

## PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

BETWEEN  
CITY OF THOUSAND OAKS  
AND  
W.W. GRAINGER, INC.

This Participation Agreement ("**Contract**") of is made and entered into this 1st day of October 2024 ("**Effective Date**"), by and between the City of Thousand Oaks (hereinafter referred to as "**City**"), and W.W. Grainger, Inc., (hereinafter referred to as "**Supplier**").

**WITNESSETH:**

**WHEREAS**, on November 7, 2022, Sourcewell awarded Grainger Agreement No. 091422-WWG for Facility MRO, Industrial, and Building-Related Supplies and Equipment (as amended, the "**Master Agreement**") attached as Exhibit A, which permits government entities to purchase goods and services in accordance with terms and conditions set forth in the Master Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, City has chosen to become a participating government agency under the Master Agreement, and City has registered with Sourcewell to become a participating government agency and is eligible to purchase under the Master Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the undersigned representative of City is authorized, on behalf of City, to contract with Grainger for the purchase of Facility MRO, Industrial, and Building-Related Supplies and Equipment in accordance with the terms of the Master Agreement and this Contract.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the mutual covenants, benefits and promises herein stated and in conjunction with the Master Agreement referenced, the parties hereto agree to the following terms and conditions:

**1. INCORPORATION OF MASTER AGREEMENT.**

The purpose of this Contract is to allow the City to purchase supplies from Supplier at the discounted prices set forth in the Master Agreement. To that end, the Master Agreement is hereby incorporated by reference as if set forth herein in its entirety, including all subsequent amendments thereto.

**2. TERM OF AGREEMENT.**

This Contract shall expire on November 8, 2026, and may be extended up to two times, for one additional year per extension, or as set forth in the Master Agreement.

**3. CONTRACT AMOUNT.**

Pricing shall be that set forth in accordance with the Master Agreement and the total not-to-exceed amount for this agreement is \$150,000 annually.

**4. NOTICES.**

All notices, requests, demands and other communications under this Contract shall be given in writing. Such notices shall be deemed to have been given when delivered in person or three (3) business days after being sent via certified mail or upon delivery if sent via reputable overnight delivery service and addressed to the appropriate party at its mailing address set forth below:

To City:	City of Thousand Oaks 2100 Thousand Oaks, Thousand Oaks, CA 91362 Attn: Grace Ng, Purchasing Supervisor
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To Supplier:	W. W. Grainger Inc. 100 Grainger Parkway, Lake Forest, IL 60045 Attn: _____
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**4. TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE.**

Either party may terminate this Contract for convenience by providing the other party sixty (60) days prior written notice.

**5. LEVINE ACT COMPLIANCE**

California Government Code section 84308 (Levine Act) prohibits any Thousand Oaks City Council member from participating in any action related to a contract, agreement, or franchise agreement if the Council member receives a campaign contribution totaling more than \$250 (aggregated) from the party to the contract, agreement or franchise agreement, their agents, or any financially interested participant who actively supports or opposes the matter within the previous twelve (12) months. Council members must also disclose any eligible campaign contribution received on the record of the proceeding.

Council members are also prohibited from soliciting, accepting or directing campaign contributions totaling more than \$250 (aggregated) from the applicant or party, an agent of the applicant/party, or any financially interested participant who actively supports or opposes the twelve (12) months, and for twelve (12) months following the date a final decision on the contract/agreement is made.

The Levine Act also requires parties to a contract, agreement, or franchise agreement to disclose any campaign contribution over \$250 (aggregated) within the preceding twelve (12) months by the party to the agreement, contract, or franchise agreement. The Levine Act does not apply to competitively bid, labor, or personal employment contracts.

In order to assure compliance with these requirements, Supplier has provided the disclosure requirements identified in the Levine Act Disclosure Form, attached as Exhibit B, incorporated herein by reference, and Supplier verifies by its signature that it has completed Exhibit B in compliance of these requirements.

Supplier shall also be responsible for understanding and complying with requirements of Government Code section 84308, which prohibits parties to a contract, as well as their agents and representatives, from contributing more than \$250 (aggregated) to a City Council member of the City of Thousand Oaks for the 12 months prior to award of this Contract, and for the 12 months following award of this Contract. Where applicable, Supplier shall disclose any post award campaign contributions prior to seeking an amendment to this Contract.

**6. SIGNATURES.**

**Digital/Electronic Signatures.** This Agreement may be executed through the use of digital or electronic signatures provided they meet the requirements of the Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce (ESIGN) Act and the California Uniform Electronic Transactions Act (UETA) and are produced using a City-approved method. The presence of an electronic signature on this document shall be construed as the parties' consent to do business electronically.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** City and Supplier have executed this Contract on the Effective Date.

**W. W. GRAINGER, INC.**

**CITY OF THOUSAND OAKS**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Al Adam  
Title: Mayor  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**ATTEST:**

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Laura B. Maguire, City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO ADMINISTRATION:**

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Andrew P. Powers, City Manager

**APPROVED BY DEPARTMENT HEAD:**

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Jaime Boscarino, Finance Director

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**  
Office of the City Attorney

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By: Tracy Friedl, Assistant City Attorney

**Solicitation Number: RFP #091422****CONTRACT**

This Contract is between Sourcewell, 202 12th Street Northeast, P.O. Box 219, Staples, MN 56479 (Sourcewell) and W.W. Grainger, Inc., 100 Grainger Parkway, Lake Forest, IL 60045, and Acklands-Grainger, Inc., 123 Commerce Valley Drive East, Suite 700, Thornhill, ON L3T 7W8, collectively referred to in the attached Proposal as, "Grainger North America" (separately and collectively herein, Supplier).

Sourcewell is a State of Minnesota local government unit and service cooperative created under the laws of the State of Minnesota (Minnesota Statutes Section 123A.21) that offers cooperative procurement solutions to government entities. Participation is open to eligible federal, state/province, and municipal governmental entities, higher education, K-12 education, nonprofit, tribal government, and other public entities located in the United States and Canada. Sourcewell issued a public solicitation for Facility MRO, Industrial, and Building-Related Supplies and Equipment from which Supplier was awarded a contract.

Supplier desires to contract with Sourcewell to provide equipment, products, or services to Sourcewell and the entities that access Sourcewell's cooperative purchasing contracts (Participating Entities).

**1. TERM OF CONTRACT**

A. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Contract is effective upon the date of the final signature below.

B. **EXPIRATION DATE AND EXTENSION.** This Contract expires November 8, 2026, unless it is cancelled sooner pursuant to Article 22. This Contract may be extended up to two times, for one additional year per extension, upon the request of Sourcewell and written agreement by Supplier.

C. **SURVIVAL OF TERMS.** Notwithstanding any expiration or termination of this Contract, all payment obligations incurred prior to expiration or termination will survive, as will the following: Articles 11 through 14 survive the expiration or cancellation of this Contract. All other rights will cease upon expiration or termination of this Contract.

## 2. EQUIPMENT, PRODUCTS, OR SERVICES

A. EQUIPMENT, PRODUCTS, OR SERVICES. Supplier will provide the Equipment, Products, or Services as stated in its Proposal submitted under the Solicitation Number listed above. Supplier's Equipment, Products, or Services Proposal (Proposal) is attached and incorporated into this Contract.

All Equipment and Products provided under this Contract must be new and the current model. Supplier may offer close-out or refurbished Equipment or Products if they are clearly indicated in Supplier's product and pricing list. Unless agreed to by the Participating Entities in advance, Equipment or Products must be delivered as operational to the Participating Entity's site.

This Contract offers an indefinite quantity of sales, and while substantial volume is anticipated, sales and sales volume are not guaranteed.

B. WARRANTY. Supplier warrants that all Equipment, Products, and Services furnished are free from liens and encumbrances, and are free from defects in design, materials, and workmanship. In addition, Supplier warrants the Equipment, Products, and Services are suitable for and will perform in accordance with the ordinary use for which they are intended. Supplier's standard product warranty policy for Participating Entity purchases in the US or Canada (as revised from time-to-time) are available on the [grainger.com](http://grainger.com) and [grainger.ca](http://grainger.ca) websites, respectively, and are incorporated by reference. Supplier's dealers and distributors must agree to assist the Participating Entity in reaching a resolution in any dispute over warranty terms with the manufacturer. Any manufacturer's warranty that extends beyond the expiration of the Supplier's warranty will be passed on to the Participating Entity.

C. DEALERS, DISTRIBUTORS, AND/OR RESELLERS. Upon Contract execution and throughout the Contract term, Supplier will make available to Sourcewell, upon Sourcewell request, a current means to validate or authenticate Supplier's authorized resellers relative to the Equipment, Products, and Services offered under this Contract, which will be incorporated into this Contract by reference.

## 3. PRICING

All Equipment, Products, or Services under this Contract will be priced at or below the price stated in Supplier's Proposal.

When providing pricing quotes to Participating Entities, all pricing quoted must reflect a Participating Entity's total cost of acquisition, which may include a separate line item for freight other than standard ground shipment as described in the attached Proposal. This means that the quoted cost, with such additional freight on non-standard ground shipments, is for delivered Equipment, Products, and Services that are operational for their intended purpose, and includes all costs to the Participating Entity's requested delivery location.

Regardless of the payment method chosen by the Participating Entity, the total cost associated with any purchase option of the Equipment, Products, or Services must always be disclosed in the pricing quote to the applicable Participating Entity at the time of purchase.

A. **SHIPPING AND SHIPPING COSTS.** All delivered Equipment and Products must be properly packaged. Damaged Equipment and Products may be rejected. If the damage is not readily apparent at the time of delivery, Supplier must permit the Equipment and Products to be returned within a reasonable time at no cost to Sourcewell or its Participating Entities. Participating Entities reserve the right to inspect the Equipment and Products at a reasonable time after delivery where circumstances or conditions prevent effective inspection of the Equipment and Products at the time of delivery. In the event of the delivery of nonconforming Equipment and Products, the Participating Entity will notify the Supplier as soon as possible and the Supplier will replace nonconforming Equipment and Products with conforming Equipment and Products that are acceptable to the Participating Entity. Supplier's standard product return policy for Participating Entity purchases in the US or Canada (as revised from time-to-time) are available on the [grainger.com](http://grainger.com) and [grainger.ca](http://grainger.ca) websites, respectively, and are incorporated by reference.

Supplier must arrange for and pay for the return shipment on Equipment and Products that arrive in a defective or inoperable condition.

Sourcewell may declare the Supplier in breach of this Contract if the Supplier intentionally delivers substandard or inferior Equipment or Products.

B. **SALES TAX.** Each Participating Entity is responsible for supplying the Supplier with valid tax-exemption certification(s). When ordering, a Participating Entity must indicate if it is a tax-exempt entity.

C. **HOT LIST PRICING.** At any time during this Contract, Supplier may offer a specific selection of Equipment, Products, or Services at discounts greater than those listed in the Contract. When Supplier determines it will offer Hot List Pricing, it must be submitted electronically to Sourcewell in a line-item format. Equipment, Products, or Services may be added or removed from the Hot List at any time through a Sourcewell Price and Product Change Form as defined in Article 4 below.

Hot List program and pricing may also be used to discount and liquidate close-out and discontinued Equipment and Products as long as those close-out and discontinued items are clearly identified as such. Current ordering process and administrative fees apply. Hot List Pricing must be published and made available to all Participating Entities. Supplier's Proposal includes additional detail regarding its Hot List program for U.S. and Canadian Participating Entities.

#### **4. PRODUCT AND PRICING CHANGE REQUESTS**

Supplier may request Equipment, Product, or Service changes, additions, or deletions at any time. All requests must be made in writing by submitting a signed Sourcewell Price and Product Change Request Form to the assigned Sourcewell Supplier Development Administrator. This approved form is available from the assigned Sourcewell Supplier Development Administrator. At a minimum, the request must:

- Identify the applicable Sourcewell contract number;
- Clearly specify the requested change;
- Provide sufficient detail to justify the requested change;
- Individually list all Equipment, Products, or Services affected by the requested change, along with the requested change (e.g., addition, deletion, price change); and
- Include a complete restatement of pricing documentation in Microsoft Excel with the effective date of the modified pricing, or product addition or deletion. The new pricing restatement must include all Equipment, Products, and Services offered, even for those items where pricing remains unchanged.

A fully executed Sourcewell Price and Product Request Form will become an amendment to this Contract and will be incorporated by reference. Supplier will not be required to produce third-party confidential or proprietary information as justification for a requested price change, however, Sourcewell will make its determination on a price change request based on the information provided.

#### **5. PARTICIPATION, CONTRACT ACCESS, AND PARTICIPATING ENTITY REQUIREMENTS**

A. PARTICIPATION. Sourcewell's cooperative contracts are available and open to public and nonprofit entities across the United States and Canada; such as federal, state/province, municipal, K-12 and higher education, tribal government, and other public entities.

The benefits of this Contract should be available to all Participating Entities that can legally access the Equipment, Products, or Services under this Contract. A Participating Entity's authority to access this Contract is determined through its cooperative purchasing, interlocal, or joint powers laws. Any entity accessing benefits of this Contract will be considered a Service Member of Sourcewell during such time of access. A Participating Entity may be required by Supplier to document the Participating Entity's affiliation to this Contract prior to accessing the benefits of this Contract. Supplier understands that a Participating Entity's use of this Contract is at the Participating Entity's sole convenience and Participating Entities reserve the right to obtain like Equipment, Products, or Services from any other source.

Supplier is responsible for familiarizing its sales and service forces with Sourcewell contract use eligibility requirements and documentation and will encourage potential participating entities

to join Sourcewell. Sourcewell reserves the right to add and remove Participating Entities to its roster during the term of this Contract.

B. PUBLIC FACILITIES. Supplier's employees may be required to perform work at government-owned facilities, including schools. Supplier's employees and agents must conduct themselves in a professional manner while on the premises, and in accordance with Participating Entity policies and procedures, and all applicable laws.

## **6. PARTICIPATING ENTITY USE AND PURCHASING**

A. ORDERS AND PAYMENT. To access the contracted Equipment, Products, or Services under this Contract, a Participating Entity must clearly indicate to Supplier that it intends to access this Contract; however, order flow and procedure will be developed jointly between Sourcewell and Supplier. Typically, a Participating Entity will issue an order directly to Supplier or its authorized subsidiary, distributor, dealer, or reseller. If a Participating Entity issues a purchase order, it may use its own forms, but the purchase order should clearly note the applicable Sourcewell contract number. All Participating Entity orders under this Contract must be issued prior to expiration or cancellation of this Contract; however, Supplier performance, Participating Entity payment obligations, and any applicable warranty periods or other Supplier or Participating Entity obligations may extend beyond the term of this Contract.

Supplier's acceptable forms of payment and payment terms are included in its attached Proposal. Participating Entities will be solely responsible for payment and Sourcewell will have no liability for any unpaid invoice of any Participating Entity.

B. ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS/PARTICIPATING ADDENDUM. Additional terms and conditions to a purchase order, or other required transaction documentation, may be negotiated between a Participating Entity and Supplier, such as job or industry-specific requirements, orders for non-catalog sourced products or services, legal requirements (e.g., affirmative action or immigration status requirements), or specific local policy requirements. Some Participating Entities may require the use of a Participating Addendum, the terms of which will be negotiated directly between the Participating Entity and the Supplier or its authorized dealers, distributors, or resellers, as applicable. Any negotiated additional terms and conditions must never be less favorable to the Participating Entity than what is contained in this Contract.

C. SPECIALIZED SERVICE REQUIREMENTS. In the event that the Participating Entity requires service or specialized performance requirements not addressed in this Contract (such as e-commerce specifications, specialized delivery requirements, or other specifications and requirements), the Participating Entity and the Supplier may enter into a separate, standalone agreement, apart from this Contract. Sourcewell, including its agents and employees, will not be made a party to a claim for breach of such agreement.



D. **TERMINATION OF ORDERS.** Participating Entities may terminate an order, in whole or in part, immediately upon notice to Supplier in the event of any of the following events:

1. The Participating Entity fails to receive funding or appropriation from its governing body at levels sufficient to pay for the equipment, products, or services to be purchased; or
2. Federal, state, or provincial laws or regulations prohibit the purchase or change the Participating Entity's requirements.

E. **GOVERNING LAW AND VENUE.** The governing law and venue for any action related to a Participating Entity's order will be determined by the Participating Entity making the purchase.

## **7. CUSTOMER SERVICE**

A. **PRIMARY ACCOUNT REPRESENTATIVE.** Supplier will assign an Account Representative to Sourcewell for this Contract and must provide prompt notice to Sourcewell if that person is changed. The Account Representative will be responsible for:

- Maintenance and management of this Contract;
- Timely response to all Sourcewell and Participating Entity inquiries; and
- Business reviews to Sourcewell and Participating Entities, if applicable.

B. **BUSINESS REVIEWS.** Supplier must perform a minimum of one business review with Sourcewell per contract year. The business review will cover sales to Participating Entities, pricing and contract terms, administrative fees, sales data reports, performance issues, supply issues, customer issues, and any other necessary information.

## **8. REPORT ON CONTRACT SALES ACTIVITY AND ADMINISTRATIVE FEE PAYMENT**

A. **CONTRACT SALES ACTIVITY REPORT.** Each calendar quarter, Supplier must provide a contract sales activity report (Report) to the Sourcewell Supplier Development Administrator assigned to this Contract. Reports are due no later than 45 days after the end of each calendar quarter. A Report must be provided regardless of the number or amount of sales during that quarter (i.e., if there are no sales, Supplier must submit a report indicating no sales were made).

The Report must contain the following fields:

- Participating Entity Name (e.g., City of Staples Highway Department);
- Participating Entity Physical Street Address;
- Participating Entity City;
- Participating Entity State/Province;
- Participating Entity Zip/Postal Code;

- Participating Entity Contact Name;
- Participating Entity Contact Email Address;
- Participating Entity Contact Telephone Number;
- Sourcewell Assigned Entity/Participating Entity Number;
- Item Purchased Description;
- Item Purchased Price;
- Sourcewell Administrative Fee Applied; and
- Date Purchase was invoiced/sale was recognized as revenue by Supplier.

B. ADMINISTRATIVE FEE. In consideration for the support and services provided by Sourcewell, the Supplier will pay an administrative fee to Sourcewell on all Equipment, Products, and Services provided to Participating Entities less returns, credits, tax, and additional freight handling charges. The Administrative Fee must be included in, and not added to, the pricing. Supplier may not charge Participating Entities more than the contracted price to offset the Administrative Fee.

The Supplier will submit payment to Sourcewell for the percentage of administrative fee stated in the Proposal multiplied by the total sales of all Equipment, Products, and Services purchased by Participating Entities under this Contract during each calendar quarter. Payments should note the Supplier's name and Sourcewell-assigned contract number in the memo; and must be mailed to the address above "Attn: Accounts Receivable" or remitted electronically to Sourcewell's banking institution per Sourcewell's Finance department instructions. Payments must be received no later than 45 calendar days after the end of each calendar quarter.

Supplier agrees to cooperate with Sourcewell in auditing transactions under this Contract to ensure that the administrative fee is paid on all items purchased under this Contract.

In the event the Supplier is delinquent in any undisputed administrative fees, Sourcewell reserves the right to cancel this Contract and reject any proposal submitted by the Supplier in any subsequent solicitation. In the event this Contract is cancelled by either party prior to the Contract's expiration date, the administrative fee payment will be due no more than 30 days from the cancellation date.

## **9. AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE**

Sourcewell's Authorized Representative is its Chief Procurement Officer.

Supplier's Authorized Representative is the person named in the Supplier's Proposal. If Supplier's Authorized Representative changes at any time during this Contract, Supplier must promptly notify Sourcewell in writing.

## **10. AUDIT, ASSIGNMENT, AMENDMENTS, WAIVER, AND CONTRACT COMPLETE**

A. **AUDIT.** Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 16C.05, subdivision 5, the books, records, documents, and accounting procedures and practices relevant to this Contract are subject to examination by Sourcewell or the Minnesota State Auditor for a minimum of six years from the end of this Contract. This clause extends to Participating Entities as it relates to business conducted by that Participating Entity under this Contract.

B. **ASSIGNMENT.** Neither party may assign or otherwise transfer its rights or obligations under this Contract without the prior written consent of the other party and a fully executed assignment agreement. Such consent will not be unreasonably withheld. Any prohibited assignment will be invalid.

C. **AMENDMENTS.** Any amendment to this Contract must be in writing and will not be effective until it has been duly executed by the parties.

D. **WAIVER.** Failure by either party to take action or assert any right under this Contract will not be deemed a waiver of such right in the event of the continuation or repetition of the circumstances giving rise to such right. Any such waiver must be in writing and signed by the parties.

E. **CONTRACT COMPLETE.** This Contract represents the complete agreement between the parties. No other understanding regarding this Contract, whether written or oral, may be used to bind either party. For any conflict between the attached Proposal and the terms set out in Articles 1-22 of this Contract, the terms of Articles 1-22 will govern.

F. **RELATIONSHIP OF THE PARTIES.** The relationship of the parties is one of independent contractors, each free to exercise judgment and discretion with regard to the conduct of their respective businesses. This Contract does not create a partnership, joint venture, or any other relationship such as master-servant, or principal-agent.

