1. Can we substitute like products for the ones specified?

Yes. Alternate items may be considered. In Part C, please write on the Exceptions page "Alternate product bid for item A" (example - please list any/all item designations as appropriate) and describe the item in detail in the pricing area. If you need additional space, you may add additional page(s) as necessary. It is recommended that, if at all possible, you bid the exact item as specified in addition to any alternate(s).

2. Will samples be requested?

Samples are not required up front. If an alternate item is bid, and there is interest and/or questions regarding its equivalence to the specified item, a sample may be requested for testing and evaluation prior to award. Particularly, a sample of the carrying bag(s) of interest may be requested to gauge size and functionality (Item A). Arrangements will be made to return sample items to the vendors as long as the vendor provides prepaid return shipping labels/information along with the sample or the vendor is able to pick them up in person.

3. Can we fax or email our Bid to you?

No. This is a formal sealed bid process. Sealed bids are to be marked on the outside of the packaging as indicated in the bid document and must be mailed or hand delivered to the below address:

David Gee, Sheriff 2008 East 8th Avenue Tampa, Florida 33605 Attn: Purchasing / J. Miller

For your convenience, the last page of the bid document contains this information in a format that may be utilized as a package label. Responses must be received at this address by 3:00 PM (local time) on Friday, May 29, 2015. All bids will be opened at that time.

Bidders are encouraged to read the bid document in its entirety.

Submission of a signed Bid Package indicates that all terms and conditions have been read and understood by the Bidder.