

PENNSYLVANIA LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD

INVITATION FOR BID 273679

PLCB STORE OPERATIONS FALL 2026 DISTRICT MANAGER CONFERENCE

OVERVIEW

The Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board (PLCB) is seeking a Contractor to provide a conference venue to host the PLCB Store Operations Fall 2026 District Manager Conference to be scheduled on **one** of the below specified date ranges:

Monday, September 14, 2026 - Wednesday, September 16, 2026
Tuesday, September 15, 2026 - Thursday, September 17, 2026
Monday, September 28, 2026 - Wednesday, September 30, 2026
Tuesday, September 22, 2026 - Thursday, September 24, 2026
Tuesday, October 6, 2026 - Thursday, October 8, 2026
Monday, October 5, 2026 - Wednesday, October 7, 2026
Tuesday, October 13, 2026 - Thursday, October 15, 2026

These are the ONLY dates that will be accepted. If you cannot accommodate on any of the above dates, submit "NO BID."

THE CONTRACTOR MUST BE ABLE TO PROVIDE ALL OF THE FOLLOWING WITHOUT EXCEPTION:

1. Fully and appropriately licensed and insured facilities (in accordance with industry standards) that are safe, ADA accessible, operationally and logistically convenient, and adequate to host a conference with up to 70 participants.
2. Safe and lighted free parking or access to safe and lighted free parking for 70 vehicles proximate to the venue, including ADA designated parking spaces.
3. 65 hotel guest rooms for 2 nights to include a minimum of 2 rooms that are ADA compliant – including 1 handicap accessible, and all rooms above ground level must be accessible by elevator or escalator to avoid the need of carrying luggage up internal and external stairways. If no elevator is available, all rooms must be located on a ground floor with no step barriers.
4. A general session room large enough to hold all participants that is ADA accessible with no step barriers. *See Attachment #4, Cost Sheet for specifics concerning room set-up requirements.*
5. A dining area (separate from meeting area for each meal) large enough to hold all participants that is ADA accessible and with no step barriers.
6. A/V support accessible via phone call if needed.
7. Catering services with options for vegetarian and religious dietary requests.
8. A location within 25 miles of either Harrisburg or State College.

ISSUING OFFICE

This Invitation for Bid (IFB) is issued by the PLCB, Purchasing and Contract Administration Division, Room 412, Northwest Office Building, 910 Capital Street, Harrisburg, PA 17124-0001, email: naltavilla@pa.gov. Nicole Altavilla is the Issuing Officer and the **sole point of contact** at the PLCB for this IFB.

PLCB CONTRACTING OFFICER

The PLCB Contracting Officer is the PLCB official authorized to enter into and administer contracts and make written determinations with respect to contracts. The PLCB Contracting Officer is Tammy S. Wenrich, Manager, Purchasing and Contract Administration Division, Room 412, 910 Capital Street, Northwest Office Building, Harrisburg, PA 17124-0001.

SUPPLIER REGISTRATION

The PLCB's online self-service Oracle Supplier Portal (the "Portal") is used to facilitate business with the PLCB. Potential contractors will be required to register in the Portal as a "Non-Merchandise" supplier of goods and services. During the registration process, every contractor will be required to complete a questionnaire to verify their supplier type (Merchandise or Non-Merchandise). Every contractor will also be required to enter the details of the "PLCB Purchasing team contact person". This information can be found in the "Issuing Office" section on **Page 1 of this IFB**.

Registration must be completed before a bid can be submitted or a Purchase Order (PO) fully executed. Information on how to register and related training can be found by clicking the link below. ***(Please Note: A PLCB Supplier number will NOT be immediately generated upon submission of registration. The request will be processed within 3-5 business days from date received. It is recommended that potential contractors allow sufficient time to register before the bid deadline).***

<https://www.pa.gov/agencies/lcb/supplier-vendors/goods-and-services-suppliers.html>

After registration, contractors will use the Portal to manage and update account information, upload and view invoices, view and acknowledge purchase orders and related documents, view payment information and track payment status.

It is the Contractor's responsibility to ensure that the supplier information contained in the Portal is accurate and complete. **Failure to update the Portal of any changes to supplier information may result in delayed payments.**

QUESTIONS

Questions regarding this IFB must be submitted by email only, with the subject line entitled "IFB # 273679 Questions" to the Issuing Officer, Nicole Altavilla, at naltavilla@pa.gov no later than 12:00 p.m. ET on June 24, 2025. Contractors shall not attempt to contact the Issuing Officer by any other means. All questions received will be answered in writing, and such responses shall be posted to the Department of General Services ("DGS") website at www.emarketplace.state.pa.us and to the Portal as an addendum to the IFB by 4:00 p.m. ET on June 26, 2025.

