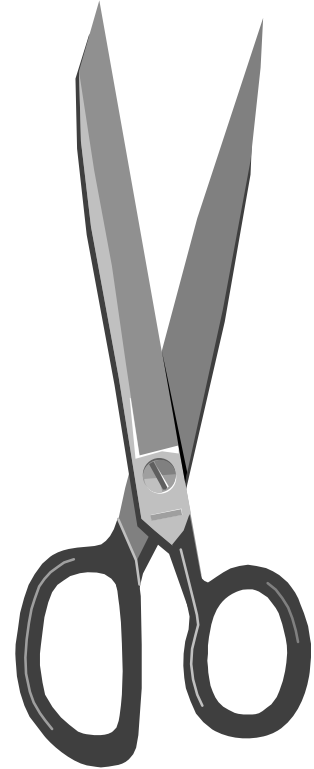


Cut along the outer border and affix this label to your sealed bid envelope to identify it as a “Sealed Bid”. Neither faxed nor electronically submitted bids will be accepted. Be sure to include the name of the company submitting the bid where requested.

DELIVER TO: PURCHASING DEPARTMENT School Board of Polk County 1915 South Floral Avenue, PO Box 391 Bartow, FL 33831-0391	
SEALED BID DO NOT OPEN	
SEALED BID NO.:	087-PLA-0508
BID TITLE:	Administrative/Office/Media Furniture 2008-09
DUE DATE/TIME:	May 6, 2008, 2:00 PM
SUBMITTED BY:	_____
	<i>Name of company</i>



Please Note:

From time to time, addenda may be issued to this bid. Any such addenda will be posted on the same web site from which you obtained this bid. Vendors receiving bids via US mail will be sent notification of all addenda. If you downloaded the bid from this web site, you will need to check the web site to see if there are any addenda that have been posted.

Interested vendors must have a completed vendor application on file with the School Board Purchasing Department prior to bid award in order for your bid to be considered. The Vendor Application Form is available from our web site at <http://www.polk-fl.net/districtinfo/departments/businessservices/purchasing.htm> Click on **“Vendor Application” from the menu on the left side of the screen and follow the instructions.**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA

P.O. BOX 391
BARTOW, FLORIDA 33831-0391

1915 SOUTH FLORAL AVENUE
BARTOW, FLORIDA 33830-7124

INVITATION TO BID

Bid Title Administrative/Office/Media Furniture 2008-09

Bid File Number 087-PLA-0508 Posted April 18, 2008

Sealed bids will be received until 2:00 PM on Tuesday, May 6, 2008 in the School Board Purchasing Office at the above address. The official clock for the purpose of receiving bids is located in the Purchasing Office. All bids must be date and time stamped by the official clock. Bids will be opened in the Purchasing Offices after the deadline for receiving bids. Any bid received in Purchasing after the deadline indicated above will be date and time stamped and will not be opened. It is vendors' responsibility to see that their bids are properly received at the correct location prior to the deadline. Your bid must be on this form with the Bidder Acknowledgment completed. Inquiries on this bid should be addressed to: Lynn Adams telephone 863-534-0563 FAX 863-534-0802, E-Mail Lynn.Adams@polk-fl.net

BIDDER ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The undersigned, having carefully examined the "Invitation to Bid" with any attached "Special Terms and Conditions" agrees to abide by all conditions of the bid and offers to furnish the items or services as set forth. I further certify that I am authorized to sign this bid.

_____ VENDOR NAME	_____ MAILING ADDRESS
_____ PRINT OR TYPE SIGNATURE AND TITLE	_____ CITY, STATE, ZIP
_____ WRITTEN SIGNATURE	_____ DATE
_____ TELEPHONE NUMBER (TOLL FREE, IF AVAILABLE)	_____ FAX NUMBER
_____ E-MAIL ADDRESS	_____ FEID NUMBER

DISCOUNT: Our company offers the following discount schedule: _____.