## **11. INDEMNITY AND HOLD HARMLESS**

Supplier must indemnify, defend, save, and hold Sourcewell and its Participating Entities, including their agents and employees, harmless from any claims or causes of action, including attorneys' fees incurred by Sourcewell or its Participating Entities, arising out of any negligent or intentional act or omission in the performance of this Contract by the Supplier or its agents or employees; this indemnification includes injury or death to person(s) or property alleged to have been caused by Supplier's negligent or intentional act or omission causing some defect in the Equipment, Products, or Services under this Contract to the extent the Equipment, Product, or Service has been used according to its specifications. Sourcewell's responsibility will be governed by the State of Minnesota's Tort Liability Act (Minnesota Statutes Chapter 466) and other applicable law.

## 12. GOVERNMENT DATA PRACTICES

Supplier and Sourcewell must comply with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Minnesota Statutes Chapter 13, as it applies to all data provided by or provided to Sourcewell under this Contract and as it applies to all data created, collected, received, maintained, or disseminated by the Supplier under this Contract.

## 13. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY, PUBLICITY, MARKETING, AND ENDORSEMENT

### A. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

1. *Grant of License.* During the term of this Contract:

- a. Sourcewell grants to Supplier a royalty-free, worldwide, non-exclusive right and license to use the trademark(s) provided to Supplier by Sourcewell in advertising and promotional materials for the purpose of marketing Sourcewell's relationship with Supplier.
- b. Supplier grants to Sourcewell a royalty-free, worldwide, non-exclusive right and license to use Supplier's trademarks in advertising and promotional materials for the purpose of marketing Supplier's relationship with Sourcewell.

2. *Limited Right of Sublicense.* The right and license granted herein includes a limited right of each party to grant sublicenses to their respective subsidiaries, distributors, dealers, resellers, marketing representatives, and agents (collectively "Permitted Sublicensees") in advertising and promotional materials for the purpose of marketing the Parties' relationship to Participating Entities. Any sublicense granted will be subject to the terms and conditions of this Article. Each party will be responsible for any breach of this Article by any of their respective sublicensees.

3. *Use; Quality Control.*

- a. Neither party may alter the other party's trademarks from the form provided and must comply with removal requests as to specific uses of its trademarks or logos.
- b. Each party agrees to use, and to cause its Permitted Sublicensees to use, the other party's trademarks only in good faith and in a dignified manner consistent with such party's use of the trademarks. Each party has the right to inspect the other party's use of the licensed trademarks and the advertising and promotional materials used in connection with the licensed trademarks. Upon written notice to the breaching party, the breaching party has 30 days of the date of the written notice to cure the breach or the license will be terminated.

4. *Termination.* Upon the termination of this Contract for any reason, each party, including Permitted Sublicensees, will have 30 days to remove all Trademarks from signage, websites, and the like bearing the other party's name or logo (excepting Sourcewell's pre-printed catalog of suppliers which may be used until the next printing). Supplier must return all marketing and promotional materials, including signage, provided by Sourcewell, or dispose of it according to Sourcewell's written directions.

B. **PUBLICITY.** Any publicity regarding the subject matter of this Contract must not be released without prior written approval from the Authorized Representatives. Publicity includes notices, informational pamphlets, press releases, research, reports, signs, and similar public notices prepared by or for the Supplier individually or jointly with others, or any subcontractors, with respect to the program, publications, or services provided resulting from this Contract.

C. **MARKETING.** Any direct advertising, marketing, or offers with Participating Entities must be approved by Sourcewell. Send all approval requests to the Sourcewell Supplier Development Administrator assigned to this Contract. Once approved, marketing material can be used by Supplier for engagement with potential or existing Participating Entities.

D. **ENDORSEMENT.** The Supplier must not claim that Sourcewell endorses its Equipment, Products, or Services.

#### **14. GOVERNING LAW, JURISDICTION, AND VENUE**

The substantive and procedural laws of the State of Minnesota will govern this Contract. Venue for all legal proceedings arising out of this Contract, or its breach, must be in the appropriate state court in Todd County, Minnesota or federal court in Fergus Falls, Minnesota.

#### **15. FORCE MAJEURE**

Neither party to this Contract will be held responsible for delay or default caused by acts of God or other conditions that are beyond that party's reasonable control. A party claiming Force Majeure must provide the other party prompt written notice.

#### **16. SEVERABILITY**

If any provision of this Contract is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be illegal, unenforceable, or void then both parties will be relieved from all obligations arising from that provision. If the remainder of this Contract is capable of being performed, it will not be affected by such determination or finding and must be fully performed.

#### **17. PERFORMANCE, DEFAULT, AND REMEDIES**

A. **PERFORMANCE.** During the term of this Contract, the parties will monitor performance and address unresolved contract issues as follows:

1. *Notification.* The parties must promptly notify each other of any known dispute and work in good faith to resolve such dispute within a reasonable period of time. If necessary, Sourcewell and the Supplier will jointly develop a short briefing document that describes the issue(s), relevant impact, and positions of both parties.

2. *Escalation.* If parties are unable to resolve the issue in a timely manner, as specified above, either Sourcewell or Supplier may escalate the resolution of the issue to a higher level of management. The Supplier will have 30 calendar days to cure an outstanding issue.
3. *Performance while Dispute is Pending.* Notwithstanding the existence of a dispute, the Supplier must continue without delay to carry out all of its responsibilities under the Contract that are not affected by the dispute. If the Supplier fails to continue without delay to perform its responsibilities under the Contract, in the accomplishment of all undisputed work, the Supplier will bear any additional costs incurred by Sourcewell and/or its Participating Entities as a result of such failure to proceed. This subparagraph 3 does not apply to invoice payment disputes in jurisdictions in which contract law requires Supplier to mitigate its damages.

B. **DEFAULT AND REMEDIES.** Either of the following constitutes cause to declare this Contract, or any Participating Entity order under this Contract, in default:

1. Nonperformance of contractual requirements, or
2. A material breach of any term or condition of this Contract.

The party claiming default must provide written notice of the default, with 30 calendar days to cure the default. Time allowed for cure will not diminish or eliminate any liability damages. If the default remains after the opportunity for cure, the non-defaulting party may:

- Exercise any remedy provided by law or equity, or
- Terminate the Contract or any portion thereof, including any orders issued against the Contract.

## **18. INSURANCE**

A. **REQUIREMENTS.** At its own expense, Supplier must maintain insurance policy(ies) in effect at all times during the performance of this Contract with insurance company(ies) licensed or authorized to do business in the State of Minnesota having an "AM BEST" rating of A- or better, with coverage and limits of insurance not less than the following:

1. *Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability.*

Workers' Compensation: As required by any applicable law or regulation.

Employer's Liability Insurance: must be provided in amounts not less than listed below:

Minimum limits:

\$500,000 each accident for bodily injury by accident

\$500,000 policy limit for bodily injury by disease

\$500,000 each employee for bodily injury by disease

2. *Commercial General Liability Insurance.* Supplier will maintain insurance covering its operations, with coverage on an occurrence basis, and must be subject to terms no less

broad than the Insurance Services Office (“ISO”) Commercial General Liability Form CG0001 (2001 or newer edition), or equivalent. At a minimum, coverage must include liability arising from premises, operations, bodily injury and property damage, independent contractors, products-completed operations including construction defect, contractual liability, blanket contractual liability, and personal injury and advertising injury. All required limits, terms and conditions of coverage must be maintained during the term of this Contract.

Minimum Limits:

\$1,000,000 each occurrence Bodily Injury and Property Damage  
\$1,000,000 Personal and Advertising Injury  
\$2,000,000 aggregate for products liability-completed operations  
\$2,000,000 general aggregate

3. *Commercial Automobile Liability Insurance.* During the term of this Contract, Supplier will maintain insurance covering all owned, hired, and non-owned automobiles in limits of liability not less than indicated below. The coverage must be subject to terms no less broad than ISO Business Auto Coverage Form CA 0001 (2010 edition or newer), or equivalent.

Minimum Limits:

\$1,000,000 each accident, combined single limit

4. *Umbrella Insurance.* During the term of this Contract, Supplier will maintain umbrella coverage over Employer’s Liability, Commercial General Liability, and Commercial Automobile.

Minimum Limits:

\$2,000,000

5. *Network Security and Privacy Liability Insurance.* During the term of this Contract, Supplier will maintain coverage for network security and privacy liability. The coverage may be endorsed on another form of liability coverage or written on a standalone policy. The insurance must cover claims which may arise from failure of Supplier’s security resulting in, but not limited to, computer attacks, unauthorized access, disclosure of not public data – including but not limited to, confidential or private information, transmission of a computer virus, or denial of service.

Minimum limits:

\$2,000,000 per occurrence  
\$2,000,000 annual aggregate

Failure of Supplier to maintain the required insurance will constitute a material breach entitling Sourcewell to immediately terminate this Contract for default.

B. CERTIFICATES OF INSURANCE. Prior to commencing under this Contract, Supplier must furnish to Sourcewell a certificate of insurance, as evidence of the insurance required under this



Contract. Prior to expiration of the policy(ies), renewal certificates must be mailed to Sourcewell, 202 12th Street Northeast, P.O. Box 219, Staples, MN 56479 or sent to the Sourcewell Supplier Development Administrator assigned to this Contract. The certificates must be signed by a person authorized by the insurer(s) to bind coverage on their behalf.

Failure to request certificates of insurance by Sourcewell, or failure of Supplier to provide certificates of insurance, in no way limits or relieves Supplier of its duties and responsibilities in this Contract.

C. **ADDITIONAL INSURED ENDORSEMENT AND PRIMARY AND NON-CONTRIBUTORY INSURANCE CLAUSE.** Supplier agrees to list Sourcewell and its Participating Entities, including their officers, agents, and employees, as an additional insured under the Supplier's commercial general liability insurance policy with respect to liability arising out of activities, "operations," or "work" performed by or on behalf of Supplier, and products and completed operations of Supplier. The policy provision(s) or endorsement(s) must further provide that coverage is primary and not excess over or contributory with any other valid, applicable, and collectible insurance or self-insurance in force for the additional insureds.

D. **WAIVER OF SUBROGATION.** Supplier waives and must require (by endorsement or otherwise) all its insurers to waive subrogation rights against Sourcewell and other additional insureds for losses paid under the insurance policies required by this Contract or other insurance applicable to the Supplier or its subcontractors. The waiver must apply to all deductibles and/or self-insured retentions applicable to the required or any other insurance maintained by the Supplier or its subcontractors. Where permitted by law, Supplier must require similar written express waivers of subrogation and insurance clauses from each of its subcontractors.

E. **UMBRELLA/EXCESS LIABILITY/SELF-INSURED RETENTION.** The limits required by this Contract can be met by either providing a primary policy or in combination with umbrella/excess liability policy(ies), or self-insured retention.

## **19. COMPLIANCE**

A. **LAWS AND REGULATIONS.** All Equipment, Products, or Services provided under this Contract must comply fully with applicable federal laws and regulations, and with the laws in the states and provinces in which the Equipment, Products, or Services are sold.

B. **LICENSES.** Supplier must maintain a valid and current status on all required federal, state/provincial, and local licenses, bonds, and permits required for the operation of the business that the Supplier conducts with Sourcewell and Participating Entities.



## **20. BANKRUPTCY, DEBARMENT, OR SUSPENSION CERTIFICATION**

Supplier certifies and warrants that it is not in bankruptcy or that it has previously disclosed in writing certain information to Sourcewell related to bankruptcy actions. If at any time during this Contract Supplier declares bankruptcy, Supplier must immediately notify Sourcewell in writing.

Supplier certifies and warrants that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from programs operated by the State of Minnesota; the United States federal government or the Canadian government, as applicable; or any Participating Entity. Supplier certifies and warrants that neither it nor its principals have been convicted of a criminal offense related to the subject matter of this Contract. Supplier further warrants that it will provide immediate written notice to Sourcewell if this certification changes at any time.

## **21. PROVISIONS FOR NON-UNITED STATES FEDERAL ENTITY PROCUREMENTS UNDER UNITED STATES FEDERAL AWARDS OR OTHER AWARDS**

Participating Entities that use United States federal grant or FEMA funds to purchase goods or services from this Contract may be subject to additional requirements including the procurement standards of the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, 2 C.F.R. § 200. Participating Entities may have additional requirements based on specific funding source terms or conditions. Within this Article, all references to “federal” should be interpreted to mean the United States federal government. The following list only applies when a Participating Entity accesses Supplier’s Equipment, Products, or Services with United States federal funds, and the Participating Entity has provided Supplier with advance written notice that additional federal requirements may be applicable.

A. **EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY.** Except as otherwise provided under 41 C.F.R. § 60, all contracts that meet the definition of “federally assisted construction contract” in 41 C.F.R. § 60-1.3 must include the equal opportunity clause provided under 41 C.F.R. §60-1.4(b), in accordance with Executive Order 11246, “Equal Employment Opportunity” (30 FR 12319, 12935, 3 C.F.R. §, 1964-1965 Comp., p. 339), as amended by Executive Order 11375, “Amending Executive Order 11246 Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity,” and implementing regulations at 41 C.F.R. § 60, “Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Equal Employment Opportunity, Department of Labor.” The equal opportunity clause is incorporated herein by reference.

B. **DAVIS-BACON ACT, AS AMENDED** (40 U.S.C. § 3141-3148). When required by federal program legislation, all prime construction contracts in excess of \$2,000 awarded by non-federal entities must include a provision for compliance with the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. § 3141-3144, and 3146-3148) as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 C.F.R. § 5, “Labor Standards Provisions Applicable to Contracts Covering Federally Financed and Assisted

Construction”). In accordance with the statute, contractors must be required to pay wages to laborers and mechanics at a rate not less than the prevailing wages specified in a wage determination made by the Secretary of Labor. In addition, contractors must be required to pay wages not less than once a week. The non-federal entity must place a copy of the current prevailing wage determination issued by the Department of Labor in each solicitation. The decision to award a contract or subcontract must be conditioned upon the acceptance of the wage determination. The non-federal entity must report all suspected or reported violations to the federal awarding agency. The contracts must also include a provision for compliance with the Copeland “Anti-Kickback” Act (40 U.S.C. § 3145), as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 C.F.R. § 3, “Contractors and Subcontractors on Public Building or Public Work Financed in Whole or in Part by Loans or Grants from the United States”). The Act provides that each contractor or subrecipient must be prohibited from inducing, by any means, any person employed in the construction, completion, or repair of public work, to give up any part of the compensation to which he or she is otherwise entitled. The non-federal entity must report all suspected or reported violations to the federal awarding agency. Supplier must be in compliance with all applicable Davis-Bacon Act provisions.

C. CONTRACT WORK HOURS AND SAFETY STANDARDS ACT (40 U.S.C. § 3701-3708). Where applicable, all contracts awarded by the non-federal entity in excess of \$100,000 that involve the employment of mechanics or laborers must include a provision for compliance with 40 U.S.C. §§ 3702 and 3704, as supplemented by Department of Labor regulations (29 C.F.R. § 5). Under 40 U.S.C. § 3702 of the Act, each contractor must be required to compute the wages of every mechanic and laborer on the basis of a standard work week of 40 hours. Work in excess of the standard work week is permissible provided that the worker is compensated at a rate of not less than one and a half times the basic rate of pay for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours in the work week. The requirements of 40 U.S.C. § 3704 are applicable to construction work and provide that no laborer or mechanic must be required to work in surroundings or under working conditions which are unsanitary, hazardous or dangerous. These requirements do not apply to the purchases of supplies or materials or articles ordinarily available on the open market, or contracts for transportation or transmission of intelligence. This provision is hereby incorporated by reference into this Contract. Supplier certifies that during the term of an award for all contracts by Sourcewell resulting from this procurement process, Supplier must comply with applicable requirements as referenced above.

D. RIGHTS TO INVENTIONS MADE UNDER A CONTRACT OR AGREEMENT. If the federal award meets the definition of “funding agreement” under 37 C.F.R. § 401.2(a) and the recipient or subrecipient wishes to enter into a contract with a small business firm or nonprofit organization regarding the substitution of parties, assignment or performance of experimental, developmental, or research work under that “funding agreement,” the recipient or subrecipient must comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 401, “Rights to Inventions Made by Nonprofit Organizations and Small Business Firms Under Government Grants, Contracts and Cooperative Agreements,” and any implementing regulations issued by the awarding agency. Supplier

certifies that during the term of an award for all contracts by Sourcewell resulting from this procurement process, Supplier must comply with applicable requirements as referenced above.

E. CLEAN AIR ACT (42 U.S.C. § 7401-7671Q.) AND THE FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT (33 U.S.C. § 1251-1387). Contracts and subgrants of amounts in excess of \$150,000 require the non-federal award to agree to comply with all applicable standards, orders or regulations issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. § 7401- 7671q) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended (33 U.S.C. § 1251- 1387). Violations must be reported to the Federal awarding agency and the Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Supplier certifies that during the term of this Contract will comply with applicable requirements as referenced above.

F. DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION (EXECUTIVE ORDERS 12549 AND 12689). A contract award (see 2 C.F.R. § 180.220) must not be made to parties listed on the government wide exclusions in the System for Award Management (SAM), in accordance with the OMB guidelines at 2 C.F.R. §180 that implement Executive Orders 12549 (3 C.F.R. § 1986 Comp., p. 189) and 12689 (3 C.F.R. § 1989 Comp., p. 235), "Debarment and Suspension." SAM Exclusions contains the names of parties debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded by agencies, as well as parties declared ineligible under statutory or regulatory authority other than Executive Order 12549. Supplier certifies that neither it nor its principals are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation by any federal department or agency.

G. BYRD ANTI-LOBBYING AMENDMENT, AS AMENDED (31 U.S.C. § 1352). Suppliers must file any required certifications. Suppliers must not have used federal appropriated funds to pay any person or organization for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with obtaining any federal contract, grant, or any other award covered by 31 U.S.C. § 1352. Suppliers must disclose any lobbying with non-federal funds that takes place in connection with obtaining any federal award. Such disclosures are forwarded from tier to tier up to the non-federal award. Suppliers must file all certifications and disclosures required by, and otherwise comply with, the Byrd Anti-Lobbying Amendment (31 U.S.C. § 1352).

H. RECORD RETENTION REQUIREMENTS. To the extent applicable, Supplier must comply with the record retention requirements detailed in 2 C.F.R. § 200.333. The Supplier further certifies that it will retain all records as required by 2 C.F.R. § 200.333 for a period of 3 years after grantees or subgrantees submit final expenditure reports or quarterly or annual financial reports, as applicable, and all other pending matters are closed.

I. ENERGY POLICY AND CONSERVATION ACT COMPLIANCE. To the extent applicable, Supplier must comply with the mandatory standards and policies relating to energy efficiency which are

contained in the state energy conservation plan issued in compliance with the Energy Policy and Conservation Act.

J. **BUY AMERICAN PROVISIONS COMPLIANCE.** To the extent applicable, and following consultation with the Participating Entity to assess Supplier's ability to comply, Supplier must comply with all applicable provisions of the Buy American Act. Purchases made in accordance with the Buy American Act must follow the applicable procurement rules calling for free and open competition.

K. **ACCESS TO RECORDS (2 C.F.R. § 200.336).** Supplier agrees that duly authorized representatives of a federal agency must have access to any books, documents, papers and records of Supplier that are directly pertinent to Supplier's discharge of its obligations under this Contract for the purpose of making audits, examinations, excerpts, and transcriptions. The right also includes timely and reasonable access to Supplier's personnel for the purpose of interview and discussion relating to such documents.

L. **PROCUREMENT OF RECOVERED MATERIALS (2 C.F.R. § 200.322).** A non-federal entity that is a state agency or agency of a political subdivision of a state and its contractors must comply with Section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. The requirements of Section 6002 include procuring only items designated in guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at 40 C.F.R. § 247 that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable, consistent with maintaining a satisfactory level of competition, where the purchase price of the item exceeds \$10,000 or the value of the quantity acquired during the preceding fiscal year exceeded \$10,000; procuring solid waste management services in a manner that maximizes energy and resource recovery; and establishing an affirmative procurement program for procurement of recovered materials identified in the EPA guidelines.

M. **FEDERAL SEAL(S), LOGOS, AND FLAGS.** The Supplier cannot use the seal(s), logos, crests, or reproductions of flags or likenesses of Federal agency officials without specific pre-approval.

N. **NO OBLIGATION BY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.** The U.S. federal government is not a party to this Contract or any purchase by a Participating Entity and is not subject to any obligations or liabilities to the Participating Entity, Supplier, or any other party pertaining to any matter resulting from the Contract or any purchase by an authorized user.

O. **PROGRAM FRAUD AND FALSE OR FRAUDULENT STATEMENTS OR RELATED ACTS.** The Contractor acknowledges that 31 U.S.C. 38 (Administrative Remedies for False Claims and Statements) applies to the Supplier's actions pertaining to this Contract or any purchase by a Participating Entity.