All questions and official responses are considered an addendum to, and part of, this IFB. The PLCB shall not be bound by any verbal information, nor shall it be bound by any written information that is not either contained within the IFB or formally issued as an addendum by the Issuing Office. The Issuing Office does not consider questions to be a protest of the specifications or of the solicitation.

RESPONSE DATA

Contractors will submit their bids through the Portal. See Supplier Registration paragraph above for further information on the submission process.

NOTE TO AVOID DISQUALIFICATION:

- **ATTACHMENT #1 - BID FORM BOP-1206** must be signed in ink by an official authorized to bind the Contractor to its provisions. **Failure to sign the Bid Form BOP-1206 shall disqualify your bid.**
- All applicable bid documents must be timely uploaded through the Portal. **See “Required Documents to be Submitted to Avoid Rejection of Bid” below.**
- For this IFB, the bid must remain valid for at least sixty days. The contents of the bid of the successful Contractor will be incorporated into the contract. See **Supplier Registration** section below for more information on accessing the Portal and registering as a Supplier.

To be considered, submit your bid through the Portal on or before **1:00 p.m. ET on July 15, 2025**. Bids not received on time shall be rejected. **ALL BIDS MUST BE SUBMITTED THROUGH THE PORTAL. EMAIL AND HARD COPY BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AND SHALL BE REJECTED FOR ANY FURTHER CONSIDERATION.**

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED TO AVOID REJECTION OF BID:

The following documents must be included with your bid. Failure to include these required documents will be considered a non-responsive bid and result in bid rejection.

1. ATTACHMENT #1 - BID FORM BOP-1206	Referenced on Page 2
2. ATTACHMENT #2 - FORM BOP-2201 Worker Protection and Investment Certification Form	Referenced on Page 3

WORKER PROTECTION AND INVESTMENT EXECUTIVE ORDER

This procurement is subject to Executive Order 2021-06 Worker Protection and Investment. Contractors must complete **ATTACHMENT #2- BOP-2201 Worker Protection and Investment** **FAILURE TO SUBMIT THIS FORM WITH RESULT IN BID REJECTION.**

RUSSIA BELARUS CERTIFICATION

This procurement is subject to Act 57 of 2023 Russia Belarus Certification. The PLCB will certify the contractor's compliance with **ATTACHMENT #5 – BOP-2401 Russia Belarus Certification Form**. Contractors are not required to complete this form.

SAMPLE COST SHEET

ATTACHMENT #4-SAMPLE COST SHEET has been attached to show potential contractors in more detail what is required to submit a complete bid. Line-item pricing must be submitted through the Portal in its entirety with no variations or conditions. No other forms of pricing will be accepted. There is a section of the Portal to submit cost information. The Sample Cost Sheet does NOT have to be uploaded with the bid. Sample Cost Sheets will not be opened or reviewed if submitted.

METHOD OF AWARD

This will be a single award Contract to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, whose bid will be determined by the Total Cost for all requirements and criteria set forth in this IFB.

CONTENT OF AND ADDENDA TO THE IFB

If the Issuing Office deems it necessary to revise any part of this IFB before the bid response date, the Issuing Office will post an addendum to the DGS website at www.emarketplace.state.pa.us as well as posting within the Portal. **It is the contractor's responsibility to periodically check either system for any new information or addenda to the IFB. When an addendum is posted to the Portal, contractors who have already submitted a bid will receive a system-generated email notification alerting them to the change. The contractor must log into the Portal to review and acknowledge the addendum to have their bid considered. Failure to review and acknowledge the addendum will be considered a non-responsive bid and result in bid rejection.**

THE CONTENT OF THIS SPECIFICATION DOCUMENT AND ITS ATTACHMENTS AND ADDENDA SUPERSEDES ANY LANGUAGE IN THE PORTAL SHOULD THERE BE A CONFLICT. For example, if this specification contains requirements regarding bid validity or delivery date requirements, no language in the Portal (or bidder entry into the Portal, if solicited via an entry field) will change those requirements.