NOTE: THE ABOVE BIDDER ACKNOWLEDGMENT MUST BE SIGNED FOR YOUR BID TO BE ACCEPTED.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS AND CONDITIONS

- CONTRACT PERIOD:** Bids that do not offer prices good until the following date will not be accepted: May 31, 2009. Contract(s) awarded from this bid will begin on 6/1/2008 and will run through May 31, 2009.
- F.O.B. DELIVERY POINT:** All prices bid must include delivery charges to stated destination(s) as follows: All Polk County School District locations.
- POSTING OF BID AWARDS:** Recommended award of this bid will be posted at the School Board Administrative Offices on or about May 8, 2008 and will remain posted for a period of 72 hours. Bid tabulations will not be mailed. Bid files and tabulations may be examined during normal working hours.
- PRICES AND TAXES:** All prices are normally fixed for the duration of the contract period. Fluctuating or adjustable prices are only acceptable if so stated in the Special Terms and Conditions". The School Board is exempt from State sales and use taxes and Federal excise taxes. (State Exemption No. 85-8013927632C-8)

5. **DISCOUNTS:** Bidders may offer a cash discount for prompt payment; however, such discounts shall not be considered in bid evaluation unless all other factors are equal. Bidders are encouraged to reflect cash discounts in the unit prices quoted.
6. **DELIVERY:** Deliveries must be made in accordance with specified delivery schedules or as soon as possible after receipt of the purchase order if no delivery schedule is specified or bid. All delivery containers must be marked with the Polk County School Board purchase order number and product item number. Unless stated otherwise, all products being shipped into the Board's warehouse shall be packaged in cardboard cartons so as to prevent damage both in transit and in the warehouse. For all truck deliveries into the warehouse, the Bidder is required to provide notification AT LEAST 24 HOURS PRIOR TO DELIVERY. For Bartow deliveries, call Warehouse Receiving at (863) 534-0910. Truck drivers will be required to assist in unloading.
7. **QUANTITIES:** Quantities shown are not guarantees of purchase. The Board may purchase additional quantities during the life of the contract unless the bid sheets are noted, "Bid is for Specified Quantity Only," by the Bidder. The bid sheets must state, "Minimum Reorder Quantities," if applicable.
8. **EQUIVALENT PRODUCTS:** Any manufacturers' trade, brand, model or catalog number listed as a specification is for information purposes and not to limit competition. The Bidder may offer any equivalent current production model which meets or exceeds the specifications unless noted otherwise in the specifications. If an equivalent model is offered, the Bidder must clearly indicate any deviation from the specifications and include complete descriptive literature on alternate item(s) or the items will not be considered.
9. **SPECIFICATIONS:** All items offered must be in accordance with specifications except as noted above. Minor departures from specifications may be considered at the option of the Board. When applicable, all products shall carry evidence of Underwriters' Laboratory (UL) listing and comply with the requirements of the Occupational Safety and Health Act, (OSHA). When applicable, delivered items must be accompanied by a Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS). If product packing or packaging is to be different than specified in the bid, the Bidder must state any deviation. The bid, lacking any statement to the contrary, will be received as being in complete compliance with specifications. When more than one bid meets all specifications, the Board reserves the right to determine the "Lowest and Best" bid. Bid items are subject to testing at the Bidder's expense. Delivery of items not meeting specifications is cause for removal from the list of acceptable Bidders and no payment will be made for the entire delivery, including usage.
10. **SAMPLES:** When requested, samples will be furnished at Bidder's expense. Requests for sample returns must be made within 30 days of the bid opening. If no return request is made, the samples will become the property of the Board. Failure to submit samples when required may result in non-acceptance of the bid.
11. **SERVICE AND WARRANTY:** Bidder should attach any warranties offered and explain warranties and service provided. These may not be in conflict with warranties required in the specifications.
12. **ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION:** The right to accept or reject any bids or individual items in the bids and to waive irregularities in bids is reserved by the Board.
13. **DETERMINATION OF BID AWARD BASIS:** Unless specifically excluded by the Bidder, bid awards may be made on either a composite or a line item basis.
14. **MISTAKES:** In case of mathematical errors, the Bidder's unit price shall be considered the bid price. It is the Bidder's responsibility to understand the terms, conditions, and specifications of the bid. Failure to do so will be at the Bidder's risk.
15. **PLACING AND ACCEPTANCE OF ORDERS:** The award of this bid does not constitute an order. Before delivery is made the Bidder must receive a duly executed purchase order or contract. Acceptance by the Bidder is assumed upon issue by the Board of a duly executed purchase order or contract. Inspection and acceptance of items will be at the stated destination(s) unless otherwise provided, and title to and risk of loss or damage is the responsibility of the Bidder until acceptance by the Board.
16. **ASSIGNMENT, INVOICES, AND PAYMENT:** No assignment of an order or monies to be derived there from is acceptable without the prior written approval of the Board. All invoices must be submitted in triplicate to the Board with each purchase order being invoiced separately. Payment shall be made upon presentation of properly prepared invoices. Payment is generally made on the next Friday following the week in which invoicing is completed.