P. FEDERAL DEBT. The Supplier certifies that it is non-delinquent in its repayment of any federal debt. Examples of relevant debt include delinquent payroll and other taxes, audit disallowance, and benefit overpayments.

Q. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST. The Supplier must notify the U.S. Office of General Services, Sourcewell, and Participating Entity as soon as possible if this Contract or any aspect related to the anticipated work under this Contract raises an actual or potential conflict of interest (as described in 2 C.F.R. Part 200). The Supplier must explain the actual or potential conflict in writing in sufficient detail so that the U.S. Office of General Services, Sourcewell, and Participating Entity are able to assess the actual or potential conflict; and provide any additional information as necessary or requested.

R. U.S. EXECUTIVE ORDER 13224. The Supplier, and its subcontractors, must comply with U.S. Executive Order 13224 and U.S. Laws that prohibit transactions with and provision of resources and support to individuals and organizations associated with terrorism.

S. PROHIBITION ON CERTAIN TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND VIDEO SURVEILLANCE SERVICES OR EQUIPMENT. To the extent applicable, Supplier certifies that during the term of this Contract it will comply with applicable requirements of 2 C.F.R. § 200.216.

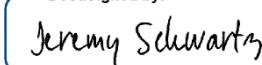
T. DOMESTIC PREFERENCES FOR PROCUREMENTS. To the extent applicable, Supplier certifies that during the term of this Contract will comply with applicable requirements of 2 C.F.R. § 200.322.

## 22. CANCELLATION


Sourcewell or Supplier may cancel this Contract at any time, with or without cause, upon 60 days' written notice to the other party. However, Sourcewell may cancel this Contract immediately upon discovery of a material defect in any certification made in Supplier's Proposal. Cancellation of this Contract does not relieve either party of financial, product, or service obligations incurred or accrued prior to cancellation.

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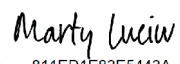
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## Specifications

**Table 1: Proposer Identity & Authorized Representatives**

**General Instructions** (applies to all Tables) Sourcewell prefers a brief but thorough response to each question. Do not merely attach additional documents to your response without also providing a substantive response. Do not leave answers blank; respond "N/A" if the question does not apply to you (preferably with an explanation).

Line Item	Question	Response *	
1	Proposer Legal Name (one legal entity only): (In the event of award, will execute the resulting contract as "Supplier")	W.W. Grainger, Inc. (Grainger US)	*
2	Identify all subsidiary entities of the Proposer whose equipment, products, or services are included in the Proposal.	Acklands-Grainger, Inc. (Grainger Canada)	*
3	Identify all applicable assumed names or DBA names of the Proposer or Proposer's subsidiaries in Line 1 or Line 2 above.	Grainger US and Grainger Canada. Please note, Grainger US and Grainger Canada hereby referred to as "Grainger North America".	*
4	Provide your CAGE code or Unique Entity Identifier (SAM):	25795	*
5	Proposer Physical Address:	US: 100 Grainger Parkway, Lake Forest, IL 60045 Canada: 123 Commerce Valley Drive East, Suite 700, Thornhill, ON L3T 7W8	*
6	Proposer website address (or addresses):	US: www.grainger.com Canada: www.grainger.ca	*
7	Proposer's Authorized Representative (name, title, address, email address & phone) (The representative must have authority to sign the "Proposer's Assurance of Compliance" on behalf of the Proposer and, in the event of award, will be expected to execute the resulting contract):	Allison Darling, Sr. National Government Sales Manager, Grainger US Address: Grainger Branch 358 6050 Southwest Freeway Houston, TX 77057 Email: Allison.Darling@grainger.com Phone: 713-805-9845	*
8	Proposer's primary contact for this proposal (name, title, address, email address & phone):	Allison Darling, Sr. National Government Sales Manager, Grainger US Address: Grainger Branch 358 - 6050 Southwest Freeway Houston, TX 77057 Email: Allison.Darling@grainger.com Phone: 713-805-9845	*
9	Proposer's other contacts for this proposal, if any (name, title, address, email address & phone):	Marty Luciw, Sr Government Sales Manager, Grainger Canada Address: 123 Commerce Valley Dr. East, Suite 700, Thornhill ON L3T 7W8 Email: Marty.Luciw@grainger.ca Phone: 403-991-2727	

**Table 2: Company Information and Financial Strength**

Line Item	Question	Response *	
10	Provide a brief history of your company, including your company's core values, business philosophy, and industry longevity related to the requested equipment, products or services.	<p>In business for 94 years and incorporated in 1928, W.W. Grainger, Inc., headquartered in Lake Forest, IL, is the leading North American provider of maintenance, repair and operating (MRO) supplies. Our customers see us as a single solution with more than 1.5 million commercial off-the-shelf (COTS) products. In the US and Canada, we are authorized by more than 6,500 large and small businesses to distribute their products in fragmented, intensely competitive commercial and government markets. We own our inventory, distribution centers and retail branches and provide direct drop shipment from manufacturers and suppliers. In addition to any manufacturers' warranties, Grainger warrants the products it sells and manages its supply chain to ensure the product the customer purchases is of the type, quality and quantity represented and is delivered where and when the customer wants it.</p> <p>Grainger strategy is to distribute the broadest line of MRO products and service categories that assist small, medium, and large commercial, government and institutional customers. Central to Grainger's value is our broad offering across over 36 MRO categories, all with outstanding availability. We compete directly with broad line MRO suppliers as well as specialized distributors and manufacturers. Grainger</p>	



leads the industry in ability to provide customers one choice to procure MRO needs. Our deep expertise in products and services, including ability to locate difficult to find items, is available to every Sourcewell Member to gain long-lasting processing efficiency when they leverage Grainger's supply chain strength.

Grainger North America's Facility MRO proposal is designed for use by all levels of government in the US and Canada, education service cooperatives, K-12 and higher education schools, Tribal and Indigenous governments, qualifying non-profit agencies and Members of the Canoe procurement group of Canada. Grainger North America can fulfill the MRO needs of all agencies and entities envisioned in Sourcewell's RFQ Section B. Grainger's entire catalog offering is available to Sourcewell Members.

#### Pricing Offer

Grainger's North America Pricing offer, detailed in response # 57, is a most comprehensive and competitive Sourcewell offer to date. Numerous cost savings include:

- Category Discounts
- Hot List
- North America Market Basket
- General Catalog Discounts
- Large Order and Volume Discounts
- Customer Specific Pricing
- Access to all Grainger-Sourcewell Contract Awards and the Pricing Benefits of each

In response # 59, Grainger will extend its Sourcewell Enhanced Discount Incentive Program providing Members opportunity for a 3% increased discount across each of 25 MRO categories. In the alternative, the Sourcewell Plus program will provide Members opportunity to secure customized incentives through a Sourcewell approved participating addendum.

In serving government agencies and education institutions, we focus on knowing those products and services that assist daily operations and emergency environments and to ensure availability. In any circumstance, Grainger will deliver product and services to an incident scene or facility, expeditiously. Grainger will deploy team members to assist in logistic support. In any emergency, catalog product pricing does not change; it remains as stated in the contract.

Meaningful cost savings will flow from the depth and breadth of Grainger's North America MRO inventory and its distribution network centered on next day delivery. Sourcewell Members know that costs go beyond product price - searching for products, leaving facilities to shop, repetitive procurement processes, maintaining inventory of infrequently needed product and the burdens of spot purchases. Grainger North America's solution is directed to reducing these costs by streamlining acquisition with quantified savings.

Grainger North America - W.W. Grainger and Acklands-Grainger (Grainger North America)

Our offer presents Grainger's commitment to Sourcewell Members and will be fulfilled by its long-term businesses, W.W. Grainger, Inc. in the US and its wholly-owned subsidiary, Acklands-Grainger, Inc. in Canada, referred throughout as Grainger North America:

#### United States:

- A US distribution network of 251 branches and 14 distribution centers servicing all the US
- An extensive product line, now more than 1.5 million products and over \$1 billion of on-hand inventory.
- Most customers receive next day product delivery; most of in-stock orders are shipped within 24 hours.
- Proven experience in negotiating and implementing multi-state, complex, nationwide contracts.

#### Acklands-Grainger Inc.:

- Canada's largest MRO distributor.
- 34 strategically located branches and 4 distribution centers coast to coast, provide capability to service Sourcewell members in Canada with exceptional service and high levels of product availability.
- Offering more than 476,000 products across 32 product categories
- Most customers receive next day product delivery; most of in-stock orders are

shipped within 24 hours.

- Proven experience negotiating and implementing complex contracts.

Grainger's objective is always being able to serve short- and long-term customer needs. Grainger separates itself by providing a wide range of private and public customers with highly tailored solutions of products and services. The competitive environment needed to maintain these customer relationships drives the need to innovate and remain relevant to each customer.

Grainger North America's specialization is reflected across its 730-member team dedicated solely to government, education and healthcare. Grainger Team Members serving the public and education sector understand the range of needs and environments across varied departments. Account Managers pursue cost-savings initiatives to improve operational effectiveness and efficiency and to respond to emergent and ordinary needs. Each Grainger Team Member strives to exceed customer expectations.

Supporting the Government and Education Team is an enormous corporate investment dedicated to supplier relationships, supply chain infrastructure, team member expertise, technical support and ecommerce. Suppliers rely on Grainger for its market reach, financial strength, customer trust, experienced and expert sales team and technology driven supply chain. These enduring relationships with manufacturers give us unparalleled access to the right products and allows us to be a single source ensuring industry-leading availability of the broadest number of products.

Grainger's investments converge in our ecommerce and digital platforms. For more than 20 years, Grainger has provided public and private sector customers customized on-line websites to search and select products within catalogs uniquely assembled for them, place orders and access records and information associated with their purchases. This digital infrastructure is designed to support the compliance needs of government customers. Grainger's ecommerce platform will continue to be tailored for today's requirements and be robust and flexible to remain relevant as government and education institutions, industry, markets and technology continue to evolve.

Grainger North America proposal in as much in providing products quickly as in pursuing and presenting services enabling agencies to respond expeditiously to specific needs. Grainger's range of services has been expanded to assist Member personnel resource demands while comporting with state and agency laws and policies. Grainger support teams have deep expertise and experience across Sourcewell Member jurisdictions in provisioning services.

Grainger North America's offer encompasses comprehensive audit, oversight and training to adhere to all contract pricing and requirements across Sourcewell terms. Government Team training includes mandatory ethics and compliance responsibilities. Grainger information systems provide Member driven requirements supporting oversight, supervision and accountability. Reporting and compliance strictures are structured to individual Members.

Grainger is a value-based company; our work supporting Sourcewell and its Members is the highest of priorities. Grainger North America will continue to serve Sourcewell Members by understanding the mission and challenges of each agency and what this RFP entails. By doing the right things the right way, we benefit not just Grainger but our customers and communities where we live and work.

11	What are your company's expectations in the event of an award?	<p>At Grainger, the focus is always being able to anticipate and meet our customers' needs. Grainger has gained extensive experience across Sourcewell's Members and will continue to improve products, services, and processes to deliver Sourcewell's value to more agencies throughout the US and Canada.</p> <p>Throughout the term of the current agreement, as Grainger has added team members, our training has evolved to address more specific agency needs, policies and protocols. Parallel enhancements have been and will continue to be made to corporate resources such as product management, ecommerce and supply chain logistics and IT innovation. As Sourcewell and its Members progress, so will our ability to serve refined needs and a broader customer base.</p> <p>Our path is centered on experience in anticipating and meeting agency challenges in emergencies and ordinary environments. The foundation of our work is providing value by assisting agencies in acquiring and maintaining MRO products and services, improving agency efficiency and effectiveness. The objective is to grow the Sourcewell MRO offering as to Member participation and revenue.</p> <p>Grainger North America's implementation processes will commit special attention to existing and new participating Members. We recognize that Sourcewell Members often enable individual departments wide autonomy as to product and service solutions. Grainger North America's national sales teams will reach out to these stakeholders. The unique value of Sourcewell and its dedication to assisting meaningfully all agencies as reflected in the new contract award will be prominent.</p> <p>Beyond the breadth and availability of our product and service offering, is our commitment to understand and improve how we can serve Members more effectively. Grainger North America's expectation is maintaining high standards of performance, expand service levels and to attract additional Members to acquiring their MRO requirements through Sourcewell.</p>	*
12	Demonstrate your financial strength and stability with meaningful data. This could include such items as financial statements, SEC filings, credit and bond ratings, letters of credit, and detailed reference letters. Upload supporting documents (as applicable) in the document upload section of your response.	Grainger (GWW) is a publicly held Fortune 500 company, with shares traded on the New York Stock Exchange. Grainger 2021 sales of \$13.0 billion were up 12.4% from 2020. As of December 31, 2021, Grainger had approximately \$1.5 billion in available liquidity. A full discussion related to the financial condition of the Company is found in Grainger's 2021 Annual Report, <a href="https://invest.grainger.com/home/default.aspxr">https://invest.grainger.com/home/default.aspxr</a> Please see Grainger's 2021 Annual Report which contains three years of audited financial information. Additionally included Grainger's 2022 D&B Report.	*
13	What is your US market share for the solutions that you are proposing?	We estimate that Grainger's MRO US share is approximately 6%.	*
14	What is your Canadian market share for the solutions that you are proposing?	We estimate that Grainger's MRO US share is approximately 6%.	*
15	Has your business ever petitioned for bankruptcy protection? If so, explain in detail.	No, Grainger North America has never filed for bankruptcy.	*
16	How is your organization best described: is it a manufacturer, a distributor/dealer/reseller, or a service provider? Answer whichever question (either a) or b) just below) best applies to your organization. a) If your company is best described as a distributor/dealer/reseller (or similar entity), provide your written authorization to act as a distributor/dealer/reseller for the manufacturer of the products proposed in this RFP. If applicable, is your dealer network independent or company owned? b) If your company is best described as a manufacturer or service provider, describe your relationship with your sales and service force and with your dealer network in delivering the products and services proposed in this RFP. Are these individuals your employees, or the employees of a third party?	Grainger North America is an authorized distributor for all the 1.5 million products we sell. Grainger North America has contractual relationships with over 4500 suppliers providing product. We can provide evidence of these authorizations.	*
17	If applicable, provide a detailed explanation outlining the licenses and certifications that are both required to be held, and actually held, by your organization (including third parties and subcontractors that you use) in pursuit of the business contemplated by this RFP.	Grainger North America holds licenses to operate in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and US Territories, as W.W. Grainger, Inc., as well as in Canada's 10 provinces and 3 territories, as Acklands-Grainger, Inc.	*

18	Provide all "Suspension or Debarment" information that has applied to your organization during the past ten years.	No, Grainger North America has not ever been suspended or debarred.	*
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**Table 3: Industry Recognition & Marketplace Success**

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19	Describe any relevant industry awards or recognition that your company has received in the past five years	<p>W.W. Grainger, Inc. awards or recognitions over the past five years include:</p> <p>Industry Leadership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>#1 Industrial Distribution's Big Fifty List: 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018</li><li>Newsweek Americas' Most Responsible Companies: 2022</li><li>LinkedIn Top Companies in Chicago: 2021</li><li>Fortune World's Most Admired Companies: #1 in Diversified Wholesalers: 2020 (7th Consecutive Year)</li><li>Savoy Most Influential Black Corporate Directors</li><li>Selling Powers 50 Best Companies to Sell List: 2020</li><li>FTSE4 Good Index Member</li></ul> <p>Veterans</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Military Times' Best for Vets: 2021</li></ul> <p>People &amp; Purpose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Disability Equality Index 2021-2021, 90 percent rating: three years in a row</li><li>Human Rights Companies Best Places to Work for LGBTQ Equality: six years in a row</li><li>DiversityInc Top Regional Company: 2021</li><li>Human Rights Campaign Foundation's Corporate Equality Index 2022: eight years in a row</li><li>Great Place to Work Certified: 2021-2022</li><li>Built in Chicago's Best Places to Work: 2022</li><li>Black Enterprise List of top Executives in Corporate Diversity: 2018-2019</li><li>Fortune's 100 Best Companies to Work For 2022</li><li>Best Places to Work for Disability Inclusion - American Association of People with Disabilities: 2017</li><li>Certified USA Best Places to Work: 2021 Sustainability &amp; Stewardship</li><li>Dow Jones Sustainability Index: 2021</li><li>Barron's Most Sustainable Companies in the US: 2022</li><li>EcoVadis Silver Rating: 2022</li><li>S &amp; P Global Yearbook:2022</li><li>CDP B Rating: 2021</li><li>MSCI ESG Rating AAA: 2021</li><li>Investor Business Day Best ESG Companies Top 50</li></ul> <p>Information Technology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Digital Commerce 360 Ranking of 11th Largest E-Retailer: 2017-2020</li></ul>																																
20	What percentage of your sales are to the governmental sector in the past three years	US: 2019: 19.1%, 2020: 21.0%, 2021: 19.6% Canada: 2019: 6.6%, 2020: 12.4%, 2021: 11.4%																																
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23	List any GSA contracts or Standing Offers and Supply Arrangements (SOSA) that you hold. What is the annual sales volume for each of these contracts over the past three years?	<p>Grainger North America holds GSA Schedule: 51V Super Hardware Store - GS-06F-0007J/47QSHA18D000G.</p> <p>The annual sales volume for the last three years: 2019 - \$271M+   2020 - \$278M+   2021- \$311+</p>																																

**Table 4: References/Testimonials**

**Line Item 24.** Supply reference information from three customers who are eligible to be Sourcwell participating entities.

Entity Name *	Contact Name *	Phone Number *	
Confidential Trade Secret Information US: City of Austin	Sandy Wirtanen, Procurement	512-974-7711	*
Confidential Trade Secret Information US: Nassau County Department of Public Works	Fred Maroni, Superintendent of Buildings	516-572-0394	*
Confidential Trade Secret Information US: City of Toledo, Department of Public Utilities	Christine Minor, Administrator, Safety & Training	419-270-5888	*
CANADA: City of Kimberley	Rob Topping, Manager of Operations	250-427-9673	
CANADA: Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador	Bradley Power, Director of Programs	709-753-6820	

**Table 5: Top Five Government or Education Customers**

**Line Item 25.** Provide a list of your top five government, education, or non-profit customers (entity name is optional), including entity type, the state or province the entity is located in, scope of the project(s), size of transaction(s), and dollar volumes from the past three years.

Entity Name	Entity Type *	State / Province *	Scope of Work *	Size of Transactions *	Dollar Volume Past Three Years *	
Entity 1	Education	Ohio - OH	Managed MRO Solutions: Grainger, as an agnostic acquisition manager for the University, pursues a performance metric of 2% annual cost savings in the storeroom. The savings categories encompass cost in use, warranties, returns, and consumption reduction. Progress is regularly tracked and documented. These processes identify a gap, provide a solution and document the value. One example relates to the University's "free stock" of nuts and bolts, cable ties, other minimal value items. The incumbent vendor had a blanket PO each month for \$5K. By comparing the current pricing to that of Grainger's and eliminating non-moving items, Grainger expects to achieve a cost savings of \$30K in 2022.	2019: \$1 - \$23K 2020: \$1 - \$24K 2021: \$1 - \$14K	2019: \$620K 2020: \$570K 2021: \$590K	*
Entity 2	Government	Connecticut - CT	Emergency Preparedness Support: Grainger partnered with a state agency to provide warehouse and delivery services for PPE stockpile. Grainger provided a robust reporting system that includes on-hand inventory, expiration dates and daily demand. These services provide ability to allocate necessary PPE as well as to enable stockpile visibility so the agency can be more deliberate as to budgets, eliminate waste from expired PPE and mitigate risk by having the right products and quantities on hand.	2019: \$1 - \$97K 2020: \$1 - \$77K 2021: \$1 - \$65K	2019: \$8.1M 2020: \$10.5M 2021: \$9.0M	*

Entity 3	Government	Texas - TX	MRO Expertise and Provisioning - Citywide support across all departments including Police, Fire, EMS and other first responders, Utilities (Water and Wastewater, Energy, Transportation, Public Works), Parks, Fleet Management, and Emergency Management. Grainger is relied on for product breadth, availability and service that assist daily operations, including employee and citizen safety. Grainger support during emergency circumstances has included Mega-Shelters, MRE's, water, cleaning, and sanitary products. All fire stations and special operations units use Grainger's KeepStock platform. Grainger also assists in securing certified training across all departments. Beyond meeting public safety MRO needs, departments leverage spend via significant discount opportunities and access to critical commodities needed to support first responders.	2019: \$1 - \$115K 2020: \$1 - \$188K 2021: \$1 - \$780K	2019: \$4.6M 2020: \$4.0M 2021: \$5.4M	*
Entity 4	Education	North Carolina - NC	Managed MRO - Grainger onsite resources include daily ordering, Keep Performance Indicator (KPI) tracking, sourcing, recommending products/services, staffing, trouble resolution, inventory management, documenting value, lean initiative work, responding to emergent needs and maintaining reporting and compliance strictures across all university departments and facilities. A nearby Grainger branch provides product staging and further expertise in product selection. Grainger's ecommerce platform engages the University's E-PRO system.	2019: \$1 - \$19K 2020: \$1 - \$123K 2021: \$1 - \$44K	2019: \$1.3M 2020: \$1.8M 2021: \$1.7M	*
CANADA	Government	ON - Ontario	MRO Expertise - Grainger provides MRO expertise ranging from high touch to low touch, customized to the need of each municipal department. Some departments use Grainger's self-service offering via our eCommerce platform and Customer Managed Inventory tools, while others rely on Grainger for our KeepStock Inventory Management capabilities. Our local Onsite Services Representative provides embedded support to specific departments to assist customers with day-to-day product identification, ordering, and replenishment. Our programs are specifically designed to ensure that on-hand inventory is properly deployed, to manage process costs to a minimum, and to free the customers' teams up to focus on more pressing matters.	2019 \$1 - \$15K 2020 \$1 - \$19.5K 2021 \$1 - \$19K	2019: \$200K 2020: \$300K 2021: \$350K	*

**Table 6: Ability to Sell and Deliver Service**



Describe your company's capability to meet the needs of Sourcewell participating entities across the US and Canada, as applicable. Your response should address in detail at least the following areas: locations of your network of sales and service providers, the number of workers (full-time equivalents) involved in each sector, whether these workers are your direct employees (or employees of a third party), and any overlap between the sales and service functions.

