JOHN COOPER, MAYOR DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

# METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY

10/15/2021 | 3:47 PM CDT

Mr. Matt Smith Alfred Williams and Company 2960 Sidco Drive Nashville, TN 37204

Re: **RFQ # 117217, Furniture and Furnishings** 

Dear Mr. Smith:

The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County (Metro) has completed the evaluation of submitted solicitation offer(s) to the above RFQ # 117217 for Furniture and Furnishings. This letter hereby notifies you of Metro's intent to award to Alfred Williams and Company the following brand from (Group B) Herman Miller, contingent upon successful contract negotiations. Please provide a certificate of Insurance indicating all applicable coverages within 15 business days of the receipt of this letter.

If the Equal Business Opportunity (EBO) Program requirements were a part of this solicitation, the awardee must forward a signed copy of the "Letter of Intent to Perform as Subcontractor/Subconsultant/Supplier/Joint Venture" for any minority/women-owned business enterprises included in the response to the Business Assistance Office within two business days from this notification.

Additionally, the awardee will be required to submit evidence of participation of and contractor's payment to all Small, Minority, and Women Owned Businesses participation in any resultant contract. This evidence shall be submitted monthly and include copies of subcontracts or purchase orders, the Prime Contractor's Application for Payment, or invoices, and cancelled checks or other supporting payment documents. Should you have any questions concerning this requirement, please contact Christopher Wood, BAO Representative, at (615) 862-6710 or at christopher.wood@nashville.gov.

Depending on the file sizes, the responses to the procurement solicitation and supporting award documentation can be made available either by email, CD for pickup, or in person for inspection. If you desire to receive or review the documentation or have any questions, please contact Sandra Walker by email at sandra.walker@nashville.gov Monday through Friday between 8:30am and 3:30pm.

Thank you for participating in Metro's competitive procurement process.

Sincerely,

Midulle II. Hernander, Lane Michelle A. Hernandez Lane Purchasing Agent

Cc: Solicitation File, Other Offerors

Pursuant to M.C.L. 4.36.010 Authority to resolve protested solicitations and awards.

A. Right to Protest. Any actual or prospective bidder, offeror or contractor who is aggrieved in connection with the solicitation or award of a contract may protest to the Purchasing Agent. The protest shall be submitted in writing within ten (10) days after such aggrieved person knows or should have known of the facts giving rise thereto.

Procurement Division

|                                           | Global Furniture Group                    |                                            |                     |                        |
|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| RFQ: 117217-Furniture and Furnishings     | Experience and Qualifications (30 Points) | Approach and<br>Methodology<br>(30 Points) | Cost<br>(40 Points) | Totals<br>(100 Points) |
| A-Z Office Resources                      | 26.00                                     | 28.00                                      | 36.73               | 90.73                  |
| Alfred Williams and Company               | 20.00                                     | 25.00                                      | 40.00               | 85.00                  |
| Facility Planners                         | 19.00                                     | 20.00                                      | 25.00               | 64.00                  |
| Nashville Office Interiors                | 29.00                                     | 30.00                                      | 31.58               | 90.58                  |
| ORI Acquistions Inc. DBA Office Resources |                                           |                                            |                     |                        |
| Inc.                                      | 26.00                                     | 27.00                                      | 37.50               | 90.50                  |

| 117217-Furniture and Furnishings          | Brand                                            | Max. RFP Cost<br>Points        |
|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
|                                           | Global Furniture Group                           | 40                             |
| Offeror's Name                            | Total Estimated Cost Based on Submitted Discount | RFP Cost Point<br>Distribution |
| A-Z Office Resources                      | \$49,000.00                                      | 36.73                          |
| Alfred Williams and Company               | \$45,000.00                                      | 40.00                          |
| Facility Planners                         | \$72,000.00                                      | 25.00                          |
| Nashville Office Interiors                | \$57,000.00                                      | 31.58                          |
| ORI Acquistions Inc. DBA Office Resources | \$48,000,00                                      | 37 50                          |

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HST Interior Elements
Patterson Pope Inc.
Vari Sales Corporation

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| HST Interior Elements                 | 30.00                                     | 28.00                                      | 40.00               | 98.00                  |



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| Nashville Office Interiors            | 29.00                                     | 30.00                                      | 40.00               | 99.00                  |

|                                  |                                         | Max. RFP Cost  |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------|
| 117217-Furniture and Furnishings | Brand                                   | Points         |
|                                  | Haworth                                 | 40             |
|                                  | Total Estimated Cost Based on Submitted | RFP Cost Point |
| Offeror's Name                   | Discount                                | Distribution   |
| Nashville Office Interiors       | \$30,000.00                             | 40.00          |