17. **PERFORMANCE:** If the Bidder refuses or is unable to make delivery within a reasonable time, the Board may hold the Bidder responsible for any damages or costs incurred by the Bidder's actions. The Board may withhold payments pending satisfactory compliance with the terms of the agreement. The Bidder shall hold and save the Board and Board employees harmless from liability of any kind in the performance of this contract.
18. **CONTRACT FAILURE:** Should any Contractor fail to enter into a contract with the School Board on the basis of the submitted bid by said Contractor, Contractor acknowledges that Contractor shall be liable to the School Board for the difference between such bid price and the price the School Board pays to secure the merchandise from another source. Failure to pay said amount to the School Board upon demand will result in the company being removed from the bid list for a period of not less than two (2) years from the date of infraction.
19. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** All Bidders must disclose with their bid the name of any officer, director, or agent who is also an employee of the Board. Further, all Bidders must disclose the name of any Board employee who owns, directly or indirectly, any interest of any amount in the Bidders firm or branches.
20. **ATTACHMENTS:** All attached sheets are a part of this bid and any Special Terms and Conditions contained therein which are in conflict with the GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS AND CONDITIONS shall have precedence.
21. **ADDENDUM:** Any changes in this bid shall be in the form of a written addendum by the Purchasing Director. No other person shall be authorized to make changes verbally or in writing. It shall be the responsibility of the bidder to ascertain if any addenda have been issued and to obtain all such addenda. Any Addendum shall be returned with this bid by the Bidder.
22. **EXTENSION:** The Board reserves the option to extend the contract period provided the Bidder is in agreement. The request for extension shall be submitted by the Bidder in writing.
23. **DISPUTES:** Any person who may be adversely affected by an intended decision with respect to the award of any bid, may protest such a decision by following the Bid Protest Procedure of the School Board of Polk County. A copy of the Procedure, which has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Florida Administrative Code, is available upon request and is permanently posted at the Administrative Offices of the School Board of Polk County, Florida. Failure to follow the requirements of the bid protest procedures established by the School Board of Polk County, Florida shall constitute a waiver of all protest rights. Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Section 120.57(3), Florida Statutes, shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under Chapter 120, Florida Statutes.
24. **PREFERENCE FOR DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE:** Whenever two or more bids which are equal with respect to price, quality, and service are received, preference shall be given to a bid received from a business that certifies that it has implemented a drug-free workplace program in accordance with Section 287.087, Florida Statutes. In order to receive preference, a signed certification of compliance must be submitted with the bid response.
25. **AGREEMENT:** This Bid and the Purchase Orders issued hereunder constitute the entire agreement between the School District and the Vendor awarded the bid. No modification of this bid shall be binding on the District or the Bidders.
26. **TERMS AND CONDITIONS:** No additional terms and conditions included with the bid response shall be evaluated or considered and any and all such additional terms and conditions shall have no force and effect and are inapplicable to this bid. If submitted either purposely through intent or design or inadvertently appearing separately in transmitted letters, specifications, literature, price estimates or warranties, it is understood and agreed the General Conditions and Special Terms and Conditions in this bid solicitation are the only terms and conditions applicable to this bid and the bidders authorized signature affixed to the bidder acknowledgment form attests to this.
27. **PUBLIC ENTITY CRIME & CONVICTED VENDOR LIST:** Per the provisions of Florida Statute 287.133 (2)(a), "a person or affiliate who has been placed on the convicted vendor list following a conviction for a public entity crime may not submit a bid on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity, may not submit a bid on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit bids on leases of real property to a public entity, may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity, and may not transact business with any public entity in excess of the threshold amount provided in Florida Statute 287.017 for CATEGORY TWO for a period of 36 months from the date of being placed on the convicted vendor list". The prospective bidder certifies, by submission and signature of this bid, that neither the bidder, nor its principal, its agent or its representative is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, voluntarily excluded from

participation in this transaction or otherwise precluded by Florida Statute 287.133 from participating in this contract.