BID TABULATIONS RESULTS

Results of this bid will be posted within 48 hours to the DGS website at <http://www.emarketplace.state.pa.us/>. Bid results do not confer any contractual rights until a formal written contract has been executed by all necessary PLCB and Commonwealth officials and a NTP has been issued. Any additional information will require a Right to Know request found at <http://www.openrecords.pa.gov/RTKL/CitizensGuide.cfm>.

REJECTION OF INVITATION FOR BID /CANCELLATION OF SOLICITATION

The PLCB reserves the unqualified right to reject any and/or all bids received for this IFB, to waive technical defects or any informality in bids, and to accept or reject any part of any bid or to cancel this IFB, if, in its sole judgment, it is in the best interest of the Commonwealth.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The contract resulting from this IFB shall be governed by the PLCB's Standard Contract Terms and Conditions for Non-Merchandise Purchase Orders (Form 54-FA-2.0). Form 54-FA-2.0 is attached as **ATTACHMENT #3 - Form 54-FA-2.0** and incorporated by reference. Submission of a bid is your implied acceptance of these terms without exceptions.

PRIME CONTRACTOR RESPONSIBILITY

The selected Contractor shall be required to assume responsibility for all services offered in this IFB. Further, the PLCB will consider the Contractor to be the sole point of contact regarding contractual matters.

EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EXPECTATIONS/RIGHT OF REMOVAL

The PLCB, in its sole discretion, will notify the Contractor to remove and prohibit further use of any

its employees, or a Subcontractor's employees, who do not meet the PLCB's standards of performance.

Grounds for removal include, but are not limited to, habitual tardiness; use of electronic devices (e.g., cell phones and tablets) for personal purposes; rude, bullying, or offensive behaviors; harassing or discriminating behavior towards PLCB employees, customers, or guests that otherwise violates federal, state, or local laws or PLCB policies; possession or use of alcohol or marijuana; possession or use of illegal substances; intoxication; lack of professionalism; sleeping on the job; conversing with acquaintances or personal visitors while performing contractual duties; excessively fraternizing with PLCB staff, customers, and guests; and any other behavior that may distract the Contractor's or Subcontractor's employees from the performance of their contractual duties or which creates a threat to the health, safety, or welfare of PLCB employees, customers, or guests.

INCURRING COST

The PLCB is not liable for any cost incurred by anyone prior to issuance of a contract and the Notice to Proceed. The PLCB will pay the Contractor only for services rendered at the rates stated in the contract.

OFFSET PROVISION

The Contractor agrees that the Commonwealth may set off the amount of any state tax liability or other debt or obligation to the Commonwealth or its subsidiaries that is owed to the Commonwealth and is not being contested on appeal against any payments due the Contractor under this or any other contract with the Commonwealth.

INVOICING

Upon delivery of item(s) or service(s), the Contractor will be required to create and submit their invoice(s) through the Portal. Invoices must include the PO number and all changes must be itemized, providing the description and date. Amounts charged must match the charges referenced on the IFB and PO line item. Invoices will only be paid if record of services and/or materials provided is documented and confirmed by the PLCB.

If assistance is needed to create and submit an invoice through the Portal, please review the course on how suppliers enter an invoice in the Portal and/or quick reference guide located on the PLCB's public website at the following link, <https://www.lcb.pa.gov/JoinOurTeam/Pages/ERP-Resources-for-Goods-and-Services-Suppliers.aspx>.

PAYMENT

- a. The PLCB shall put forth reasonable efforts to make payment of undisputed amounts billed, less applicable credits, within 30 days of receipt of a proper invoice. A "proper" invoice is not received until it has been submitted to the Portal and the PLCB accepts the service as satisfactorily performed and goods satisfactorily received.
- b. The PLCB will make contract payments through Automated Clearing House (ACH).
 - 1) Within 10 days of award of the contract the Contractor must submit or must have already submitted their ACH information within their user profile in the Portal.
 - 2) The Contractor must submit a unique invoice number with each invoice submitted. The

unique invoice number will be listed on the PLCB's ACH remittance advice to enable the Contractor to properly apply the State agency's payment to the invoice submitted.

- 3) It is the responsibility of the Contractor to ensure that the ACH information contained in the Portal is accurate and complete. Failure to maintain accurate and complete information may result in delays in payment.

PAYMENT INQUIRES/QUESTIONS

Any question or inquiries concerning payment of invoices shall be emailed to Comptroller Operations at: RA-PLCBExceptionProcess@pa.gov.