Line Item	Question	Response *
26	Sales force.	<p>Grainger has gained extensive experience on how to best serve Sourcewell agencies throughout the US and Canada. Beyond the breadth and availability of our product and service offering is our commitment to understand and improve how we can serve Members more effectively. Throughout the current contract's term, Grainger has added team members and expanded their training. All team members are employees of Grainger North America.</p> <p>With a team of over 600 sellers, North America Grainger's US Sales organization, dedicated solely to government, education and healthcare, is divided into 3 regions to provide full coverage to all States, the District of Columbia, Territories, county and local governments. Customer Coverage is provided in all time zones including 24/7 online, chat, email and phone support.</p> <p>Each region is led by a Regional Vice President and Director who implements the Sourcewell strategy and supervises marketing outreach and service to Members. Sellers are aligned and accountable to specific geographic areas and segments. District Managers, Account Managers and Sales Managers and Representatives reach deep into jurisdictions, departments and agency components to understand the requirements and challenges of each and to pursue solutions. In remote geographies, Sourcewell Members are supported by the government-specialist Inside Sales Team and the Customer Service Team to bring and deliver Sourcewell-Grainger value.</p> <p>Grainger's Canada Team of over 100 sellers reflect similar accountability and coverage across all regions of Canada. This includes Account Managers, Government Sales Managers, District Sales Managers as well as Executive Sales Leaders. For rural areas, Grainger Canada's Inside Sales Team calls upon these customers to advise of the Sourcewell value, provide advice as to product selection, assist in logistic challenges, as does the Customer Service Team.</p> <p>Government team members are trained as to details of the Sourcewell Facility MRO contract, its comprehensive contracts portfolio, marketing strategy and its insight to specific customer opportunities. Through training and manufacturer presentations and literature, team members keep pace with challenges encountered by those Members and pursue innovative product solutions. All Grainger government team members also receive training annually in ethics and government sector compliance responsibilities.</p> <p>Grainger North America's Sales Team recognizes the importance and urgency to deliver products, services, and solutions to via Sourcewell's suite of competitively solicited and awarded cooperative contract awards. Each team member recognizes that knowing these contract vehicles in detail helps our customers save time and money and ensures compliance. The Team is assisted by specialists in critical areas such as safety, health and industrial tools and equipment. The specialist teams collaborate with Government Account Managers to provide customer on-site assessments and evaluations and assist throughout emergencies. Such work is integral to Grainger's Facility MRO offer:</p> <p>Grainger Sales and Supporting Teams' Value</p> <p>City (TX) Emergency Water – Winter 2022: A city-wide precautionary boil water notice was issued when a water treatment plant was removed from service. As crews worked to resolve the circumstance, the City, a Sourcewell Member, sought drinking water for its residents. Contacted late on a Sunday night regarding the emergency, Grainger coordinated 17 tractor trailers delivering full truckloads of bottled water for distribution to residents by Tuesday.</p> <p>City (TX) Wardrobe &amp; Firearms Lockers- Spring 2022: Sourcewell Member Police Department required turnkey solutions for wardrobe and gun lockers for 200 police officers at two locations. Grainger identified a qualified supplier, conferred with Department leadership, and is facilitating implementation, including CAD drawings, product acquisition and installation.</p> <p>City (OH) Night Work Hazards – Spring 2022: The city's parks agency, a Sourcewell Member, needed a lighting solution for night calls requiring tree climbing and cutting due to fallen power lines. Grainger identified a supplier partner with deep expertise in task lighting, who evaluated the need onsite and provided a demo</p>

unit of a portable, high lumen scene light. Grainger provided the agency job site lights to outfit its crews within days.

County Public Schools (AL) – Summer, 2022: When a windstorm damaged this Sourcewell Member's 10x20 tents for an upcoming event, Grainger quickly delivered large replacement tents to the convention center location the next day in time for the School System's planned event.

County Public Schools (AL)- July, 2022: To address extreme heat at the school system's bus garage, Grainger helped the Fleet Team secure evaporate cooling and ceiling fans expeditiously.

Canada Province- 2020-2021: At the outset of the Covid-19 pandemic, Grainger Canada partnered with a key PPE supplier and leadership from a Canadian provincial government to prepare for the escalating PPE requirements for frontline workers and to support the province's extensive needs throughout the pandemic. Grainger and its partner identified and secured reputable sources in North America and globally. It also facilitated technology transfers to the government to use specific practices from the manufacturer's product engineering team to enable incremental PPE production domestically to meet supply chain shortfalls. Grainger Canada received a formal letter of appreciation from the Assistant Deputy Minister for its work through the most difficult period of the pandemic.

County Purchasing and Transportation and Natural Resources TX) – Spring, 2021: With a freeze damaging several cement plants, and the resulting unavailability to acquire large quantities of cement mix, the County accessed Grainger-Sourcewell's broad product offer to secure 800 tons of cement mix while satisfying the County's procurement procedures.

County Public Schools (AL) – Spring, 2021: This Sourcewell Member's graduation ceremony required red painter's tape to delineate every other row in the graduation venue to maintain social distancing during the pandemic. Grainger accessed hundreds of units of the required tape within its distribution center network to fulfill this requirement within 2 days

County (VA) Waste Disposal - Summer, 2021: During a meeting with the County Safety Supervisor, the Sourcewell Member and Grainger Team identified several opportunities to close safety gaps, particularly regarding written safety procedures. Grainger's Field Safety Specialist was engaged and soon connected the County's Waste Disposal Team with an EH&S Consulting/Engineering Firm to assist with writing safety procedures and to institute changes conforming with the procedures and policies.

City (OH) Safety, Fall 2021: Sourcewell Member water and sewer agency sought Grainger's assistance to address challenges with concrete saws requiring significant time to power down, thereby presenting hazards to individuals in or near the work area. Grainger pursued its supplier network to provide a demo battery-powered concrete saw unit. The power tool enabled employees to eliminate fumes, control silica dust through a water feature, and deliver an instant stop feature to protect from injury.

County (TX) Pandemic Response - Spring 2020-Winter 2021: The Grainger Team collaborated with key County Departments including the Office of Emergency Management, Life Safety, Corrections, Health & Human Services, and Purchasing to secure pandemic supplies. Grainger supplier relationships and logistics capabilities secured gloves, masks, sanitizer, Tyvek suits, goggles, air purifiers, and sanitation equipment required by County personnel. In an environment of shortages across product categories, Grainger pursued solutions and leveraged relationships with manufacturers and suppliers to identify alternate options.

Grainger also provided supplies for COVID test centers, outfitted workers with PPE and tents, chairs, safety vests, cones, crowd control barriers, and cooling fans.

County Parks Department (TX) – December, 2021: At the end of 2021, this Sourcewell Member was challenged to locate large trash receptacles and recycling bins providing optimal fit, form and function throughout the park system. The Parks Department also noted its limited holding capacity to stage such a large amount of product. The Parks Department sought receptacles that were attractive, properly sized yet durable; with swift and accurate delivery to unique park locations and acquisition comporting with rules and procedures.

The Grainger solution allowed the County to secure attractive, durable products delivered to all sites in a short time; Grainger's Sourcewell Facility MRO contract enabled the Parks Department to satisfy their bidding procedures while streamlining the purchasing process through the use of the Sourcewell-Grainger cooperative contract.



		<p>County (NY) Pandemic Response - Spring 2020-Winter 2020: Grainger's NY Team similarly leveraged supplier relationships to obtain critical cleaning and sanitary supplies and PPE. Grainger pursued regular supplier channels and special-order Sourcing resources, all within the scope of Grainger's Sourcewell Facility MRO cooperative contract award:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public Works: Grainger NY leveraged the capabilities and extensive supplier relationships of Grainger's Sourcing Team to source cleaning supplies such as disinfecting liquids and sprayers and hand sanitizer for the County's Public Works Department.</li> <li>• Office of Emergency Management: Grainger's NY Team secured over 200K N95 masks for the Office of Emergency Management by working directly with 3M to support effort implementing a countywide PPE program in the County, including 1.5M pairs of gloves.</li> </ul> <p>County (VA) Pandemic Supply, Spring 2020: County Procurement used its Sourcewell-Grainger agreement to secure hundreds of difficult-to-source coveralls to outfit Police, Fire, EMS, and custodial staff throughout the pandemic. With the County encountering warehouse capacity challenges, Grainger staged shipments in its distribution center until the County was able to take delivery. The circumstances comported with the County's bid and compliance strictures.</p> <p>City (OH) Public Health - Spring 2020: Leaders from the city's highways and streets agency became concerned regarding environments where workers are exposed to hypodermic needles and sought Grainger's assistance. Within the week, Grainger provided this Sourcewell Member over 200 pairs of needlestick-resistant gloves to protect workers from injury and infection.</p> <p>City Water Reclamation (OH) - Spring 2018: Grainger assisted this Sourcewell Member that was seeking better Lockout Tagout procedures when disconnecting and connecting equipment. A supplier's 3-day lockout tagout project procedures was secured to assist Water Reclamation in maintaining standard operating procedures and improving workplace safety.</p>	
27	Dealer network or other distribution methods.	<p>Grainger North America's company-owned supply chain makes inventory available to customers on a just-in-time basis. This distribution network includes 251 branch locations and 14 distribution centers (DCs) in the US and 34 branches and 4 DCs in Canada, which includes over \$1 billion on-hand inventory. We also ship directly from our manufacturer-supplier partners. Grainger North America's branches and DCs tailor inventory to Member location demands to ensure products are available for immediate pick-up, same-day shipment, or same-day shipping. Grainger branches, and all other purchasing channels provide Sourcewell Member contract pricing.</p> <p>Grainger North America's analytical planning tools position and deliver products to the right place and time. Advanced algorithms determine inventory levels and the best means of delivery. Stocking levels are continuously refined as market intelligence is incorporated into the historical usage information to minimize lead times on orders for products stocked in our distribution centers. This analytical approach pervades Grainger's supply chain- knowing where product is and when it is required to be at a Member's location and the fastest means of delivery. In high demand circumstances, product can be staged at the local Grainger branch to assure just-in-time product availability.</p> <p>Grainger's distribution system is designed to deliver complete orders in a single box to where it is needed. To ensure packages are properly coded, Grainger scrutinizes label information and pursues accurate and updated information with the end customer to avoid delays and costs.</p> <p>Most orders received by 4 PM local time at Grainger's facility will ship the same day. Customers receive most shipments the next business day through carriers including FedEx, UPS, USPS, Purolator and Canada Post. Grainger uses local delivery sources, such as messenger services or common carriers, to fulfill emergency deliveries.</p> <p>All distribution center and branch team members are directly employed by Grainger North America and do not overlap in other areas of the business.</p> <p>Please see attachment Grainger North America's Distribution Network</p>	*

28	Service force.	<p>Grainger provides a multichannel customer service platform to support Sourcewell Members:</p> <p>US and Canada Based Customer Service Team: The Grainger North America Customer Service team is highly trained and experienced. Customer Service Associates (CSAs) are available via email, chat or toll-free number The team has the resources needed to answer questions and resolve inquiries.</p> <p>US: 800-472-4643, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, CustomerSupport@grainger.com Canada: 1-888-602-0000, M - F, 6:00AM - 8:00PM EST, Customerservice@grainger.ca</p> <p>Grainger's 3,000 CSAs are dedicated solely to receiving customer calls, emails and chat and providing after-sale support. Their focus is providing information, answering questions, placing orders and addressing customer concerns, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Information on order status and deliveries</li><li>• Backorder information</li><li>• Item price information based on Sourcewell contract pricing</li><li>• Product availability</li><li>• Detailed product information</li><li>• Helping locate products for specific applications and finding products to meet technical requirements</li><li>• Providing dedicated manufacturer and technical support resources</li><li>• Helping Buyers select alternate products to complete purchases</li><li>• Placing and managing emergency orders</li><li>• Generating product quotations and assisting with order placement</li></ul> <p>Full Support Branches: Beyond wide product availability, Grainger branch teams have extensive expertise and experience. The Grainger branch will maintain customer specific inventory and other services such as kitting, staging, and cycle counting and technical support.</p> <p>Over 160 Technical Product Support (TPS) team members: TPS team members provide assistance on product selection, installation support and troubleshooting. Team members have in-depth, professional field experience that keeps current with new products and trends.</p> <p>Emergency Support: Grainger Emergency support is available at phone number 800-472-4643 in the US, 24/7, 365 days a year for all critical needs. Canada Members may call their Account Manager if emergency support is needed.</p>
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29	Describe the ordering process. If orders will be handled by distributors, dealers or others, explain the respective roles of the Proposer and others.	<p>Sourcewell Members can order in the following ways</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Online through Grainger.com (US) or Grainger.ca (Canada)</li> <li>• The Grainger mobile app (available in the App Store and Google Play)</li> <li>• eProcurement EDI, XML</li> <li>• Toll-free phone with Customer Service Agents</li> <li>• Email</li> <li>• Online chat</li> <li>• Account Management Team</li> <li>• In-person at a Grainger Branch*</li> <li>• KeepStock(r) Inventory Management Solutions</li> </ul> <p>eCommerce</p> <p>Grainger.com is an intuitive, fully configurable eCommerce solution with enhanced tools for better purchasing control that is tailored to Sourcewell Member's purchasing process. Grainger customizes Member on-line websites to search and select products within their specific catalog, place orders and to access records and information associated with their purchases:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grainger's advanced functions include dynamic search and compare capabilities, expansive product information, price, product location and shipping information.</li> <li>• Users can search and review by Image, Keywords, Description, Manufacturer/Brand, Model Number, Cross Reference Number, Relevant Categories, or Product Index. Search terms may be refined by Product Categories, "Brand" or "Price".</li> <li>• Detailed technical specifications can be accessed for each product.</li> <li>• Contract pricing is presented with clarity; products can be saved in the shopping cart function and shared with colleagues. Approval and workflow protocols can be enabled.</li> <li>• Users have real time online visibility to previous orders, product availability and expected delivery dates. Users are also provided the status of backorder items and expected arrival dates.</li> <li>• Expeditious checkout and payment and shipment tracking keep Member order processing time to a minimum.</li> <li>• Grainger eCommerce platform can identify product attributes reflecting a Member's priorities and highlight these attributes with product placement and in product descriptions. Green/Environmentally preferred, Made in USA, and EPA Certified (such as Energy Star), are among the product attributes that can be identified. Grainger's platform can also provide search filters associated with the priority.</li> </ul> <p>*Grainger's CSAs within the branch network are available 8:00 am to 4:00 pm each day in each time zone. CSAs in the US are available 24/7 via email, toll free number or fax. Grainger Canada CSAs are available M - F, 6:00AM - 8:00PM EST.</p> <p>Grainger US Emergency support is available at phone number 800-472-4643 24/7, 365 days a year for all critical need. Grainger Canada Emergency support can be requested by contacting the Member's Account Manager.</p> <p>In order for a Sourcewell Member to have access to Grainger's awarded contract pricing, the Member must have completed the Grainger-Sourcewell account affiliation process for the specific Sourcewell contract the Member wishes to affiliate to and be recognized as an affiliated Member by Grainger. This process can be found on Sourcewell's website, <a href="http://www.sourcewell-mn.gov">www.sourcewell-mn.gov</a>, under "Vendors and Contracts." Simply search under the awarded contract number, where you will find the "Grainger Affiliation Form" as well as the "Contract Participation Details."</p>
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30	Describe in detail the process and procedure of your customer service program, if applicable. Include your response-time capabilities and commitments, as well as any incentives that help your providers meet your stated service goals or promises.	<p>Confidential Trade Secret Information</p> <p>Each Customer Service Associate (CSA) uses state-of-the-art technology tools needed to address inquiries and ensure member expectations are met. CSAs use a workforce planning software so Grainger can accurately forecast volumes and handle work schedules based on historical and real-time needs. This capability allows Grainger to ensure adequate staffing levels to provide a consistent level of service throughout every interval of the day. Grainger uses phone routing logic that routes calls to the first available CSA. In emergency circumstances, calls are routed to the appropriate Grainger North American representative.</p> <p>Grainger has incorporated quality management principles within its operations. We use a combination of proven approaches to accomplish these objectives. We are dedicated to a culture of Continuous Improvement (CI) as the foundation of the Quality Assurance Plan. A critical part of CI is using a deliberate and iterative cycle of Plan, Do, Check and Adjust (PDCA) activities to drive quality.</p> <p>Grainger's Lean-based approach to CI is based on the Plan-Do-Check adjust cycle. Grainger North America's objective is to improve how we do our work:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inventory Accuracy: measured monthly with minimum goal of 99%</li> <li>• Will Call Ready Rate: measured monthly with minimum goal of 95% of orders ready within 30 minutes</li> <li>• Product Availability: measured weekly with a goal of 97% of stocked items in stock</li> <li>• Percentage of calls answered within 30 seconds: Grainger's goal is 80%</li> <li>• Perfect Order / Order Accuracy: 98% The percent of our order lines that are not returned or sent out again as a Free of Charge.</li> <li>• Invoice Accuracy: Measures the percent of our orders that do not have credits/debits associated with them. Maintaining a 99.7%</li> <li>• Fill Rate: 93%-line fill rate</li> <li>• Same-day Shipping is achieved for most in-stock items within the continental US when the order is received by 4 p.m. local time at the shipping facility.</li> </ul> <p>Given the ongoing pandemic, global tensions, and labor and material shortages, the supply chain environment is volatile and uncertain. To address these challenges, Grainger continues working with our suppliers while also identifying alternate sources to reduce risk. We remain insistent that the products we distribute are manufactured and delivered with high ethical standards emphasizing quality, reliability, and aligned with our Supplier Code of Ethics. Throughout any circumstance, Grainger stays close to our state, province, local, educational, and non-profit customers to assist in examining multiple supply sources.</p>	*
31	Describe your ability and willingness to provide your products and services to Sourcewell participating entities in the United States.	Grainger North America can provide full service across all states, the District of Columbia, and territories in the US.	*
32	Describe your ability and willingness to provide your products and services to Sourcewell participating entities in Canada.	Grainger North America can provide full service across all provinces and territories in Canada.	*
33	Identify any geographic areas of the United States or Canada that you will NOT be fully serving through the proposed contract.	Grainger North America can provide full service across all states, territories and provinces in the US and Canada.	*
34	Identify any Sourcewell participating entity sectors (i.e., government, education, not-for-profit) that you will NOT be fully serving through the proposed contract. Explain in detail. For example, does your company have only a regional presence, or do other cooperative purchasing contracts limit your ability to promote another contract?	Grainger North America can provide full service across all participating entity sectors in the US and Canada.	*
35	Define any specific contract requirements or restrictions that would apply to our participating entities in Hawaii and Alaska and in US Territories.	Grainger North America sees no contract requirements or restrictions that would apply to Members in Hawaii, Alaska, or the US Territories.	*

