

November 21, 2024

MARYLAND STATE TREASURER'S OFFICE

Louis L. Goldstein Treasury Building

80 Calvert Street, Room 109

Annapolis, Maryland 21401

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

FOR

INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB) FOR

CHECK STOCK AND BACKGROUND PRINTING OF CHECKS

FOR THE STATE TREASURER'S OFFICE

IFB #CP-11072024

Number	Question	Response
1	Please define the paper grade specifying whether forms are to be printed on: A) Non-security MOCR Laser paper, B) Basic Safety paper having invisible fluorescent fibers, chemical-reactant stains, and toner lock features, or C) True watermark paper having a Fourdrinier mill watermark in addition to all features of B).	Paper specifications can be found in section 2.3.1 with image examples attached as Appendix 3, 4 and 5 respectively.
2	Please clarify whether the 4 color flag is to be: A) 4-color process printing, or B) 4 spot colors.	Paper specifications can be found in section 2.3.1 with image examples attached as Appendix 3, 4 and 5 respectively.
3	Please provide some recent past year's shipment history for this form as an aid for production planning	Please refer to section 2.3 for quantity and shipment information. Additionally, the current vendor retains a secure storage with overflow check stock for quick delivery when necessary. The current vendor generally delivers lesser check stock requests within 3 days of notification.

4	Will paper swatches suffice for the paper samples?	No, the actual paper intended for printing is necessary as we need to test the paper stock with our current printer to ensure that the proposed paper runs through the printer without issue.
5	Will a pre-production printed sample form be required or is an electronic proof sufficient?	Please refer to section 2.3 for sample specifications.
6	Can you provide a bid tab from the previous award showing what the Treasurer's office is currently paying?	The current contract award for the same volume of sheets is \$82,455.