



Acceptance of Solicitation & Contract

Instructions: PART I of this form is to be completed by the Respondent and signed by its Authorized Representative. PART II will be completed by the AEPA Member Agency only upon the occasion of the bid award. If approved by AEPA, the Respondent is required to produce a copy of the document for each of the AEPA Member Agency with which it contracts.


PART I: RESPONDENT

In compliance with the Published Solicitation (IFB OR RFP), the undersigned warrants that I/we have examined all Instructions to Respondents, associated documents, and being familiar with all of the conditions of the solicitation, hereby offer and agree to furnish all labor, materials, supplies, and equipment incurred in compliance with all terms, conditions, specifications, and amendments associated with this IFB OR RFP and any written exceptions to the bid. The signature also certifies understanding and compliance with the certification requirements of the AEPA Member Agency's Terms and Conditions and/or Special Terms and Conditions. The undersigned understands that their competence, ability, capacity and obligations to offer and provide the proposed tangible personal property, professional services, construction services, and other services on behalf of the Vendor Partner as well as other factors of interest to the AEPA Member Agency as stated in the evaluation section, will be a consideration in making the award.

Business Name	<u>Barnes & Noble Booksellers, Inc</u>	Date	<u>9/12/2023</u>
Address	<u>33 East 17th St, Business Development</u>	City, State Zip	<u>New York, NY 10003</u>
Contact Person	<u>Jessica Pelzer</u>	Title	<u>RFP/Contract Analyst</u>
Authorized Signature	<u>Tracy Vidakovich</u> <small>Digitally signed by Tracy Vidakovich Date: 2023.09.12 10:09:26 -0500'</small>	Title	<u>VP, Business Development</u>
Email	<u>bdevelopmentbids@bn.com</u>	Phone	<u>(212) 414-6001</u>

PART II: AWARDING MEMBER AGENCY

Your bid response for the above-identified bid is hereby accepted. As a Vendor Partner, you are now bound to offer and provide the products and services identified within this solicitation, your response, and approved by AEPA, including all terms, conditions, specifications, exceptions, and amendments. As a Vendor Partner, you are hereby not to commence any billable work or provide any products or services under this contract until an executed purchase order is received from the AEPA Member Agency or Participating Entities. This contract intends to constitute the final and complete agreement between the AEPA Member Agency and Vendor Partner, and no other agreements, oral or otherwise, regarding the subject matter of this contract, shall bind any of the parties hereto. No change or modification of this contract shall be valid unless in writing and signed by both parties to this contract. If any provision of this contract is deemed invalid or illegal by any appropriate court of law, the remainder of this contract shall not be affected thereby. The initial term of this contract shall be for up to fifteen (15) months and will commence on the date indicated below and continue until February 28, 2025 unless terminated, canceled, or extended. By mutual written agreement the contract may be extended for three (3) additional 12-month periods after this initial contract term. In the event the AEPA Board does not recommend renewal of the contract, or the contract expires, it may be extended for up to six (6) months by an AEPA state.

Awarding Agency	<u>Carolinas Alliance 4 Innovation dba Carolina Buy</u>		
Authorized Representative		<u>G Fred Payne, Chairman</u>	
Awarded this	<u>10th</u> day of	<u>January</u>	Contract Number <u>024-C</u>
Contract to commence (Member Agency to select)	<u>3/1/2024</u>		Or