28. **DISCRIMINATORY VENDOR LIST:** Per the provisions of Florida Statute 287.134(2)(a), "An entity or affiliate who has been placed on the discriminatory vendor list may not submit a bid on a contract to provide any goods or services to a public entity, may not submit a bid on a contract with a public entity for the construction or repair of a public building or public work, may not submit bids on leases of real property to a public entity, may not be awarded or perform work as a contractor, supplier, subcontractor, or consultant under a contract with any public entity, and may not transact business with any public entity." The prospective bidder certifies, by submission and signature of this bid, that neither the bidder, nor its principal, its agent or its representative is presently on the discriminatory vendor list, or otherwise precluded by Florida Statute 287.134 from participating in this contract.
29. **FEDERAL DEBARMENT CERTIFICATION:** Certification regarding debarment, suspension, ineligibility and voluntary exclusion as required by Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, and implemented at 34 CFR, Part 85, as defined at 34 CFR Part 85, Sections 85.105 and 85.110.
- a. The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission and signature of this bid, that neither it, nor its principals, its agents or its representatives are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.
- b. Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this bid.
30. **NON-COLLUSION:** The bidder certifies, by submission and signature of this bid, that it warrants that he/she has not employed or retained any company or person other than a bonafide employee working solely for the bidder to solicit or secure this bid and that he/she has not paid or agreed to pay any person, company, corporation, individual or firm, other than a bonafide employee working sole for the bidder, any fee, commission, percentage, gift or any other consideration contingent upon or resulting from this award or making of this bid.

The bidder further certifies that its bid is made without previous understanding, agreement or connection with any person, firm or corporation making a bid for the same item(s) and is in all respects fair, without outside control, collusion, fraud or otherwise illegal action.

31. **SALES TO OTHER PUBLIC AGENCIES:** With the consent and agreement of the successful bidder(s), purchases may be made under this bid by other public agencies within the State of Florida. Such purchases shall be governed by the same terms and conditions as stated herein. (Check where applicable): Agree to extend pricing to ___ School Boards and/or ___ public agencies within the State of Florida.
32. **BID RESPONSES:** If the bid is to be returned via express mail or in a courier envelope, the bid the bid documents should be submitted in a separate sealed envelope within the courier envelope. Express mail or courier envelopes will be opened and discarded. The face of the sealed bid envelope should have attached the label included with the bid package or noted, the Bid File Number and "Attention: Purchasing Department - Sealed Bid." If there is not going to be a bid submitted, return the "No Bid" post card, or return the Invitation to Bid, marked, "No Bid."
33. **TERMINATION OF CONTRACT:** This contract may be terminated without liability to the School Board in whole or in part when it is deemed to be in the best interest of the School Board to so act. Notification of termination must be in writing and issued by the Director of Purchasing or designee. This contract may be terminated upon 30 days written notice. Further, at the discretion of the School Board, the contract may be terminated in a period of less than 30 days in the event of poor performance or violation of the terms and conditions of this contract.

The School Board, upon termination, shall exercise its discretion to complete the balance of the contract consistent with the best interest of the School Board.

SCOTT CLANTON
DIRECTOR, PURCHASING AND WAREHOUSING

NOTE: The Bidder Acknowledgment on Page 1 MUST be signed for your bid to be considered.

