

**MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE  
Standard Addendum for the Means of Delivering Bids or Proposals**

Any bid or proposal due to any unit of the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall be delivered/transmitted as described in this addendum. The failure of any bidder or offeror to follow these instructions may result in its bid or offer not being received by the due time and date, which will result in the rejection of that bid or offer.

There are three acceptable means of delivering/transmitting a bid or offer:

1. The United States Postal Service;
2. Hand delivery by the bidder/offeror itself; and
3. Hand delivery by a commercial delivery/courier company acting as an agent of the bidder/offeror.

**For U. S. Postal Service Deliveries**

For U.S. Postal Service deliveries, any bid or proposal which has been received at the appropriate mailroom or typical place of mail receipt for the respective procuring unit by the time and date listed in the RFP or specifications will be deemed to be timely.

If a vendor chooses to use the United States Postal Service for delivery, the Department recommends that it use Express Mail, Priority Mail, or Certified Mail only.

These are the only forms of U.S. Postal Delivery for which both the date and time of receipt can be verified by the Department. A vendor using first class mail will, therefore, not be able to prove a timely delivery at the mailroom. It may take several days for an item sent by first class mail to make its way by normal internal mail pickup to a procuring unit's bid box.

**For Hand Deliveries by Vendors and Deliveries  
By Commercial Courier Services**

These deliveries must be delivered directly to the room or location specified in the RFP or solicitation and placed in the designated bid box. A bidder who uses a commercial courier service must take appropriate action to ensure that the courier actually delivers the bid/offer to the specified location and not to the Department's mailroom or loading dock. The bid/offer will not be deemed to have been received until it is placed in the designated bid box.

For any type of hand delivery, the vendor or its commercial courier services should request a signed receipt from a procuring unit employee which notes the title of the procurement, the name of the vendor, and the time and date of receipt at the bid box.

**Identifying Information**

All envelopes containing bids or offers, no matter how transmitted, must contain this information prominently displayed:

- either "Sealed Bid" or "Sealed Proposal," as appropriate;
- the exact title of the bid or proposal as noted in the RFP or specifications;
- the due time and date; and
- the name of the bidder/offeror.

Questions on any of these requirements should be directed to the Department contact person identified in the RFP or solicitation or to DHMH, Office of Contract Procurement and Support Services (OPASS) at (410) 767-6840.  
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