Table 7: Marketing Plan

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36	<p>Describe your marketing strategy for promoting this contract opportunity. Upload representative samples of your marketing materials (if applicable) in the document upload section of your response.</p>	<p>Confidential Trade Secret Information</p> <p>Grainger North America's marketing strategy is to promote the relevancy and competitiveness of the new Sourcewell Facility MRO Industrial, and Building-Related Supplies and Equipment portfolio of products and services. It is driven by Grainger North America's expertise and experience associated with facility maintenance, repair, and operations. Grainger has two goals- to ensure continuity with seamless transition for incumbent Members and to generate interest from agencies that currently are not Members by promoting the benefits to increase participation.</p> <p>To drive awareness of the Sourcewell agreement, Grainger messaging and collateral communications will be deployed electronically through email, housed digitally through Grainger.com and Grainger.ca and made available for print. The multiple methods and channels allow Grainger to be consistent and relevant and engage current and potential new Members through their preferred communications mediums.</p> <p>Coordinated throughout with Sourcewell, Grainger North America's digitally enabled, integrated approach will amplify our marketing efforts through the following plan:</p> <p>Targeted state, province, local, educational, and non-profit agencies Advocacy Campaigns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Press Release announcing new Sourcewell Facility MRO Industrial, and Building-Related Supplies and Equipment award</li> <li>• Social Media platforms broadcasts</li> <li>• Updated and revised Sourcewell Landing Page</li> <li>• Direct Mail Catalog focused on Facility MRO</li> <li>• Promotion of Sourcewell at trade shows and government conferences</li> </ul> <p>Customer Member Landing Page: Upon login, the Member will be directed to the new Sourcewell custom content, including contract Member pricing. The landing page will profile the new contract's benefits and how it will assist it meeting agency mission and responsibilities.</p> <p>Member Enablement Toolkit: A toolkit that includes a marketing document providing an overview of contract benefits and relevant services and solutions will be deployed. This marketing presentation will be designed to be Member-facing.</p> <p>These customer-facing materials will be ready for immediate distribution upon award. Sample documents can be viewed as part of our document uploads in this section.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Sourcewell Welcome Kit - Guide to Grainger</li> <li>b. Sourcewell One-Page Contract Benefits</li> <li>c. Sourcewell Contract Benefits Presentation</li> <li>d. Grainger Facility MRO Product Lists</li> <li>e. Grainger.com - Public Landing Page</li> <li>f. Member-Specific Landing Page</li> </ol> <p>Media Kit: The kit contains a bundle of Grainger-branded flyers, prints and digital banner ads to leverage marketing and sales programs for Sourcewell</p> <p>Collaborate on Co-Marketing Efforts: Grainger's North America Government Sales Team is a critical facet of our marketing initiatives. We continually integrate Sourcewell opportunities through collaboration, including our recent launch of Sourcewell Short-Takes, a series of informative 3-8 minute videos designed to convey important concepts pertaining to Sourcewell Cooperative Contracts. We will expand this channel to include our joint offer around our new MRO contract launch, if awarded. These videos, created by Sourcewell and Grainger, are distributed to Grainger Sales Team members via our Sourcewell Teams Page, which is accessed by the entire Grainger Government Team.</p> <p>Executive Sponsorship: Executive alignment is crucial to a successful strategy. Our National Government Sales Team conducts business reviews with Sourcewell Supplier Development Administrators and Leadership to assess performance, identify trends and adjust marketing plans. The Grainger team presents monthly reviews relating to Facility MRO and trends in state, province, local, educational, and non-profit agency needs to Grainger leadership to gain direction and additional support to drive Sourcewell initiatives. Sourcewell's portfolio is vital to delivering premium customer value that benefits customers and Grainger.</p>
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37	Describe your use of technology and digital data (e.g., social media, metadata usage) to enhance marketing effectiveness.	<p>Confidential Trade Secret Information</p> <p>Grainger North America's technology-driven marketing parallels competitive commercial markets with social media presence across not only major platforms such as Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter and Instagram but also more refined channels reflecting our customer and product base.</p> <p>Grainger North America online customer transactions, digital presence and over 5 million customers present considerable leverage to shape marketing effectiveness. Marketing efforts center on digital channels, including paid search, display, social media, email, and Search Engine Optimization (SEO) - with more than one billion impressions and millions of clicks per month.</p> <p>We continue to leverage traditional channels, including radio and print (ranging from our large catalog to smaller more targeted mailings). Sourcewell will be supported by an experienced marketing team that keeps pace with advances and innovation to drive relevance, competitiveness, and clarity of Sourcewell's value.</p> <p>The following technology and digital tools anticipate and provide relevant products and solutions direction to Sourcewell Members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paid Search captures customer traffic reflecting purchase intent in Google, Bing and Yahoo. Sourcewell Members are targeted with text and product listing ads. Paid search is highly scalable with over 100 billion searches placed on Google per month and large-scale automation. It is highly measurable with prompt indicia of trends as to how Member needs evolve.</li> <li>• Search Engine Optimization (SEO) focuses on increasing visibility in non-paid search engine results. Through technical design and content, SEO improves accessibility and relevancy of Grainger.com and Grainger.ca for Sourcewell Members. Grainger North America leverages third party tools to track performance metrics including keyword ranking, traffic, and revenue to provide better Member experience.</li> <li>• Interactive Media uses data driven technology to optimize delivery of relevant digital ads to targeted customers. Grainger North America leverages online user data to serve Members with relevant messages. Interactive Media supports multiple businesses and marketing objectives.</li> </ul> <p>In other channels such as direct mail, catalog, and tradeshow, we use statistical models to target Members with relevant offers and solutions and customer research and demographic data to engage Members.</p>
38	In your view, what is Sourcewell's role in promoting contracts arising out of this RFP? How will you integrate a Sourcewell-awarded contract into your sales process?	<p>Grainger North America anticipates continuing its strong relationship with Sourcewell and leveraging its expertise, reputation, credibility and insight to markets. Via collaboration, we anticipate Sourcewell promoting the contract's values as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promotional Campaigns- Alignment to Grainger capabilities (e.g., supply chain expertise and efficiencies, product depth, ecommerce innovation, pervasive customer service, comprehensive programs including sustainability, safety and inventory management).</li> <li>• Advertising and Marketing- Cobranding Sourcewell and Grainger North America opportunities</li> <li>• Sourcewell Digital Prominence- Links between Sourcewell and Grainger North America</li> <li>• Event and Conference Sponsors- Coordination via in person or video at trade shows and conferences and customer events</li> </ul> <p>Integration of Contract into Grainger North America Sales Team Initiatives</p> <p>Grainger North America will prepare and present a comprehensive implementation plan to its Sales Team structured around state, province, local, educational, and non-profit agencies. Sourcewell's assistance and advice, particularly specific efforts to promote, plan, measure and reinforce the contract, will enhance the initiative. Assistance as to Member-specific execution plans focusing on key initiatives or emerging requirement will also be valued.</p>



39	Are your products or services available through an e-procurement ordering process? If so, describe your e-procurement system and how governmental and educational customers have used it.	<p>Grainger North America is well-positioned to provide an ecommerce platform solution to Sourcwell state, province, local, educational, and non-profit Members. Grainger has experience with more than 100 eProcurement platforms providing end-to-end integration capability. A scoping call with the Grainger e-Business integration team can determine specific need and customization. Our experience with numerous customer platforms provides capability to drive streamlined processes to achieve cost savings through productivity enhancements and reducing direct ordering cost.</p> <p>Grainger Order Management System: Grainger's Order Management functionality on Grainger.com® allows Sourcwell Members to quickly set up an online workflow that is easy to use and that simplifies their purchasing process. Customers can set up spend and order approval limits based on company requirements to help ensure they have the right control over their MRO spend. Grainger's OMS enables agencies to enhance productivity availability and improve efficiency while retaining control over spend and what products are purchased:</p> <p>Grainger Value- Order Management System (OMS)</p> <p>City Fire Department (TX) 2022: Recognizing the critical need to maintain inventory levels of key supplies at over 50 stations, Grainger assisted the fire department with implementation of the Grainger.com Order Management System (OMS). With the Department requiring control over replenishment, Grainger's OMS helps maintain inventory levels while adhering to departmental policy. Supply orders are presented through an electronic approval process for placement and delivery. The Grainger Team created a custom catalog on Grainger.com enabling the Department to purchase only pre-approved products. Grainger's OMS and the custom catalog assist the Department in controlling spend for supplies that are compliant &amp; approved.</p> <p>Electronic marketplaces: Grainger North America connects to customers through electronic marketplaces, exchanges, or enterprise purchasing software systems using universal technology standards, such as cXML and EDI. Customers can "Punch-Out" to Grainger's online catalog, create a requisition and return the shopping cart back to the marketplace for review and approval.</p> <p>Direct connections to customers' Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) systems: Grainger North America offers ability to integrate its General Catalog and buying process with customers' purchasing and ERP systems. Customers seeking to "Punch-Out" directly from their ERP can access Grainger's online catalog and return the shopping cart back to their purchasing system to manage the order workflow. Grainger's supports ERP and Supply Chain/Procurement Networks include SAP, Coupa, SciQuest, GHX, Oracle and Info.</p> <p>Supported eProcurement Transactions: Grainger supports custom non-standard transactions on a per request basis, in addition to the following standard transaction sets:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Invoice - 810 ANSIx12, cXML , xCBL</li> <li>* Payment (CTX Format ONLY) - 820 ANSIx12</li> <li>* Remittance Advice - 824 ANSIx12</li> <li>* Purchase Order - 850 ANSIx12, cXML, xCBL</li> <li>* Purchase Order Acknowledgement - 855 ANSIx12, cXML, xCBL</li> <li>* Ship/Bill Notice - 856 ANSIx12</li> <li>* Functional Acknowledgement - 997 ANSIx12</li> </ul> <p>Please see "Driving Efficiency with eProcurement" in the Additional Documents zip.</p>
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**Table 8: Value-Added Attributes**

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40	Describe any product, equipment, maintenance, or operator training programs that you offer to Sourcwell participating entities. Include details, such as whether training is standard or optional, who provides training, and any costs that apply.	<p>Grainger North America offers extensive product training and instruction that is summarized below. These expansive solutions, fee and non-fee based, apply to both industry specific and value-add categories, and deliver numerous benefits. We will assist Sourcwell Members in working with manufacturers, suppliers and third parties as to product, equipment, maintenance, safety and related training and contract administration.</p> <p>Provided below is Grainger's core training services. Additional training services are detailed in Question 69. Not all programs may be available in Canada. Programs involving third parties may be subject to a fee agreement.</p> <p>Sourcwell Contract Training Grainger's North America National Government Sales Team, led by the Senior National Government Sales Manager for Sourcwell, will continue to provide contract and ordering training, and refresher courses, at no additional cost for Member's staff. Training will also be provided to new users throughout the contract term via virtual and video sessions. If awarded, will implement a Joint Planning Session with each Member to align on</p>

milestones and timeframes to train users on the new contract.

#### Grainger.com Training

Grainger North America supports Sourcewell Members via training that addresses the integration of Grainger.com with an agency's search, compare, product identification and order processes. The training endeavors to ensure agency processes and approval protocols are adhered to and that accurate P.O. number and Contract Number are present on an invoice; it reinforces how the Order Management System enables effective and efficient approval flow.

#### Grainger.com Value Training

City (VA) Agency Employee Training, Fall 2020: Grainger worked with a Sourcewell Member that sought employee training addressing effective e-procurement purchasing practices. Grainger coordinated training for new city employees on Grainger.com and the punchout's best practices, including eQuotes, Search & Filter, Order Management System, and creating Shopping Lists. Grainger also conducted Grainger.com refresher training. The initiative, presented by Grainger's Advanced Grainger.com Team, provided City priority users with the expertise to purchase the MRO product required.

#### Technical Skill Training

##### ENVIRONMENTAL, HEALTH & SAFETY

Grainger's Environmental, Health & Safety Services are designed to help Sourcewell Members protect their people, their facilities, and the environment. Through our network of qualified, insured, and licensed service providers, we can provide comprehensive solutions that help Members meet their EH&S goals.

Within each area Grainger Services can assist with training addressing:

- Program, procedures, plans & policies
- Installations, repairs, certifications & permitting
- Specialty services, such as workshops, rentals etc.

#### Safety Services:

- Arc Flash/Electrical Safety Services
- Confined Space Services
- Emergency Planning and Response Services
- Fall Protection/Working at Elevated Heights Services
- Fire Protection/Life Safety Services
- Lockout/Tagout Services
- Machine Guarding Services
- Material Handling/Lifting Services
- Safety Consultant Services
- Turnarounds/Safety Product Services
- Technician Skill Training Services

#### Technician Skill & Safety Training - Instructor-LED/Live or Virtual:

- Compliance - Electrical: Multiple courses covering NFPA, NEC, NICET and more
- Compliance - Mechanical: Multiple courses covering Confined Space, DOT, Chemical Safety, HAZWOPER, and more
- Electrical - More than 30 Electrical Skills & Safety Courses
- HVAC - Multiple HVAC Technical Skills Courses
- Mechanical - Multiple Courses covering Hydraulics, Pneumatics, Pumps, Machine Tools, Welding, and more

#### Grainger Training Values

County Parks, Corrections, and Transportation and Natural Resources Facilities (TX)- Ongoing, 2019-2022: This Sourcewell Member secured Grainger's value-added training sessions to address various Environmental Health and Safety subjects including Fall Protection, Power Tool Safety, Stop the Bleed, and Safe Welding trainings. The availability of these training resources enabled the County to provide needed education to team members while focusing its internal resources on other initiatives.

City Warehouse Facilities (TX) - March 2022: Ongoing: Grainger introduced this Sourcewell Member to Grainger's Fee-based Forklift training as its leadership encountered difficulty finding a supplier with expertise in the subject. The Sourcewell cooperative contract secured the training as it was within the scope of a competitively solicited and awarded contract.

County Water Treatment Plant (VA) - 2022: Grainger facilitated training on powered air purifying respirator (PAPR) units and forklift operation to assist the Water Treatment plant maintain employee and visitor safety.

County Vehicle Services (VA) - Spring 2022: Vehicle Services was challenged to provide core training opportunities for employees. Grainger coordinated Fall Protection and Aerial Lift Training onsite with Honeywell, which are fee-based services offered under Grainger's



Sourcewell Facility MRO cooperative agreement.

#### Environment & Health

We offer a wide range of EHS training courses your employees need to help them effectively perform their jobs safely. Training offerings are available through an online experience or through an on-site instructor.

- AED Inspection
- Active Shooter
- Aerial Lift
- Competent Person
- Confined Space
- Fire Extinguisher
- First Aid/CPR/AE
- Forklift
- Lockout Tagout
- Machine Guarding
- NFPA 70E
- Occupational Noise Exposure
- Respirator

#### Grainger Safety Team Value

County (OH) Audiology Test Summer 2022 Fee-Based Service: Grainger's Account Manager and Field Safety Specialist collaborated with the County to provide a fee-based service for critical audiology testing for county employees exposed to noise levels above 85 dB. The service was accessed via Sourcewell's Facility MRO cooperative contract. Grainger assisted the County in evaluating the provider and developing a service engagement while conserving expenditures.

#### Food Safety Training - Instructor-LED/Live or Virtual:

- Food Program and HACCP Courses - HACCP FDA/FSMA, FSSC22000, GFSI, GMPs, SQF

#### Health Services:

- Airborne Contaminants & Noise Services
- Ergonomics Services
- Medical/First Aid Services
- Occupational Health Services

EHS Digital Services: A suite of online subscription tools, EH&S Digital Services helps improve EH&S tracking and management while increasing productivity. These tools make it easier to maintain critical EH&S and facility activity and information:

- Save time and money while creating a safer workplace
- Reduce injuries, illnesses, and exposure to fines
- Increase productivity with automated EH&S tracking tools managed right from your PC or mobile device
- Ensure compliance and drive standardization

#### Manufacturer Technical Training- Examples include:

- Proto Tools Hand Tool Safety Seminar
- Dewalt Power Tools Safety Seminar
- Fire-Resistant Workwear Training
- Fall Protection Training
- Hearing Protection & Conservation Training
- Gas Detection Equipment Training
- Arc Flash Awareness Seminar
- Fuses & Power Distribution Training
- Spill Containment Training
- Climbing Pro Ladder Training

Grainger's KnowHowSM Center: Grainger's KnowHowSM provides insights and information to customers who are looking for ways to save time and money, increase productivity and engage in Safety Thought Leadership that will assist with keeping people safe and maintaining compliance. Key topics covered include inventory management, facility maintenance, emergency preparedness, occupational safety and health solutions and regulatory compliance, among others.

For a detailed listing of available, fee-based Technician Training, please refer to "Technician Training" guide attached in the Additional Documents zip file.

For a comprehensive listing of Grainger's complimentary and fee-based training programs, please refer to "Grainger Services" guide attached in the Additional Documents zip file.

41	Describe any technological advances that your proposed products or services offer.	<p>Grainger North America's product and ecommerce teams continually review Member requirements to secure innovative technologically advanced products and services. Examples include:</p> <p>Sustainability: Grainger's product knowledge library, Grainger KnowHow, addresses the customer demand for trash bags that reliably deteriorate over a time span. When a trash bag is certified as compostable, it means a third party confirmed it will break down completely in the conditions found in a commercial composting facility. In the United States, the most prominent certification organization is the Biodegradable Products Institute (BPI). Grainger's product information presents distinctions to assist customers in finding the right product.</p> <p>Battery Powered Tools: Legacy cordless tools require different battery platforms that vary with the voltage needed. A drill may get all the torque it needs from a 6-amp motor while a miter saw requires a 15-amp motor to perform well. A higher voltage platform was previously incompatible with the lower voltage system. Dewalt Tools provides a more universal platform called the Flexvolt™, where the battery automatically changes its voltage with each tool it is used with. The tool tells the battery which mode to operate in; it is completely automatic for the user.</p> <p>PURELL Surface Disinfecting Wipes- GOJO Industries' portfolio of surface disinfecting products now includes durable canisters for mobile and portable applications where routine and fast disinfection of surfaces is needed. The EPA category IV toxicity rating of PURELL Surface Disinfecting Wipes, which has no harsh fumes, addresses particular applications such as vehicles and mobile infrastructure where regular disinfecting is performed.</p> <p>Fenix PD36R Rechargeable Flashlight- The newly upgraded handheld Fenix PD36R rechargeable flashlight is a high-performance LED rechargeable flashlight delivering a maximum 1600 lumens to a distance of 928ft (283m), all on a high capacity 21700 li-ion battery. The Fenix PD36R, with a 21700 li-ion battery, extends battery runtimes by twice the standard li-ion battery. The high-capacity 5000 mAh battery can be charged through the USB-C port on the flashlight</p> <p>Catalog Search by Image (US only): Grainger's mobile app enables customers to use a visual search tool to find and purchase product from Grainger's 1.5 million products. With the tool, products can be searched and located within 3 seconds. Available on Android or Apple devices, customers can scan a bar code, enter an item number, or upload a photo to find a product and complete a purchase. Grainger search also allows customers to send a photo to Grainger's technical advisors who will assist in recommending a product. A voice search tool is also available.</p>
42	Describe any "green" initiatives that relate to your company or to your products or services, and include a list of the certifying agency for each.	<p>Grainger North America is committed to conducting business in an environmentally responsible manner while working to reduce energy use, minimize waste, conserve water and improve air quality in our operations. To do so, we focus on the environmental challenges within the material parts of our business: our operations, products and supply chain.</p> <p><b>Green Initiative Focus</b> We work to improve our environmental performance across our value chain from our suppliers through our operations and our customers. We encourage stewardship in our operations and share our lessons with others. We partner with third party sustainability organizations, such as the CDP (formerly known as the Carbon Disclosure Project), the GreenBiz Executive Network, the US Environmental Protection Agency, SmartWay® Program, UL Inc. (formally Underwriter's Laboratories, Inc.) and the US Green Building Council to help us align our environmental investments with our stakeholders' expectations.</p> <p><b>OPERATIONS</b> Grainger recognizes the urgency of climate change action and supports greenhouses gas (GHG) reduction targets consistent with the net-zero climate goals of the Paris Climate Agreement. Since 2009, Grainger has disclosed to the CDP, the organization administering the global disclosure system, details on business risks and opportunities related to climate change. This initiative to reduce CHG is pursued companywide.</p> <p>Since 2011, Grainger has reduced absolute scope 1 and scope 2 emissions by 37 percent. Our target to reduce emissions further follows the medium-term goals of the Paris Climate Agreement. This approach relies in part upon increasing use of rooftop solar at Grainger facilities, investment in renewable energy credits, including wind and hydroelectric energy and improved technology and efficiency in building management systems. Specific efforts include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expanding solar footprint across key facilities- In 2021, Grainger completed rooftop installation of an additional 1.1 MW of solar panels at the NE US Distribution Center (DC).</li> <li>More efficient Building Management Systems (BMS)- In 2021, new energy efficient</li> </ul>

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building or retrofits were completed across 29 facilities, representing 40% of our North America footprint.

- LEED -Grainger has 7.0 million square feet of LEED certified space throughout 18 North American facilities, representing 28.8 percent of Grainger's total square feet in North America.
- Recycling- Recycling rates in US DCs have increased by standardizing recycling processes and sharing best practices across our network. Teams are trained to use a color-coded system to separate and bale materials such as cardboard, plastic wrap and metal. In 2021, our US DCs recycled 92 percent of all waste leaving the facility.
- Water Usage- We monitor and measure our water footprint and pursue opportunities to reduce usage, such as installing water-efficient fixtures at our largest facilities

Grainger's supplier engagement program is the cornerstone of the broader effort to reduce GHG. Via quarterly calls and active feedback channels, Grainger engages the top 80 percent of suppliers by revenue to understand how to approach this effort.

Details of Grainger's commitment to clean energy and sustainability are found at pages 31-38 of our 2022 Corporate Social Responsibility Report, Sustainability and Stewardship, <https://invest.grainger.com/home/default.aspx>.