Special Terms and Conditions

- A. **SCOPE:** This bid is for the purpose of establishing individual contracts for various manufacturers' lines of office, reception, data processing, technical education, stage, and media furniture with a fixed discount off of the manufacturer's most recently published list price schedule.
- B. This bid contains specifications based on evaluation and recommendation of school board personnel. Please bid only the manufacturer's lines as specified. Manufacturers are listed on the Bid Form and Specifications (see pages 9 and 10). Vendors wishing to submit items for future evaluation may do so by contacting the Purchasing Department.
- C. Furniture or equipment not shipped complete will be refused; i.e.: anything (such as tables with legs) that is made up of two or more pieces to make the item we order.
- D. **DISCOUNTS FROM PUBLISHED LIST PRICE SCHEDULE:**

Bids will be accepted for the manufacturers listed on the Bid Form and Specifications. Bids shall be submitted on the basis of a **DISCOUNT (-) FROM** or **MARK-UP (+) TO** a manufacturer's published list price schedule. Such published list price schedule must be common to, and accepted by the industry in general. **THE SCHEDULE MUST BE PROPERLY IDENTIFIED AND DATED AS TO ISSUANCE AND EFFECTIVENESS.** Manufacturer's list price schedules as referenced in this bid may include printed paper copy, CD and/or be accessible online (vendors utilizing online manufacturer's pricing must provide the website address/access).

Revised published list price schedules may be used as a means of price adjustment. However, all bids are to be firm for a period of THIRTY (30) CALENDAR DAYS after the bid opening date, and revised published list price schedules will be accepted only in the event of an industry-wide price change as evidenced by the issuance of revised list price schedules by the manufacturer.

REVISED PRICES SHALL NOT BECOME EFFECTIVE UNTIL REVISED LIST PRICE SCHEDULE(S) ARE SUBMITTED TO AND APPROVED BY THE PURCHASING DIRECTOR OR DESIGNEE. A VENDOR COVER LETTER IDENTIFYING THE APPLICABLE CONTRACT AGREEMENT NUMBER IS TO BE INCLUDED WITH THE PETITION FOR PRICE ADJUSTMENT. BOTH VENDOR COVER LETTER AND PRICE LISTS MUST BE DATED AND SIGNED.

The award shall be made on the basis of the highest percentage of discount (-) or lowest percentage of mark-up (+) on each manufacturer noted on the bid form and specifications, calculated to provide the lowest net cost to the School District.

In addition, the award will be based on largest discount for the first **TWO** categories (highest combined average \$0 - \$5,000 and \$5,001 - \$10,000). It is anticipated that most projects will fall within these two categories. That is, most elementary schools and incidentals will fall within the \$0-\$5,000 range; and most middle and high schools and large projects will be in the \$5,001 - \$10,000 range.

- E. **DELIVERY:** Deliveries must be made in accordance with specified delivery schedules or as soon as possible after receipt of the purchase order if no delivery

schedule is specified or bid. All delivery containers must be marked with the Polk County School Board purchase order number and product item number. Products being shipped into the Board's warehouse shall be packaged in cardboard cartons so as to prevent damage both in transit and in the warehouse. For all truck deliveries into the warehouse, the Bidder is required to provide notification AT LEAST 24 HOURS PRIOR TO DELIVERY. For Bartow deliveries, call Warehouse Receiving at (863) 534-0910. Truck drivers will be required to assist in unloading.

- F. **F.O.B. DESTINATION:** Prices bid for all items shall be F.O.B. Destination and include all shipping charges to all Polk County school locations.
- G. **SUBMITTALS:** Bidders should include the following documentation with their bid proposal. If not provided with the bid, bidders will have five (5) calendar days after receiving a written or verbal request to furnish the following documentation or the bid may be disqualified as non-responsive:
- 1) A current published catalog, with the most recently published manufacturer's list price schedule for each manufacturer's line offered, should be submitted with each vendor's bid response. Manufacturer's list price schedules as referenced in this bid may include printed paper copy, CD and/or be accessible online (vendors utilizing online manufacturer's pricing must provide the website address/access with their submittal.)
 - 2) Certification from the manufacturer that they are a current authorized dealer for each manufacturer's line bid. Do not bid a line if you are not a current authorized dealer for that line.
- Falsification of records will result in removal of vendor's name from this bid list for current year and following year.
- H. Awarded vendors will have 10 working days to provide two (2) each of the latest catalog(s) and manufacturer's price lists to the Purchasing Department.
- I. THE VENDOR WILL BE RESPONSIBLE TO SATISFY ALL SHIPPING CLAIMS.
- J. **LINE ITEM CORRECTIONS:** The use of correction fluid or erasures to correct line item bid prices and/or quantities are not acceptable. Corrections must be by strikethrough (~~strikethrough~~) of the incorrect figures, writing in of correct figures and initialing of the corrections by the originator. Correction fluid or erasure corrected bids will be considered non-responsive for the corrected items only.
- K. **INSURANCE** - The contractor(s) shall take every precaution to prevent injury to persons, particularly children, or damage to public or private property while performing services under this agreement. He shall assume full responsibility for such occurrences if resulting from his operations. Before commencing work, the contractor shall furnish the School Board a certificate of insurance showing his coverage with the following minimum requirements:

