withheld 3 workdays from receipt in the GPO until they are made available for pickup by the contractor.

Deliver complete to arrive at destinations on or before January 30, 2009

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

Toll Free WATS lines to the GPO are available to successful bidders to report information regarding compliance with schedule requirements under "SCHEDULE". The toll free number is 1-800-424-9470 or 9471 and for calls originating in the Washington, D.C. area, (202) 512-0516 or 0517. Personnel answering these calls will be unable to respond to questions of a technical nature. These calls cannot be transferred to other telephones in GPO.

OFFERS: Offers must include the cost of all materials and operations for the total quantity ordered in accordance with these specifications. In addition, a price must be submitted for each additional 1,000 copies. The price for additional quantities must be based on a continuing run, exclusive of all basic or preliminary charges and will not be a factor for determination of award.

	Price	Add'l 1,000
Jacket : Per specifications	\$ _____	\$ _____
Total Price.....	\$ _____	

Authorized Representative

Fill out and return two copies of this page attached to GPO Form 910.

SUBMIT BIDS TO: U.S. Government Printing Office, Bid Section (PPSB), 36 H Street NW, Room C-161, Washington, D.C. 20401. **FACSIMILE BIDS are permitted. Submit TWO copies of each facsimile bid to FAX No. 202-512-1782, one bid per facsimile.** Refer to Solicitation Provisions in GPO Contract Terms (GPO Publication 310.2), Page 1, Paragraph 6.