#### Green Products and Services

Grainger North America environmentally preferable product (EPP) portfolio helps customers maintain sustainable facilities via efficient energy management, water conservation, waste reduction and improved indoor air quality. Grainger's online filtering capability screens any product search to evaluate environmentally preferable alternatives. Grainger also maintains a growing portfolio of sustainability-related services which include site audits, payback analysis, utility rebate assistance and recycling of replaced product.

Customers can easily identify EPP products on Grainger.com by our Green Leaf icon. It indicates that the select product has a UL validated certification and/or attributes.

Grainger receives ongoing verification of its environmentally preferable SKU designation from UL Environment (ULE). For a product to be classified as environmentally preferable, it must maintain one or more environmentally preferable attributes or third-party certifications such as WaterSense(r), ENERGY STAR(r) or Green Seal. These verifications are provided on the individual product page.

The following are examples of sustainable and environment products and services available to customers:

- Grainger US currently offers 100,000 green products.
  - Grainger works with customers to identify and implement environmental conservation programs. Examples include lamp recycling programs, LED lighting conversions, using aerators on faucets to reduce water consumption, and Air Filter studies to reduce energy usage on HVAC units.
  - Similarly, Grainger works with a customer's recycling and sustainability office to identify and implement environmental conservation programs. The initiative includes refilling stations to reduce plastic bottle waste, green product utilization, a lamp recycling program and LED lighting installment.
  - Grainger, through a network of third-party service providers, offers a range of sustainability-related services, including HVAC optimization upgrades, water conservation upgrades, utility rebate incentives and lighting retrofit solutions. For example, Grainger can facilitate a free energy audit for customers, consisting of a site walk-through, fixture count, energy audit, return on investment, payback analysis, utility rebate assistance and applications (photo metrics).
- In 2021, EPP sales totaled more than \$875 million, a 23 percent increase from 2020. Program growth is driven by increased customer demand for products. Merchandising our portfolio to add green certifications and environmental information to existing products also to growth and helps customers with their sustainability goals.

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43	Identify any third-party issued eco-labels, ratings or certifications that your company has received for the equipment or products included in your Proposal related to energy efficiency or conservation, life-cycle design (cradle-to-cradle), or other green/sustainability factors.	<p>Grainger US EPP portfolio of approximately 100,000 products comprises one of the largest green SKU counts in the industrial distribution market. EPP products fall into two categories - those certified by independent organizations and those with green environmental attributes.</p> <p>Green certification indicates that a product has met certain environmental and/or social standards. These are designated with a green leaf icon on Grainger.com® and explained in the compliance section for each product (e.g., EnergyStar®, DLC® Approved).</p> <p>Green environmental attributes narrow the gap between certified products and responsible products where third-party certifications are not yet available or where they meet industry standards (e.g., ASTM standard test methods, LEED criteria, minimum percent of post-consumer recycled content). Each attribute is carefully considered and reviewed annually both internally and with our third-party partner for relevancy based on customer sustainability questions as well as U.S. federal and state sustainable purchasing considerations.</p> <p><b>GREEN ATTRIBUTES FOUND ON GRAINGER.COM FOR OFFERED PRODUCTS</b>  <b>INCLUDE:</b> Ecologo, GREENGUARD, GREENGUARD Gold, ECVF 2799 Zero Waste to Landfill Facility, Energy Star, WaterSense, Safety Choice, Green Seal, Certified Biobased, Carbonfree, Sustainable Forestry Initiative, Forest Stewardship Council, SMarT Certified, DLC Quality Products Listing, DLC Premium, NEMA Premium, Energy Aware, HVI, Biodegradable Product Institute Certified, CRI Green Label, OMRI Listed, and VOC Levels Meet SCAQMD Requirements.</p> <p>We continuously evaluate available product certifications based on emerging certifications, customer demand, and to reflect new or remerchandised products already in Grainger's portfolio. Our existing portfolio of more than 100,000 products currently cover 27 product categories.</p>
44	Describe any Women or Minority Business Entity (WMBE), Small Business Entity (SBE), or veteran owned business certifications that your company or hub partners have obtained. Upload documentation of certification (as applicable) in the document upload section of your response.	<p>Grainger recognizes the importance of supplier diversity. As responsible corporate citizens, Grainger is committed to supporting the growth of diverse businesses and giving these companies opportunities.</p> <p>Grainger has more than 20 years of successful experience offering diverse companies' opportunities through two core programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tier 1: Authorized Grainger Reseller Program</li> <li>• Tier 2: Grainger's Supplier Diversity Program</li> </ul> <p><b>GRAINGER'S TIER 1 AUTHORIZED GRAINGER RESELLER PROGRAM</b>  <b>Program Overview:</b>  The Authorized Grainger Reseller program includes a network of more than 100 certified Diverse Business Enterprise (DBE) resellers authorized to resale Grainger MRO products. The DBE resellers have access to Grainger's full product offering and, since 2006, they have helped state, local, education, corporate and federal customers meet their diversity procurement goals. These DBE resellers include historically underutilized business zones (HUBs), minority-, woman-, and veteran-owned businesses.</p> <p>The reseller program enables MRO resellers and customers greater access to products and services and provides reach to segments and contracts typically mandated or prioritized for small businesses/diverse business enterprises (DBEs). The program allows Grainger resellers to offer niche, value-added services and a broader selection of products. The cooperation and coordination of Grainger and its resellers is a win-win for customers looking to achieve procurement goals and ESG/diversity mandates.</p> <p><b>DBE Responsibilities:</b> DBE resellers are responsible for the procurement process, sales calls, order processing, invoicing, and troubleshooting. The DBE will engage with customers, represent itself in the marketplace, and be the first point of contact for customer service. DBEs often provide other services such as installation, kitting, product assembly, stenciling/engraving/labeling, delivery, and barcoding.</p> <p>Grainger's investment in the Authorized Grainger Reseller Program includes the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dedicated Channel Business team which includes Sales and Operations Teams as well as leadership focused on flawless program execution.</li> <li>• As part of Grainger's investment, the Channel Business team provides on-going mentorship and support of the DBE resellers. Specific examples of this resource investment include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Dedicated e-Commerce Solution Managers charged with ensuring seamless implementation of customer e-commerce programs.</li> <li>o Grainger Consulting Services support to help refine the reseller administrative processes.</li> <li>o Business development and expansion support through customer match-making activities.</li> <li>o Focused on-boarding and MRO specific training which includes direct access to key manufacturers and suppliers.</li> <li>o Government/Healthcare ethics and compliance training led by Grainger in-house counsel.</li> <li>o Marketing support for the reseller end-customer marketing and sales collaterals.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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o Detailed reporting capabilities to support end-customer productivity and cost savings initiatives.

- In addition to these resources, Grainger's Channel Business team leads the Authorized Grainger Reseller Program and helps manage the resellers to ensure contract execution, compliance, and overall performance management.

#### GRAINGER'S TIER 2 SUPPLIER DIVERSITY PROGRAM

Grainger's Tier 2 Supplier Diversity Program affords our customers with access to diverse manufacturers and suppliers through its catalogs and distribution channels. Started in 1999, this program is designed to grow this sector of the economy while helping customers get their jobs done with quality products from diverse business enterprises (DBEs).

The economic impact of this program continues to increase. As of 2021, Grainger's Tier 2 Supplier Diversity program features:

- More than 720,000 products from more than 2,800 key small and/or diverse suppliers
- More than 6,600 small businesses, and over 680 minority-, woman-, veteran-, disabled-person- and LGBT-owned businesses for goods and services

This model affords DBEs the ability to concentrate on what they do best and leave product logistics and distribution to Grainger.

Through this program, our customers have access to DBE products through all ordering options (including Grainger.com, KeepStock, the catalog, phone, fax, and walk-ins) and distribution channels. Our customers benefit from one-stop shopping and supplier diversity reporting upon request.

- Products from diverse manufacturers and suppliers are identified with this diversity symbol on Grainger.com and in the catalog and index.
- On Grainger.com, customers can use the search keywords "Supplier Diversity" or use the Supplier Diversity filter to shop for products from diverse suppliers.

Supplier recruitment is a continuous activity for Grainger.

- Certified businesses that register through Grainger's supplier diversity registration portal on Grainger.com can be referred to buying decision makers when product review, request for proposal (RFP), or spot buying opportunities occur.

Grainger focuses on increasing the number of products acquired from diverse companies in several ways:

- Corporate member of the Women's Business Enterprise National Council (WBENC).
- Participates in conferences and seminars to help establish or strengthen diverse businesses.
- Grainger.com invites diverse suppliers to consider doing business with Grainger.

Grainger also pursues outreach opportunities with diverse organizations to understand their member offerings and to promote opportunities with Grainger. These organizations include:

- National Minority Supplier Development Council (NMSDC)
- Women's Business Enterprise Council (WBENC)
- Small Business Administration (SBA)
- National Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce (NGLCC)
- Vets First
- Disabled Veteran's Business Alliance
- National Veteran Business Development Council (NVBDC)
- Disability: IN



45	<p>What unique attributes does your company, your products, or your services offer to Sourcewell participating entities? What makes your proposed solutions unique in your industry as it applies to Sourcewell participating entities?</p>	<p>Confidential Trade Secret Information</p> <p>North America Grainger's core business is a high-touch, high-service model where we provide value, including dedicated salespeople and technical support experts, to assist customers with information to identify the products they need. Sourcewell's Facility MRO, Industrial, and Building-Related Supplies and Equipment portfolio is a prominent illustration of how Grainger strives to distinguish itself from the competition.</p> <p>Grainger team members work to understand the mission of each state, province, local, educational, and non-profit Sourcewell Member and the individuals who carry out its responsibilities. By knowing the customer in detail, including the challenges encountered, Grainger anticipates need and pursues how best to fulfill it. As a result, our offer addressing Sourcewell's Facility MRO RFP continues to expand to meet the evolving needs of Sourcewell members.</p> <p>By embedding itself within customers across the US and Canada, Grainger North America is able to focus on how best to assist effective emergency response:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• An advanced supply chain infrastructure driven by customer need for breadth and depth Facility MRO, Industrial, and Building-Related Supplies and Equipment-related inventory and a distribution network centered on next day delivery.</li><li>• An investment in eCommerce and digital platforms yielding advanced product search ease, meaningful product comparison, product availability and delivery clarity, all supported by an efficient and accountable ordering process.</li><li>• Employees with expertise to assist with product selection and to assure availability and timely delivery whether the need is ordinary or critical.</li><li>• Technology experts who design and innovate information systems and digital platforms to be customer centric.</li><li>• Decades of experience connecting agencies to the products and services supported by a stronger compliance regime.</li></ul> <p>Detailed throughout our response are the range of products and services focusing on government and education customers. The breadth of these items, their availability and the expeditious delivery to the customer replicates Grainger's categories addressing commercial and industrial markets. The competitive market leveraged by Sourcewell's comprehensive solicitation encompassing Facility MRO requirements assures reasonable pricing for all product and service categories.</p>
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Table 9: Warranty

Describe in detail your manufacturer warranty program, including conditions and requirements to qualify, claims procedure, and overall structure. You may upload representative samples of your warranty materials (if applicable) in the document upload section of your response in addition to responding to the questions below.

Line Item	Question	Response *
46	<p>Do your warranties cover all products, parts, and labor?</p>	<p>Products sold by Grainger to US and Canadian customers is covered under the following warranty terms:</p> <p>For Grainger US. Grainger warrants products against defects in materials and workmanship under normal use for a period of one (1) year after the date of invoice from Grainger, unless otherwise stated. Additional product specific warranty information either is shipped with the product to the Member or can be obtained by Grainger if requested by the Member.</p> <p>For Grainger Canada. All products sold by Grainger are warranted only to the extent of the manufacturer's/supplier's warranty, and only to purchasers for resale or for use in their business in Canada. Products are warranted against defects in workmanship or materials only in accordance with the individual manufacturer's warranty policy. Manufacturers of certain Products, such as fasteners, do not provide a warranty period.</p> <p>Any part which is determined by Grainger to be defective in material or workmanship and returned to a Grainger branch or authorized service location as Grainger designates, shipping costs prepaid, will be repaired or replaced, at Grainger's sole option, as the purchaser's exclusive remedy.</p>

47	Do your warranties impose usage restrictions or other limitations that adversely affect coverage?	Except as set forth herein and where applicable, no warranty or affirmation of fact or description, express or implied, is made or authorized by Grainger. Grainger disclaims any express or implied warranties of merchantability, fitness for a particular purpose or noninfringement of intellectual property rights. Grainger also disclaims any liability for claims arising out of product misuse, improper product selection, improper installation, product modification, mis-repair, or misapplication. Grainger expressly disclaims any liability for consequential, incidental, special, exemplary, or punitive damages to the extent permissible. Grainger's liability in all events is limited to the purchase price paid for the product that gives rise to any liability.	*
48	Do your warranties cover the expense of technicians' travel time and mileage to perform warranty repairs?	Grainger products listed in Grainger's North America's General Catalogs are warranted by the manufacturer to the final user. Grainger may, at its option: (i) repair; (ii) replace; or (iii) refund the amount paid by a Member. As a distributor of commercial off the shelf product, manufacturer warranties either accompany the product purchased or can be obtained by Grainger if requested by the Member. The scope of warranty service offered such as travel is scenario specific and will be defined and/or addressed by the respective manufacturer of the product subject to a warranty claim.	*
49	Are there any geographic regions of the United States or Canada (as applicable) for which you cannot provide a certified technician to perform warranty repairs? How will Sourcewell participating entities in these regions be provided service for warranty repair?	Grainger products sold are warranted by the manufacturer to the final user. Upon request, the manufacturer of a given product sold by Grainger will address any unique geographic limitations that may impact a warranty claim. Grainger stands behind the product we sell by offering a one (1) year product warranty. We are committed to making each Grainger customer whole in any warranty scenario by either: (i) repairing; (ii) replacing; or (iii) refunding the amount paid by a customer.	*
50	Will you cover warranty service for items made by other manufacturers that are part of your proposal, or are these warranties issues typically passed on to the original equipment manufacturer?	<p>Grainger products listed in Grainger North America's General Catalogs are warranted by the manufacturer to the final user. Although Grainger does not manufacture the product it warranties, it will assist its customers with product specific warranty matters. For example, upon request, Grainger will obtain copies of manufacturers' consumer warranties and will furnish them to the Member. Such requests must include the Grainger's stock number and the manufacturer's model number (if shown) of each product for which a copy of the warranty is requested. Grainger may also furnish sales brochures and other literature of the manufacturer. Grainger North America assumes no responsibility for the content or coverage contained in any manufacturer's warranty or sales literature by providing this service.</p> <p>For Grainger US: Grainger warrants products against defects in materials and workmanship under normal use for a period of one (1) year after the date of invoice from Grainger, unless otherwise stated. Provided that Grainger accepts the product for return during the limited warranty period, Grainger may, at its option: (i) repair; (ii) replace; or (iii) refund the amount paid by Participating Entity. Grainger 's repair, replacement, or refund of amounts paid by Participating Entity for the product, shall be Participating Entity's sole and exclusive remedy.</p> <p>For Grainger Canada: All products sold by Grainger are warranted only to the extent of the manufacturer's/supplier's warranty, and only to purchasers for resale or for use in their business in Canada. Products are warranted against defects in workmanship or materials only in accordance with the individual manufacturer's warranty policy. Manufacturers of certain Products, such as fasteners, do not provide a warranty period.</p> <p>Any part which is determined by Grainger to be defective in material or workmanship and returned to a Grainger branch or authorized service location as Grainger designates, shipping costs prepaid, will be repaired or replaced, at Grainger's sole option, as the purchaser's exclusive remedy.</p>	*

51	What are your proposed exchange and return programs and policies?	<p>Grainger US Exchange and Return Policy:  <b>GRAINGER 30-DAY SATISFACTION GUARANTEE.</b> Participating Entity can return product purchased for any reason for exchange or refund up to thirty (30) days from the date of invoice unless otherwise noted. Proof of purchase from Supplier is required for all returns. Supplier's 30-day satisfaction guarantee does not apply to "Sourced Products" and products sold on a "Final Sale" basis.</p> <p><b>RETURNS AFTER 30 DAYS.</b> Unless otherwise noted, Participating Entity can also return product for up to one (1) year from date of invoice provided that product is in its original packaging, unused, unexpired, undamaged, and in salable condition. Proof of purchase from Supplier is required in all instances. Products sold on a "Final Sale" basis as defined below cannot be returned. "Sourced Product" (defined below) is subject to the manufacturer's return policy and may not be returnable. Some product returns may be denied or made subject to restocking fees and other charges by Supplier.</p> <p><b>FINAL SALE ITEMS.</b> Items sold on a "Final Sale" basis include: (i) Custom items; (ii) purchases made under the Custom Product Center on grainger.com; (iii) special-order items; (iv) emergency response items; (v) items marked in Sourced Product quotations or invoices as "Non-Cancellable" or "Non-Returnable" and (vi) any other items that Supplier may designate as a "Final Sale" from time to time.</p> <p><b>Grainger Canadian Exchange and Return Policy:</b>  Any cancellation or return must be approved by Grainger (at its discretion), be accompanied by proof of purchase, and may be subject to restocking or other charges. Any returns due to shipping errors, damage or loss must be reported to Grainger immediately. For returns not related to damage or loss during shipping, product must be returned within 30 days of shipment and be in original package and re-saleable condition. Returns can be made to Grainger; however, Grainger will only accept returns on products purchased through Grainger. Returns of custom sourced products may not be permitted.</p>	*
52	Describe any service contract options for the items included in your proposal.	<p>In addition to our product line offering, Grainger North America offers select service contracts either directly or via our supplier/service provider/manufacture network, in support of our product offer. Grainger North America will work with Members to review and assess which service opportunity is best suited to satisfy the Member's operational needs.</p>	*

**Table 10: Payment Terms and Financing Options**

Line Item	Question	Response *	
53	Describe your payment terms and accepted payment methods.	<p>Grainger North America's payments terms are NET 30.</p> <p>Grainger North America customers typically have an open account that is invoiced for orders according to their contract.</p> <p>Grainger also offers Sourcewell Members the following payment options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Credit card or cash - At the time of purchase or pickup.</li> <li>• Electronic payment (ACH/EFT) - Grainger uses the Corporate Trade Exchange-820 (CTX-820) ACH/EFT format to process electronic payments. The remittance detail included with the payment file helps Grainger reconcile (Customer)'s payment promptly and accurately.</li> <li>• Procurement cards - Grainger accepts all types of VISA, MasterCard, Discover, and American Express cards.</li> </ul> <p>Check - Checks can be mailed to the "Remit To:" address on the invoice.</p>	*
54	Describe any leasing or financing options available for use by educational or governmental entities.	Grainger North America does not offer leasing or financing options at this time.	*
55	Describe any standard transaction documents that you propose to use in connection with an awarded contract (order forms, terms and conditions, service level agreements, etc.). Upload a sample of each (as applicable) in the document upload section of your response.	Please see Grainger's Sourcing Terms and Conditions as well as a "Sample Quote_Sourcewell 091422-WWG" and "Sample Invoice_Sourcewell 091422-WWG" in the "Standard Transaction Document" samples zip.	*
56	Do you accept the P-card procurement and payment process? If so, is there any additional cost to Sourcewell participating entities for using this process?	Grainger North America accepts VISA, MasterCard, Discover Card and American Express cards as a means of payment. There is no additional cost to Members for this process.	*

**Table 11: Pricing and Delivery**

Provide detailed pricing information in the questions that follow below. Keep in mind that reasonable price and product adjustments can be made during the term of an awarded Contract as described in the RFP, the template Contract, and the Sourcewell Price and Product Change Request Form.

Line Item	Question	Response *	
57	Describe your pricing model (e.g., line-item discounts or product-category discounts). Provide detailed pricing data (including standard or list pricing and the Sourcewell discounted price) on all of the items that you want Sourcewell to consider as part of your RFP response. If applicable, provide a SKU for each item in your proposal. Upload your pricing materials (if applicable) in the document upload section of your response.	<p>Grainger North America's pricing model is a most comprehensive, robust and competitive Sourcewell offer to date and provides Members numerous cost savings opportunities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Category Discounts</li> <li>• Facility MRO Supplies &amp; Equipment Hot List</li> <li>• Member Market Basket</li> <li>• General Catalog Discount</li> <li>• Large Order and Volume Discounts</li> <li>• Customer Specific Pricing (CSP)</li> <li>• Access to all Grainger-Sourcewell Contract Awards and the Pricing Benefits of each</li> </ul> <p>CATEGORY DISCOUNTS: Our North American offer encompasses significant discounting across multiple MRO categories. These category discounts are applied to Grainger North America's Contract Reference Price (CRP). CRP is market-based. When evaluating pricing, it is important to compare "final" product prices, as a larger discount percentage offered by a competitor who has not adopted market-based pricing may not yield a lower final product price.</p> <p>Differences between the U.S. and Canadian supplier base vary across all product categories so not all Grainger US products, catalog or sourced, are available in Canada.</p> <p>Grainger continues its efforts to enhance its online search and purchasing experience by incorporating new technology and functionality to its online offering. Accordingly, and at Grainger's sole discretion, product categorization may be modified from time to</p>	

time to promote clarity and product alignment. Additionally, there are products that, because of their volatile nature in context of supply, including pricing, demand and availability, are not eligible for any, including general, category discount.