<u>TYPE OF INSURANCE</u>	<u>LIMITS OF LIABILITY</u>
Worker's Compensation	Statutory
Commercial General Liability	Combined Single Limit
	\$1,000,000 per occurrence
Automobile Liability	\$500,000 Combined single limit

Please state company name and authorized signature _____

(All owned autos, or any auto if vehicles other than owned are used).

- a) The School Board of Polk County shall be named as an additional insured and certificate holder on the certificate for commercial general liability insurance and as a certificate holder for automobile liability insurance. All insurance must be issued by a company or companies approved by the School Board.
- b) The VENDOR shall be responsible for assuring that the insurance remains in force for the duration of the contractual period, including any and all option years that may be granted to the VENDOR. **A Certificate of Insurance shall contain the provision that the SBPC LOCATION be given no less than thirty (30) days written notice of cancellation.** If the insurance is scheduled to expire during the contractual period, the VENDOR shall be responsible for submitting any new or renewed Certificate of Insurance at a minimum of fifteen calendar days in advance of such expiration.

L. **COMPLIANCE WITH THE JESSICA LUNSFORD ACT:** Florida Statutes contain certain fingerprinting and/or screening requirements pertaining to all persons or entities entering into contracts with Schools/School Boards/School Districts/Charter Schools who may have personnel who will be on school grounds when students may be present. Any individual who fails to meet the statutory requirements shall not be allowed on school grounds. Failure to comply with the statutory requirements will be considered a material default of this contract/agreement. Please visit <http://www.polk-fl.net/community/doingbusinesswithus/jessicalunsfordact.htm> for a list of links to requirements regarding the Jessica Lunsford Act.

M. **ADDENDA:** It shall be the responsibility of each responding bidder to check The School Board of Polk County Purchasing Department website to ensure receipt of all addenda.

BID FORM AND SPECIFICATIONS

Percentage of discount from the manufacturer's current price list for the following lines of furniture.

	Manufacturer	Date of Manufacturer's Price List	% of Discount \$0-\$5,000	% of Discount \$5,001-\$10,000	% of Discount \$10,001 +
1.	Abco Office Furniture				
2.	Allsteel				
3.	Allied Plastics				
4.	Artopex				
5.	Blanton and Moore				
6.	Bretford				
7.	Brodart				
8.	Community (a div. of Jasper Seating)				
9.	Electronic Classroom Furniture				
10.	Georgia Chair				
11.	HON Office Furniture				
12.	Indiana Desk				
13.	International Library Furniture				
14.	Jasper Chair				
15.	Krueger International				
16.	La Z Boy				
17.	Library Bureau				
18.	Maco				
19.	Midwest Furniture				
20.	Mitchell Furniture Systems				
21.	National Office Furniture				
22.	Palmieri				
23.	Pepco, Inc.				
24.	Samsonite				
25.	Smith Systems				
26.	Steelcase Seating Products				
27.	Tesco				

Please state company name and authorized signature _____

	Manufacturer	Date of Manufacturer's Price List	% of Discount \$0-\$5,000	% of Discount \$5,001- \$10,000	% of Discount \$10,001 +
28.	United Chair				
29.	Virco Manufacturing				
30.	Wenger Corporation				

Indicate below if installation of product is provided as a:

_____ No Charge Service

_____ Additional Fee Charged

If additional fee is charged for installation of product, indicate below:

_____ percentage add-on fee on net price (price after discount has been applied)

_____ flat fee

State amount of flat fee _____

Submit an attachment to detail installation charges if more than one product is offered.

NOTE: Sign the "Bidder's Acknowledgment" section on Page 1 of our "Invitation to Bid". Return the original of the Invitation to Bid and retain a photocopy for your files.

Please state company name and authorized signature _____