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STATE OF KANSAS

WM. H. AVERY, GOVERNOR

Department of  Administration

Purchasing Division

STATE OFFICE BUILDING—TOPEKA 66612

December 29, 1966

Ref: P.R. No. 2343
Quotation No. 59218

Fort Hays Kansas State College
Hays, Kansas

Attention: W. E. Keating

Gentlemen:

Note that the Purchasing Division did not receive prices on several of the items requested on your P.R. No. 2343. The following recommendation, based upon the Purchasing Division's evaluation of this bid file, is referenced by the group numbers found in Quotation 59218 rather than the item numbers which are indicated on your P.R. 2343.

Group 1: The low bid meeting specifications has been submitted by Hoover Brothers in the amount of \$44,110.76. OK

Group 2: Note that several of the alternate bids reflect quotations on library furniture with wooden bases rather than the specified metal bases.

An itemized comparison of the ~~REMOVED~~ Southern Desk (Drexel) alternates being offered by Hoover Brothers and the alternates being offered by Remington-Rand will be found attached to each of these respective bids.

If the award of Group 2 is made on library furniture with metal bases as specified, the award will be made to Remington-Rand in the amount of \$29,997.00. There should be little question relative to the acceptability of Remington-Rand's anodized aluminum tubular frames as opposed to the specified square stainless steel bases.

However, should the library choose to consider the possibility of accepting library furniture with wooden bases, the award of Group 2 will be made to Hoover Brothers on their alternate bid of Drexel library furniture in the amount of \$26,572.08.

The Purchasing Division's interpretation of your specifications and quantities relative to Item No. 35 apparently was incorrect. The number of units requested on Item 35 of Group 2 of Quotation 59218 reflects the number of units necessary for one exit control and book return desk section. It has been brought to the attention of the Purchasing Division that the library furniture blueprints call for two such sections. You will note by the bids that we have attempted to double the number of units originally specified on this quotation; therefore, be assured that if two exit control and book return desk sections are necessary that they will be available. Each of the totals relative to Group 2 reflects the increase of these units.

Groups 3
and 4: No bids received.

Group 5: The award will be made to Northwestern Typewriter.

Group 6: The award will be made to Northwestern Typewriter.

Group 7: Only one bid received, Remington-Rand.

Group 8: The award will be made to your recommended vendor, Northwestern Typewriter.

Group 9: The low bid on specifications is Northwestern Typewriter.

Group 10: The award will be made to Northwestern Typewriter. The library, however, has the option of accepting the specified Steelcase chair or the alternate chair which has been offered on Item 1 of Group 10. Be sure and indicate which chair is preferred.

Group 11: Low bidder, Northwestern Typewriter.

Group 12: Award will be made to Addressograph-Multigraph.

Group 13: The award will be made to the recommended vendor, Gaylord Brothers.

Group 14: The award will be made to the recommended vendor, Folding Carrier Corporation.

Comments about Drexel Alternates

- Item #28 Meets specs. except for closed base, unit appears to exceed specs.
29. Overall size meets specs., however, this alternate has approx. 12" less bulletin board and book trough capacity than specified. Legs are Walnut instead of requested stainless steel. Design appears to be more appealing than spec.
30. Alternate meets specs. except for stainless steel legs.
31. Same comment as on Item #28
32. O.K. (Be sure to ask for bumpers)
33. O.K. (Be sure to ask for bumpers)
34. Enclosed base offered instead of stainless leg base as requested. Unit apparently isn't provided with pull out reference shelves. Assume that the fronts of the card trays could be walnut as well as the suggested white textured plastic. Specs. don't show size of label sizes on drawer pull.
35. Drexel #D3603 - Does cash drawer come with lock?
Drexel #D3616 gate is 26" instead of specified 36".
- The above two comments are the only exceptions taken to the alternates being offered on Item #35 except for the fact that the specified product is furnished with 1" square satin aluminum legs, while the alternate's are closed based.
36. Drexel #D3603 station unit has 1 less drawer than the specified #452
Believe the bidder should have offered a #D-3610 Station charge unit as a proper cross-reference to Sjostrom #458A instead of the #D3611
- All units lack legs same as item #35
37. Same comments as indicated on item #36.
40. ~~Drexel #D-241C exceeds the size requested (72" x 24"). The bidder may have meant to offer the D-240C which is 60" x 24" x 42". These tables have solid walnut end panel type legs instead of the specified stainless steel, otherwise this table meets basic specs.~~
41. Assuming that the bidder is modifying their D-122 to meet specs. (Should be O.K. except for walnut legs instead of stainless steel).
42. The Drexel #D-124 is a single face, double tier index table. Bidder could have more appropriately offered their #D-124-2 which is double face and single tier but it is 6" shorter than the specified Sjostrom #419. This alternate, also, is being offered with walnut legs instead of stainless steel legs.

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? *Catalog correct?*

Group 15: No bids received.

Group 16: Low bidder, Remington Rand, did not submit descriptive literature relative to the alternate. Should descriptive literature be necessary for familiarization with this product, please contact the Remington Rand representative, Mr. Charles King.

Group 17: The award will be made to the recommended vendor, Kersting Manufacturing Company.

Groups 18
and 19: No bids received.

Very truly yours,

HENRY H. KNOUFT
Director of Purchases

By Stacy A. Johansen
Stacy A. Johansen, Buyer

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Enclosures