- Abrasives 7%
- Adhesives, Sealants, and Tape 10%
- Air Filters 40%
- Cleaning 22%
- Electrical Supplies 23%
- Electronics, Appliances, Batteries 19%
- Fasteners 32%
- Hand Tools 14%
- HVAC Supplies 17%
- Lab Supplies 15%
- Lighting 22%
- Lubrication 10%
- Material Handling, Storage, Packaging 15%
- Motors 19%
- Outdoor Equipment 12%
- Paint, Equipment, & Supplies 10%
- Pneumatics 11%
- Pumps 7%
- Power Tools 11%
- Power Transmission 19%
- Safety 19%
- Security 15%
- Test Instruments 7%
- Welding, Machining, Cutting 10%
- All other Categories 5%

For Sourcewell Members, CRP is found on Grainger.com and Grainger.ca when Members log into their account. The CRP at the time of purchase will be the price to which any contract discounts will be applied. The offered category discounts are fixed through the life of the contract across the specified MRO categories.

FACILITY MRO SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT HOT LIST: Grainger North America, through decades of serving government customers, has captured purchasing data reflecting current and relevant product needs to compile its Hot List offer. Grainger North America presents the attached Facility MRO Supplies & Equipment Hot List to all US and Canada Sourcewell Members who complete the Grainger affiliation process to access, if awarded, the Sourcewell Facility MRO Supplies & Equipment #091422. contract. This offer is comprised of the highest volume and most frequently purchased products across a broad mix of government agencies.

Grainger North America analyzed usage and procurement data of Facility MRO Supplies & Equipment related products from its largest states, provinces, local government, education, and non-profit customers across North America and combined it with all Sourcewell Members' prior 48 month purchasing analytics. Data points such as the number of times an item was purchased, when and how often, how many individual agencies purchased the item, including those items added into an inventory management solution, were scrutinized to prepare the Hot List.

The Hot List encompasses 852 items specific to Sourcewell state, province, local, educational, and non-profit agency customers. Due to variances between our catalog offerings and supplier base in the US and Canada, not all items in the Hot List are available to our Canadian customers. The items in the Hot List available to both US & Canadian Sourcewell customers have been priced in both USD and CAD respectively in our submission.

The Facility MRO Supplies & Equipment Hot List pricing is competitive and will be held firm for 12 months from date of award.

To keep the Facility MRO Supplies & Equipment Hot List meaningful throughout the life of this contract, Grainger North America will evaluate the product selection and update it each year to ensure relevant product mix.

MEMBER MARKET BASKET:

		<p>In addition to the Grainger Facility MRO Supplies &amp; Equipment Hot List, we offer the ability for each affiliated Member to create a custom Market Basket of up to 300 items. To drive additional cost savings and predictability, Members can select a custom Market Basket consisting of the Facility MRO Supplies &amp; Equipment products the individual Member most frequently purchases. The Grainger North America Sales Team will work with Members seeking to consolidate, standardize, and identify a product list and price.</p> <p><b>GENERAL CATALOG DISCOUNT:</b> All items in Grainger's General Catalog are included within this Sourcewell offering. Grainger recognizes the operational importance to provide Members access to products beyond those covered by Defined Category Discounts, Hot List, Member Market Basket and products aligned to a specific category. Grainger North America provides a 5% discount off of CRP on these products except for items identified as volatile which are not eligible for a discount.</p> <p><b>LARGE ORDER AND VOLUME DISCOUNTS:</b> Grainger has years of experience working with Sourcewell Members on individual projects and discounted pricing. Grainger North America will continue to work with Sourcewell Members to leverage additional discounts for large, single orders, based on size and scope.</p> <p><b>CUSTOMER SPECIFIC PRICING (CSP):</b> Grainger North America recognizes the importance of providing Members with relevant pricing for specific products in special circumstances. Deeper discounted pricing can be sought in the form of Customer Specific Pricing (CSP) as it relates to specific opportunities.</p> <p>Grainger North America reserves the right to adjust pricing to reflect market conditions, as provided in Section 4 (Sourcewell's Vendor Price &amp; Product Change Request Form, referenced in RFP #091422). These adjustments may include unforeseen significant increases in supplier's costs resulting from changes in laws or regulations, impositions of tariffs, currency fluctuations, increases in commodity prices, or other changes in conditions not reasonably foreseeable to Grainger North America.</p> <p><b>ACCESS TO ADDITIONAL GRAINGER-SOURCEWELL CONTRACT AWARD BENEFITS:</b> Upon affiliating with the Sourcewell Facility MRO Supplies &amp; Services Agreement # 091422, a Sourcewell Member may also affiliate with any other Grainger-Sourcewell Agreement and access the benefits under that agreement, so long as each agreement remains valid. Upon expiration or termination of any other agreement, Grainger will extend the benefits provided in any successor agreement associated with the Member so long as that agreement remains valid. Differences between the U.S. and Canadian supplier base vary across all categories so that not all products are available in Canada.</p> <p>A Member may contact Grainger at <a href="mailto:sourcewell@grainger.com">sourcewell@grainger.com</a> or via the local Grainger Account Manager, to learn how to adopt additional Grainger-Sourcewell awarded contracts and access value-added service and pricing benefits through your Grainger account.</p>	
58	Quantify the pricing discount represented by the pricing proposal in this response. For example, if the pricing in your response represents a percentage discount from MSRP or list, state the percentage or percentage range.	The discount range in this offer, noted in response # 57, represents 5% - 40% off Grainger North America's CRP and addresses the general catalog discounts and the discounts applied to the Hot List prices.	*



59	Describe any quantity or volume discounts or rebate programs that you offer.	<p>Sourcewell "Enhanced Discount" Incentive Program:</p> <p>Grainger North America proposes a 3% increased discount on the defined MRO categories as described below for the following contract year for members who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Purchase at least \$25,000.00 in Total Member Purchases* during the Contract Year and</li> <li>• Grow Total Member Purchases* at least 12% over the preceding Contract Year</li> </ul> <p>* Total Member Purchases" refers to the net invoice price of the Product purchased by Member under Grainger's Sourcewell Contract Awards using the Member's Sourcewell-affiliated, eligible Grainger account numbers, less freight, taxes, returned Products and credits during each contract year for which a Rebate or Incentive is being actively calculated and paid.</p> <p>Product Category: CRP Discount/Enhanced Discount:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Abrasives: 7%/10%</li> <li>• Adhesives/Sealants/Tape: 10%/13%</li> <li>• Air Filters: 40%/43%</li> <li>• Cleaning: 22%/25%</li> <li>• Electrical Supplies: 23%/26%</li> <li>• Electronics/Appliances/Batteries: 19%/22%</li> <li>• Fasteners: 32%/35%</li> <li>• Hand Tools: 14%/17%</li> <li>• HVAC Supplies: 17%/20%</li> <li>• Lab Supplies: 15%/18%</li> <li>• Lighting: 22%/25%</li> <li>• Lubrication: 10%/13%</li> <li>• Material Handling/Storage/Packaging: 15%/18%</li> <li>• Motors: 19%/22%</li> <li>• Outdoor Equipment: 12%/15%</li> <li>• Paint, Equipment, &amp; Supplies: 10%/13%</li> <li>• Pneumatics: 11%/14%</li> <li>• Pumps: 7%/10%</li> <li>• Power Tools: 11%/14%</li> <li>• Power Transmission: 19%/22%</li> <li>• Safety: 19%/22%</li> <li>• Security: 15%/18%</li> <li>• Test Instruments: 7%/10%</li> <li>• Welding, Machining, Cutting: 10%/13%</li> </ul> <p>+The increase in Category Discount will be automatically applied to defined MRO Grainger North America categories (excluding the General Catalog Discount), commencing 60 days after contract period ends for a duration of 12 months</p> <p>+ Purchases by a Sourcewell Member under any Sourcewell Agreement with Grainger, are eligible to qualify for the Enhanced Discount Incentive Program for a maximum of 3% increase in discount overall. Member qualification for the Enhanced Discount will be re-evaluated each contract year.</p> <p>+ Sourcewell Plus Program: In lieu of the "Enhanced Discount" Incentive Program, Grainger North America may propose a Sourcewell Plus Program and creation of a custom incentive and rebate program, defined through a participating addendum and approved by Sourcewell. A customer may participate in either the Enhanced Discount Incentive Program or Sourcewell Plus Program, but not both.</p> <p>+ Purchases made through Grainger's Authorized Reseller Program vendors aligned to Member's account and receiving Sourcewell Agreement pricing are not eligible for inclusion in Total Member Purchases.</p>	
60	Propose a method of facilitating "sourced" products or related services, which may be referred to as "open market" items or "nonstandard options". For example, you may supply such items "at cost" or "at cost plus a percentage," or you may supply a quote for each such request.	<p>Grainger's Sourcing Team acquires Facility MRO products and services not found in the Grainger General Catalog. Through this "special order" capability, Grainger provides quick access to over 6,500 suppliers and offers a total cost solution for acquiring infrequent, low demand or hard-to-locate items. Additionally, this channel offers line extensions (non-Grainger General Catalog product</p>	



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and related services from Grainger General Catalog and third-party suppliers and service providers) and discontinued product catalog lines.

Quotes for "sourced" products and related services will be supplied for each such request. Pricing for sourced items is based on current market conditions and is negotiated on a per-order basis. Sourced product and related service opportunities are subject to the following terms and conditions:

#### TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR SOURCED PRODUCT AND SERVICE

Grainger will source products and services not available through the Grainger's General Catalog or website ("Sourced Products" or "Sourced Services"). The pricing model for Sourced Products and Sourced Services is based on current market conditions and is competitive for spot buy situations on a per order basis. Upon request, Grainger will provide Member a quotation which shall include the price, freight, and the warranty terms provided by the vendor of the Sourced Product or Sourced Service.

#### 1. SOURCED PRODUCTS

a. Unless otherwise agreed to in writing between Grainger and Member, Sourced Products are shipped with all costs imposed by the carrier related to the shipment paid by Grainger and charged to Member on Member's invoice. If Member chooses to ship freight collect, shipments will be made to Member freight collect, using carrier designated by Member. C.O.D. shipments are not permitted. Receipts for freight charges will not be furnished. Title and risk of loss pass to Member upon tender of the shipment to carrier.

b. The product warranty provided by the Manufacturer and/or Supplier of the sourced product will be Member's sole remedy. Grainger's standard limited warranty terms included in this agreement or Grainger's website terms and conditions, to the extent applicable, do not apply to sourced products.

c. Warranty Disclaimer. Except as expressly set forth herein, no warranty or affirmation of fact or description, express or implied, is made or authorized by Grainger. Grainger disclaims any express or implied warranties of merchantability, fitness for a particular purpose or noninfringement of intellectual property rights. Grainger also disclaims any liability for claims arising out of product misuse, improper selection, improper installation, product modification, mis-repair or misapplication.

d. A RGA (Returned Goods Authorization) must be issued by Grainger prior to returning Sourced Products; the RGA is good for thirty (30) days after issuance. Returns will be sent directly to the sourced supplier, and not to a Grainger location, unless otherwise instructed in the RGA. Returned Sourced Products may incur a restocking fee based upon the Sourced Product sell price, plus freight paid by Grainger and added to the invoice, unless the shipment of Sourced Products was the result of Grainger or manufacturer error or the Sourced Products are defective. Special manufactured and custom engineered products are sold on a "FINAL SALE" basis only and no changes, cancellation, returns or refunds are allowed, except if Sourced Products are defective.

e. In the event that Grainger agrees to stock an agreed upon quantity of Sourced Products for Member, upon expiration or termination of the Agreement, Member agrees to purchase all remaining stocked Sourced Product. Grainger will invoice Member within (30) days of expiration, cancellation or termination of the Agreement.

#### 2. SOURCED SERVICES

a. Performance of Sourced Services will be governed by the following additional terms and conditions ("additional service terms"). Sourced Services may be performed by: (i) Grainger, its subsidiaries, affiliates, or subcontractors ("Grainger"); or third-party

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service providers engaged by Service Grainger ("third-party providers"). For purposes of this section, "service provider" refers to either Grainger or a third-party provider depending upon which of them is performing services, and "service provider personnel" refers to personnel of such service provider.

b. The terms and conditions contained in this section are extended solely by the specific service provider performing services, and any obligations contained in this section do not apply to any other service provider referenced in the foregoing paragraph. A third-party provider may require Member via Grainger to execute additional contractual documents prior to the performance of Sourced Services, which documents may modify the terms between Member and Grainger as set forth in this section.

c. In the event of a conflict between the standard terms and conditions in this Agreement and the additional service terms in this section, the additional service terms in this section shall prevail for the performance of services.

d. Limited services warranty. All services will (i) be performed in a workmanlike manner; (ii) conform to the specifications (if any) provided by the service provider in a statement of work; and (iii) be warranted for a period of ninety (90) days after performance of services ("limited warranty period"). If services are improperly performed and Member notifies Grainger of the improperly performed service during the limited warranty period, then Grainger will coordinate with the service provider to re-perform those services, in whole or in part, as necessary to cure the particular breach, or at the service provider's sole option, refund the amount paid by Member for the services directly attributable to the particular breach. The service provider's re-performance or refund of amounts paid by Member for the service directly attributable to the particular breach shall be Member's sole and exclusive remedy.

e. Warranty disclaimer and waiver for services. To the maximum extent permitted by applicable law, the express warranties set forth in this section for services are in lieu of all other warranties, express or implied, and the service provider disclaims, and Member waives, all other warranties for services, including, but not limited to, any implied warranties of non-infringement, fitness for a particular purpose and merchantability. The warranties set forth in this section are expressly conditioned upon the use of the services for their intended purpose and shall not apply to services which have been subject to modification by Member or any third party.

f. Limitation of Liability. Grainger and Third-Party Providers expressly disclaim any liability for consequential, incidental special, exemplary or punitive damage in the performance of services. The liability of Grainger or any third-party provider performing services in all circumstances is limited to, and shall not exceed, the purchase price for the performance of the portion of services that gives rise to any particular liability

Grainger Sourcing Values

City (AL) - Fall, 2021: The City's Police Department needed tactical robots but struggled to locate a vendor who had supply on hand. Grainger assisted the Police Department with sourcing tactical robots for public safety use.

County Corrections & Public Works (NY): Summer-Fall 2022: The Correctional Facility recognized risk to visitors, inmates, and officers as tables and chairs in the Visitor Wings were not bolted down. Grainger identified specialty correctional tables through its Sourcing Team and secured corrections approved furniture.

City Sewers & Water (OH) - Spring 2022: Addressing a specific project, Sewers & Water's Safety Unit recognized the need for equipment able to operate within a confined space. Grainger worked with supplier partners to assist the agency identify fall protection and supplied air equipment, with harnesses, gas meters, and oxygen tanks to equip and promote worker safety and successful completion of critical tasks.

		County Schools System (MD)- Summer 2021: Return of staff and teachers to buildings encountered challenges to locate the KN95 masks. The Schools EHS manager and the Grainger Account Manager worked together to identify the appropriate product and source to fulfill this critical need.	
61	Identify any element of the total cost of acquisition that is NOT included in the pricing submitted with your response. This includes all additional charges associated with a purchase that are not directly identified as freight or shipping charges. For example, list costs for items like pre-delivery inspection, installation, set up, mandatory training, or initial inspection. Identify any parties that impose such costs and their relationship to the Proposer.	Grainger North America discloses all costs associated with the product and/or services sold to a Member prior to purchase. Elements of the total cost of acquisition not included in product and/or service pricing may vary based on the product or service procured. To this end, Grainger does not have a fixed firm list of like costs. If, however, additional charges are assessed, for example required services to train employees on how to operate a product, the additional charge and identity of the third-party performing the service will be provided to the customer prior to performance of the underlying service.	*
62	If freight, delivery, or shipping is an additional cost to the Sourcewell participating entity, describe in detail the complete freight, shipping, and delivery program.	Grainger North America offers the Sourcewell Member pre-paid freight on standard ground shipments. Title transfers to Sourcewell Members at time of delivery, FOB Destination. Additional freight charges and shipping fees may apply for sourced products and/or service orders as well as orders that include expedited delivery, carrier special handling, oversized product, air freight, freight collect, export orders, hazardous materials, customer's carrier, shipments originating within the US and shipping outside the contiguous US, and shipments originating in Canada and shipping outside Canada. The Member will be informed of any additional freight charges and/or shipping fees prior to purchase or as otherwise agreed by the Member.	*
63	Specifically describe freight, shipping, and delivery terms or programs available for Alaska, Hawaii, Canada, or any offshore delivery.	Grainger North America offers Sourcewell Members pre-paid freight on all standard ground shipments originating in Canada and shipped to a Canadian address. Product shipped from the Continental US to Alaska and Hawaii also receive pre-paid freight on standard ground shipments. Sourced products may be subject to additional terms, charges or fees that place the cost to ship on the Member. Charges and fees incurred for additional services, such as expedited delivery, carrier or special handling by the carrier, air freight, freight collect, export orders, hazardous materials, customer's carrier, or other special handling and oversized product will be paid by Member. The Member will be informed of any additional freight charges and shipping fees prior to purchase.	*
64	Describe any unique distribution and/or delivery methods or options offered in your proposal.	<p>Grainger North America's advanced technology and multiple distribution channels delivers product to Members where and when they need it. The unique combination of broad on-hand inventory strategically located across North America in distribution centers and branches provides unrivaled product availability:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On-hand Inventory \$1 billion and more than 1.5M products</li> <li>• Technology Investment and Supply Chain Expertise that forecasts Member needs to ensure product availability by locating inventory near the Member throughout the distribution network</li> <li>• Product ordered by 4PM, most customers receive next day</li> </ul> <p>Grainger North America provides the best combination of product selection, depth of inventory locally available, speed of delivery and ordering simplicity through a network of 284 branches and 17 distribution centers across North America. Grainger Branch Network Solutions help with product selection, shipping, labeling and emergency orders.</p> <p>TECHNICAL EXPERTISE: Grainger Branch Sales Specialists have the training and experience:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CUSTOMIZED INVENTORY: Grainger will stage critical or never out items at a local branch.</li> <li>• LABELING: Grainger will assist in custom label regarding hazards, inventory, PO reconciliation, warehousing, maintenance inspections, and specialized products.</li> <li>• SHIPPING AND WILL CALL CONSOLIDATION: For large orders or multiple orders, Grainger will ensure that goods are consolidated for delivery or pickup in a single shipment.</li> <li>• EMERGENCY ORDERS: Grainger after-hours emergency service is available at: call 1.800.CALL.WWG. Grainger will to open a branch anytime (a \$50 fee may apply). *Subject to market availability.</li> <li>• KITTING OFFER: From safety, janitorial, filter, and new employee readiness kits, the Grainger branch provides kitting services across any product line.</li> </ul>	



- **SAME DAY DELIVERY:** Grainger offers Same Day Delivery\* in select markets for unexpected purchases. Shipping charges will apply.

#### INVENTORY MANAGEMENT SOLUTIONS

A critical facet of distribution and delivery is anticipating and understanding Member needs. Inventory Management is a unique delivery solution moving high usage items close to point of use and maintaining critical product availability. Through its KeepStock® Program, Grainger North America provides multiple inventory management solutions reducing Member's total cost of inventory ownership. Effective inventory management reduces on-hand inventory, improves purchasing efficiencies, and ensures availability of critical product all while providing secure and efficient access.

Grainger North America's KeepStock® portfolio of inventory management solutions help Members manage their inventory and reduce costs. Beyond industry-standard vending machines, Grainger North America's portfolio provides both customer-managed (CMI) and Grainger vendor-managed (VMI) inventory options, including vending. Solutions range from simple to complex serving Member needs and can be combined within their facility to provide a custom service. KeepStock® can be integrated with Member purchasing systems or connected with Grainger.com. or Grainger.ca.

#### VENDOR MANAGED INVENTORY (VMI) SOLUTIONS

**KEEPSTOCK WEB:** is control central for managing your Grainger inventory. It seamlessly integrates your KeepStock® program, Mobile App and Grainger.com to provide convenient, web-based inventory management. (Customer) can leverage KeepStock® web functionality across all installation types — Vending, CMI, Replenish and Onsite, to provide you with total visibility to your entire inventory.

- **Dashboard:** View your orders and program summary snapshot, receive notifications to manage discontinued items, access KeepStock® Web instructions and more.
- **User Management:** Leverage User Management to add users to help you manage inventory and set varied levels of access rights.
- **Program Management:** Set and easily adjust your program settings. Add, adjust, delete items, and set min/max levels. Automatic reorder provides inventory level assurance and minimizes stock outs of critical items.
- **Order Status:** Place orders, check order status and track all your orders in real time.
- **Label Printing:** Use the label capabilities to print barcode labels, including multiple labels at once.