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| Alfred Williams and Company           | 20.00                                     | 25.00                                      | 40.00               | 85.00                  |
|                                       |                                           |                                            |                     |                        |
|                                       | Herman Miller                             |                                            |                     |                        |
|                                       |                                           | Max. RFP Cost                              |                     |                        |
| 117217-Furniture and Furnishings      | Brand                                     | Points                                     |                     |                        |
|                                       | Herman Miller                             | 40                                         |                     |                        |
|                                       |                                           |                                            |                     |                        |
|                                       | Total Estimated Cost Based on Submitted   | RFP Cost Point                             |                     |                        |
| Offeror's Name                        | Discount                                  | Distribution                               |                     |                        |
| Alfred Williams and Company           | \$60,000,00                               | 40.00                                      |                     |                        |

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| A-Z Office Resources                      | 26.00                                     | 28.00                                      | 38.18               | 92.18                  |
| Alfred Williams and Company               | 20.00                                     | 25.00                                      | 40.00               | 85.00                  |
| Facility Planners                         | 19.00                                     | 20.00                                      | 31.70               | 70.70                  |
| HST Interior Elements                     | 30.00                                     | 28.00                                      | 31.11               | 89.11                  |
| Nashville Office Interiors                | 29.00                                     | 30.00                                      | 35.74               | 94.74                  |
| ORI Acquistions Inc. DBA Office Resources |                                           |                                            |                     |                        |
| Inc.                                      | 26.00                                     | 27.00                                      | 37.33               | 90.33                  |

| 117217-Furniture and Furnishings          | Brand<br>Jasper                                  |             | Max. RFP Cost Points 40        |
|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------|
| Offeror's Name                            | Total Estimated Cost Based on Submitted Discount |             | RFP Cost Point<br>Distribution |
| A-Z Office Resources                      |                                                  | \$44,000.00 | 38.18                          |
| Alfred Williams and Company               |                                                  | \$42,000.00 | 40.00                          |
| Facility Planners                         |                                                  | \$53,000.00 | 31.70                          |
| HST Interior Elements                     |                                                  | \$54,000.00 | 31.11                          |
| Nashville Office Interiors                |                                                  | \$47,000.00 | 35.74                          |
| ORI Acquistions Inc. DBA Office Resources |                                                  | \$45,000,00 | 37 33                          |

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Vari Sales Corporation

### A-Z Office Resources

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| A-Z Office Resources                      | 26.00                                     | 28.00                                      | 38.22               | 92.22                  |
| Alfred Williams and Company               | 20.00                                     | 25.00                                      | 40.00               | 85.00                  |
| Facility Planners                         | 19.00                                     | 20.00                                      | 29.15               | 68.15                  |
| HST Interior Elements                     | 30.00                                     | 28.00                                      | 29.15               | 87.15                  |
| Nashville Office Interiors                | 29.00                                     | 30.00                                      | 40.00               | 99.00                  |
| ORI Acquistions Inc. DBA Office Resources |                                           |                                            |                     |                        |
| Inc.                                      | 26.00                                     | 27.00                                      | 40.00               | 93.00                  |

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|                                                   | OFS Brands                                       |                                |
| Offeror's Name                                    | Total Estimated Cost Based on Submitted Discount | RFP Cost Point<br>Distribution |
| A-Z Office Resources                              | \$45,000.00                                      | 38.22                          |
| Alfred Williams and Company                       | \$43,000.00                                      | 40.00                          |
| Facility Planners                                 | \$59,000.00                                      | 29.15                          |
| HST Interior Elements                             | \$59,000.00                                      | 29.15                          |
| Nashville Office Interiors                        | \$43,000.00                                      | 40.00                          |
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| Patterson Pope Inc.                   | 27.00                                     | 20.00                                      | 40.00               | 87.00                  |

| 117217-Furniture and Furnishings | Brand<br>Patterson Pope                          | Max. RFP Cost<br>Points<br>40  |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Offeror's Name                   | Total Estimated Cost Based on Submitted Discount | RFP Cost Point<br>Distribution |
| Patterson Pope Inc.              | \$55,000.00                                      | 40.00                          |

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| ORI Acquistions Inc. DBA Office Resources |                                           |                                            |                     |                        |
| Inc.                                      | 26.00                                     | 27.00                                      | 40.00               | 93.00                  |

| 117217-Furniture and Furnishings               | Brand                                            | Max. RFP Cost<br>Points        |
|------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
|                                                | Steelcase                                        | 40                             |
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| ORI Acquistions Inc. DBA Office Resources Inc. | \$72,000,00                                      | 40.00                          |

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