**KEEPSTOCK® VENDING:** Grainger offers a variety of KeepStock® Vending machines to include Coil, Carousel, Lockers, Cabinets and Drawers. Each machine is customized and configured for Member needs and supplies requirement:

**KEEPSTOCK® REPLENISH:** is a vendor-managed inventory (VMI) solution that helps manage, streamline ordering and stock commonly used Grainger items and support spot buy urgent needs. Your dedicated Grainger representative will work with you to determine the products and levels that need managing, as well as setting approvals for orders if required. The more complex your needs, the more you'll benefit from our scheduled visits and support our scheduled visits and supply chain expertise. On a pre-determined schedule, your Grainger onsite resource will:

- Reorder products based on min/max
- Restock Grainger products in designated areas
- Bar code and label Grainger managed products
- Handle Grainger purchasing and purchase orders
- Support spot buys
- Expedite invoices and inquiries
- Help find hard-to-find products
- Cross-reference Grainger products to add

**KEEPSTOCK® ONSITE:** KeepStock® Onsite is a VMI solution for larger, more complex customers who face multiple challenges managing critical MRO inventory. KeepStock® Onsite provides a dedicated, experienced resource on a daily basis plus a defined space-like a cage or crib-to support your Grainger product purchases. Key features of Grainger's Onsite solution include:

- Dedicated onsite resource frees employee time to increase productivity.
- Desktop delivery and returns
- Spot buy and sourcing of product
- Optimized inventory delivers cost reduction by helping reduce on-hand inventory levels while minimizing stockouts
- Streamlined processes reduce overall handling costs
- Expanded scope to support product identification and recommendations, requisition creation, organization, product returns and warranty replacement
- Onsite expertise recommends stocking levels, driving product standardization and compliance

Please see attachments for further detail on Grainger's KeepStock Inventory Management Solutions.

KEEPSTOCK® STORE: This solution provides a fully stocked and staffed Grainger North America branch at your location especially helpful for high-volume, high-traffic needs. Grainger North America will work with the Member to determine which items to stock and overall scope of the solution.

#### CUSTOMER-MANAGED INVENTORY (CMI) SOLUTION

The KeepStock® CMI customer-managed inventory solution leverages mobile and desktop technology to give customers complete control of their Grainger inventory. Grainger offers this program to any customer interested in self-managing inventory.

Tech savvy tools and features of KeepStock® CMI solution include:

- Manage inventory across multiple devices, users, and locations
- Scan barcodes to order directly in the Grainger app
- This easy-to-use and powerful software solution offers visibility, flexibility, and control while managing product.
- Quickly edit and add items
- Adjust min/max levels and reorder points
- Manage users and approvals to control
- Print and scan labels
- View pending orders
- Access order history and purchase information to make informed inventory decisions

KEEPSTOCK MANAGED: Grainger's Managed Solution provides Members with daily onsite, expert, support services to maximize the value of Member's entire MRO inventory investment for both Grainger and non-Grainger product. Managed MRO is a fee-based service where our Inventory Specialists work at your facility to manage all indirect materials.

#### Grainger Inventory Management Value

County Corrections (TX) - January, 2022: The Corrections Department was challenged with frequent stock outs across high demand items as local vendors struggled to keep pace with requirements due to supply chain disruptions. Grainger collaborated with this Sourcewell Member to identify alternate products for specific, high-demand items and integrated an inventory management solution to ensure product availability. Product encompassed nitrile gloves, paper products, sanitizer, food trays, paper cups, and masks.

City Water Department (TX) Ongoing: Grainger facilitated inventory management of custom engraved specialty locks for utility use. Through this value-added service and support, Grainger houses this critical, custom item at a local branch to ensure the appropriate quantity is available and delivered when the customer calls.

Capital Regional District (CRD) (Canada)- McLoughlin Pt. Waste Water Treatment Plant -Ongoing: The CRD leverages the Grainger & Canoe / Sourcewell GPO to reduce cost and expedite the search or pricing of products and to streamline procurement processes. GRAINGER.CA (Sourcewell Landing Page) is its commonly used business channel. Order Lists for common consumables across many product categories are integrated. A KS CMI Inventory Management Program is provided onsite for fasteners. Grainger BC Field Safety Specialists partner with CRD Corporate Health and



Safety on a LOTO project; the Grainger Victoria branch team supports CRD Technician / Operator walk-in business.

Healthcare (Canada)- Ongoing: Canadian healthcare facilities and Grainger Canada have built integral partnerships across Canada. Notably, a facility in Central Canada transitioned its maintenance departments to an in-house managed model for all locations. Via local & national account managers, Grainger Canada has reorganized storerooms, identified, labeled, and organized products, and obtained fast and efficient delivery for all items required by the maintenance teams. Management and reporting capabilities have been meaningfully enhanced and overall cost savings for all locations obtained.

County Parks Department (TX) Keepstock- Summer, 2021: Recognizing the need to provide employees ready access to the safety and protective products, Grainger collaborated with the County's Parks Department to install KeepStock inventory management across multiple locations. Grainger assisted in identifying equipment and supplies, estimating appropriate stocking levels, and implemented ordering and replenishment protocols to ensure availability. The effort supported the Department's initiative to maximize productivity for employees needing safety gloves, goggles, glasses, hearing protection, electrolytes, sunscreen and poison ivy protection.

#### EMERGENCY RESPONSE INVENTORY AND DISTRIBUTION

A critical element of Grainger North America's distribution capability is assisting emergency response for the small and large incident. Expeditious and quality response in real time entails internal planning and preparation.

In an emergency, Grainger North America's Crisis Management Team first assesses the condition of Grainger branches and facilities to make sure they are available to distribute product. Frequently a pre-determined product list, coordinated with local emergency response agencies, is used to move supplies to the affected area. If additional products are required, Grainger North America moves products to the area from its 284-branch network and 17 regional Distribution Centers or directly from product suppliers.

A critical element in Grainger North America's expeditious response is its breadth of inventory, relationship with suppliers, capability to determine where inventory is located, and its transportation proficiency, personnel with expertise and experience and long-term relationships with state, local and federal agencies.

In severe emergency situations, Grainger works with First Responders to make sure they have priority access whether from Grainger or the product manufacturers. The Crisis Management Team and Grainger on-scene leadership works with emergency management agencies and others to ensure appropriate and fair distribution.

Emergency Response POC: Grainger's Primary Point of Contact in any emergency affecting a Sourcewell Member in the US is Allison Darling, Senior National Government Sales Manager who can be reached via call or text at mobile phone: 713.805.9845 or email: Allison.Darling@grainger.com and in Canada, Marty Luciw, Senior Government Sales Manager at phone number: 403.991.2727 or email: Marty.Luciw@grainger.ca

Grainger's US emergency phone number is 800-CALL-WWG. Other primary points of contact will be identified for Sourcewell member.

The local Grainger Account Management team will engage the Sourcewell member to address the circumstance within 60 minutes to understand the challenge and to commence response. Grainger provides emergency response services, whether the incident is small or large, at any time. Upon receiving a call, the Grainger representative contacts the Corporate Crisis Management Team leadership and/or communicates with the local Branch representative to open the nearest branch location.

Grainger commits to special services to Sourcewell members.

		Grainger will open a branch, deploy team members to take orders, assist customers, load trucks and to distribute supplies at the incident scene. Grainger's pricing and services does not change in an emergency, large or small. Sourcewell member product costs will mirror the contract.	
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Table 12: Pricing Offered

Line Item	The Pricing Offered in this Proposal is: *	Comments
65	d. other than what the <b>Proposer</b> typically offers (please describe).	The pricing offer is premised upon detailed historic purchase history, trends within this market segment and customer evolving requirements, and based on this information, reflects a competitive offer for customers with purchasing needs in the state, province, local, education, and non-profit segments.

**Table 13: Audit and Administrative Fee**

Line Item	Question	Response *
66	Specifically describe any self-audit process or program that you plan to employ to verify compliance with your proposed Contract with Sourcewell. This process includes ensuring that Sourcewell participating entities obtain the proper pricing, that the Vendor reports all sales under the Contract each quarter, and that the Vendor remits the proper administrative fee to Sourcewell. Provide sufficient detail to support your ability to report quarterly sales to Sourcewell as described in the Contract template.	<p>Grainger performs monthly pricing reviews to ensure Sourcewell Members receive valid contract pricing. These reviews are automated and then confirmed accurate by team members versed in contract requirements. If inconsistencies are identified, Grainger performs an internal inquiry to track the origin of the inconsistency after which corrective action is taken to address the issue. Grainger ensures adjustments are made and the Member is informed of the issue, the corrective action taken and is credited.</p> <p>Flowing from the monthly pricing review, is a report provided to Sourcewell that documents Grainger's audit findings. This level of scrutiny is also applied to our review of overall contract sales and calculation of administrative fees, which is documented in Grainger's Direct Sales Administrative Fee report provided to Sourcewell following the end of each quarter.</p> <p>Grainger's customer facing compliance initiatives include assisting customers with their regulatory and policy driven audit requirements, which include performing audits up to three years beyond the order invoice date and/or provide purchase history reporting up to three years beyond the order invoice date. These actions allow the customer or a third party to perform a review of orders submitted to Grainger to ensure the accuracy of contract pricing.</p>
67	If you are awarded a contract, provide a few examples of internal metrics that will be tracked to measure whether you are having success with the contract.	<p>Grainger offers a range of standard reports; the key metrics customers can expect include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tier: This workbook includes the Overall Purchase Analysis, Item Purchase History, Product Line Distribution, Purchase by Supplier, and Cost Savings Analysis reports plus a summary page.</li> <li>• KPI: Order summary with ship-complete rating, order accuracy, order adjustments, and on-time shipping.</li> <li>• Item Purchase History: This summary report shows items purchased by track code, sub-track code, and/or account4 number. Includes total sales and quantity per item.</li> <li>• Supplier Diversity: Reports sales by historically underrepresented partners.</li> </ul>
68	Identify a proposed administrative fee that you will pay to Sourcewell for facilitating, managing, and promoting the Sourcewell Contract in the event that you are awarded a Contract. This fee is typically calculated as a percentage of Vendor's sales under the Contract or as a per-unit fee; it is not a line-item addition to the Member's cost of goods. (See the RFP and template Contract for additional details.)	<p>Grainger will provide Sourcewell with a Direct Sales Administrative Fee ("DSAF") of Two Percent (2%) on all direct Product Purchases. Qualifying direct Product Purchases are those purchases made directly by a Sourcewell Member.</p> <p>Grainger will provide Sourcewell with a Direct Sales Administrative Fee ("DSAF") of One Percent (1%) on all Product Purchases made through a Member's participation in the Grainger Authorized Reseller Program.</p> <p>Grainger will provide Sourcewell with a Direct Sales Administrative Fee ("DSAF") of One Percent (1%) on all Product Purchases made through a Sourcewell Member affiliated to the Sourcewell Plus Program.</p> <p>Qualifying Product Purchases are those pursuant to the awarded contract and shall include total net invoice price less freight, taxes, returned products and credits. Grainger will calculate the DSAF amount quarterly and provide the DSAF payment to Sourcewell within forty-five (45) days from the end of the quarter. Grainger will provide a quarterly DSAF report to Sourcewell within forty-five (45) days from the end of the quarter.</p>

**Table 14A: Depth and Breadth of Offered Equipment Products and Services**

Line Item	Question	Response *
69	Provide a detailed description of the equipment, products, and services that you are offering in your proposal.	<p>North America Grainger's offer encompasses the entire US portfolio of 1.5 million maintenance, repair, and operating supplies and 476,000 MRO products in Canada's portfolio across 36 categories provided by 6,500 suppliers. It is supplemented by sourcing proficiency and services that complement our product offer, along with the expertise of Grainger team members. It captures the routine to specialized MRO product or service and is continually enhanced to meet evolving Member needs. Grainger's ability to sell a service or solution within a specific US or Canadian jurisdiction may be limited by law and/or regulation.</p> <p>Product categories included in this proposal reflect the full spectrum of facility MRO, industrial, and building-related supplies and related equipment, accessories and services. Categories and solutions offered are complementary to the equipment, products, and services and provide Sourcewell Members with consolidated, efficient, and comprehensive cost-savings options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Abrasives</li> <li>• Air Filters</li> <li>• Gloves and hand protection</li> <li>• Safety &amp; Security</li> <li>• Lighting, Lamps and Ballasts</li> <li>• Electrical</li> <li>• Electronics, Appliances, and Batteries</li> <li>• Tools &amp; Test Instruments</li> <li>• Cleaning &amp; Janitorial</li> <li>• HVAC and Refrigeration</li> <li>• Metalworking, Machining, &amp; Fabrication</li> <li>• Motors &amp; Power Transmission</li> <li>• Pneumatics &amp; Hydraulics</li> <li>• Material Handling</li> <li>• Packaging &amp; Shipping</li> <li>• Paint</li> <li>• Tapes, Adhesives &amp; Lubricants</li> <li>• Fleet &amp; Vehicle Maintenance</li> <li>• Laboratory</li> <li>• Office, &amp; Hospitality Supplies</li> <li>• Pipes, Hose, Tube, &amp; Fittings</li> <li>• Plumbing &amp; Pumps</li> <li>• Fasteners, Hardware, &amp; Raw Materials</li> <li>• Building &amp; Ground Maintenance</li> </ul> <p>SERVICES ACROSS FACILITY MRO, INDUSTRIAL, AND BUILDING RELATED SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT</p> <p>In addition to the Assessments and Training we offer, which are detailed in Response 40, Grainger provides customers with value-added support services which complement the facility MRO products we offer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grainger's network of installers provides turnkey and/or labor-only fixed fee installation and support services.</li> <li>• Turnkey service offerings include materials, labor, recycling, rebate administration.</li> <li>• Currently Grainger has identified 65 companies that have satisfied our vetting process. All companies used by Grainger are licensed, insured, qualified and capable of performing in accordance with Member service requirements.</li> </ul> <p>A Grainger team member will work with the Sourcewell member to secure the type of service and description or provide requirement details. Grainger's specialized team will examine and select the best supplier to fulfill needs, including determining lead time and competitive pricing. Once a supplier is selected, a quote will be provided and sent to the customer for review and approval.</p> <p>SERVICES OFFER: Services include inventory management solutions (including Grainger "Managed MRO" solution), installation, assembly, and consulting services, services addressing safety training, assessments and sustainability. Our technical experts assist agency operations and compliance responsibilities. Additional details pertaining to our services offer are provided below.</p> <p>Consulting Services</p> <p>Grainger Consulting engages customers using a proven methodology consisting of Analysis, Strategy Development, and Implementation. Consultants also help identify opportunities for efficiency that are often forgotten as to indirect materials management. Grainger's industry research and experience enables it to identify and monitor industry standards. This experience provides a starting point for cost drivers</p>



like reducing waste in processing or demonstrating how a customer can reduce its inventory. We learn customer processes, recognize improvement opportunities, and develop a strategic plan of solutions. This includes a comprehensive data measurement package that demonstrates how to measure progress and sustain results. Our recommendations help improve service and efficiency for Sourcewell Members.

Please see Consulting Services Overview, along with documents detailing Grainger Consulting Services' "Inventory Baseline," "Procure to Pay," and "Storeroom Layout" service offerings in the "Additional Documents" Zip File.

#### FACILITY SERVICES

Grainger Facilities Services help prolong the life of a Member's buildings and structures and support safety initiatives. Backed by a network of qualified providers, these services keep facilities dry, safe and sustainable.

Services include:

- Air barrier audits
- Ceiling Tile Installation/Replacement\*\*
- Inspection services
- Patch and repair services\*\*
- Preventative maintenance contracts
- Restoration services
- Roof cleaning
- Roof Restoration\*\*
- Rooftop safety installation\*\*

#### FLOORING SERVICES

- Concrete Polishing
- Floor Design and Installation
- Floor Repairs
- Floor Striping

#### ENERGY SERVICES

The Grainger Energy Services team can identify and implement a wide range of efficient solutions\* through its network of qualified, insured and licensed service providers. Our service providers help facilitate the installation of energy-saving and water conservation measures. Grainger can also help secure applicable incentives and rebates for energy and water-saving projects.

HVAC Filter Change-Out and Preventative Maintenance Services: To help ensure HVAC units are functioning properly and efficiently, Grainger's service providers will:

- Visually inspect all HVAC equipment
- Look over electrical and mechanical components for excessive wear or damage
- Change filters
- Check belts and startup

Assessments: Any mechanical or electrical issue within a system can reduce its efficiency. Grainger can help address these concerns with services including steam leak identification and mitigation, defective steam trap replacement and upgrades, infrared studies, and insulation upgrades. Adjustments to steam system can help immediately reduce operational costs.

#### ELECTRICAL SERVICES

- Electrical Emergency Services & Disaster Recovery
- Electrical Engineering Services: Arc Flash Analysis, Circuit Loading Study, Electrical Systems Analysis, Harmonics Assessment/Testing Services, Power Consulting, Power Quality Correction, Project Engineering/Custom Design, Project Management, Remote Power Management, Ungrounded to High Resistance Conversion
- Electrical Maintenance & Testing: Infrared Testing, Monitoring Systems, On-Site Preventative Maintenance, Relay and Metering Calibration, Service Agreements, Spare Parts
- Electrical Turnkey Installation Services: Infrared Viewing Window, Installation Coordination, On-Site Training, Project Management, Site Measurement Services, Start Up Services, Turnkey Capabilities
- Medium Voltage/Low Voltage Services: Circuit Breaker Conversion to Vacuum Starter, Direct Replacement Circuit Breakers, Industrial Electronic Repairs, Network Protectors, Reconditioning Program for Circuit Breakers, Relay and Metering Retrofits/Replacement, Remote Racking Systems, Retrofill Solutions, Switchgear Expansions and Upgrades, Trip Unit Retrofills

#### EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Grainger assists in planning, response, and recovery across the range of

emergencies including:

- Experienced customer service professionals are available prior to any emergency and 24-hours a day, 7-days a week to provide assistance with urgent needs
- Emergency preparedness catalogs, capability guides, and hazard-specific emergency checklists are available for download online
- Products and technical expertise to help institutions develop both basic and advanced emergency response capabilities
- Grainger will also open a branch location at any time to assist response
- On-site containers filled with supplies can be provided
- In emergency situations Grainger branch hours may be extended to 24-hours a day
- Contract pricing remains consistent in emergency situations

#### ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH & SAFETY SERVICES

Fee-Based Safety Assessments & Audits and Testing include:

- Gas Detection Service (Referral)
- Managed Footwear Program
- Prescription Eyewear Solutions
- Heat Stress Assessment (Hot & Cold)
- Hearing - Ear Fit Test, Hearing Loss Determinations (Work Related) -

Audiologist reviewed

- Online Respirator Medical Clearance Testing
- Pulmonary Function Testing
- Rigging & Sling Inspections
- Respirator Fit Testing, Respirator Fit Testing
- Indoor Air Quality Assessments
- Industrial Hygiene Assessments
- Ladder Inspection Services
- Lockout Tagout Assessments, Machine Guarding Audits
- Silica Dust Exposure Compliance, Slips Trips and Falls Assessment\*, Survey & Analysis of Building Water Systems, Turnkey Engineered

- Fall Protection System (Referral)\*
- Vehicle Lift Inspection Service, Ventilation System Testing, Warehouse/DC Rack Inspections

- AED Inspection Services
- Emergency Eyewash Station Assessments & Inspections
- Emergency Light and Exit Lights Inspections & Service, Employee Exposure Monitoring

- Fall Protection Assessments/Audits, Fall Protection Equipment Inspections-Harnesses, etc.

#### FIRE SAFETY

- Fire Alarm System Design & Installation
- Fire Alarm System Inspection & Service
- Fire and Smoke Damper Inspection & Repairs\*\*
- Fire and Smoke Door Inspection & Repairs\*\*
- Fire Extinguisher Inspections and Service
- Fire Protection Awareness & Testing (sprinkler systems), Firestop and Fire Barrier Inspection & Repairs
- Special Hazard Fire Suppression System Design & Installation (Referral)

#### LAB SERVICES

- Lab Furniture Assembly & Installation\*\*
- TV Furniture Assembly & Installation

#### ONLINE SAFETY SERVICES

EH&S Online Services & Training

Incident Inspection and Asset Management (iCertainty), Inspection Management (AuditPro), Learning Management System and Online EH&S Training Libraries, Online EH&S Training Libraries (Via Customer's LMS), Online Healthcare Compliance System (CRx), Online Safety Training (Customer's LMS), Specialized Online Safety Training (OSHA 10/30, NFPA 70E), Online SDS Management System, Online Occupational Health Evaluations (Audio, Pulmonary, Respiratory).

EH&S Training - Instructor-LED/LIVE or Virtual

- Medical Gas Maintenance Personnel Certification Training (ASSE 6040)
- More than 30 Critical Topics: Electrical, BBP, Confined Space, Fire, Falls, HAZCOM, HAZMAT, LOTO and more
- RCRA Training - Solid and hazardous waste disposal
- Toolbox Talk Resources on Multiple Safety/EHS Critical Topics



		<p><b>PROGRAM &amp; PROCEDURE DEVELOPMENT</b> Effective programs and procedures help ensure compliance and create a safe workplace for your employees. These programs are developed so that your business operations can be conducted safely, and are provided through online templates or custom on-site development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arc Flash/Electrical Safety</li> <li>• Confined Space</li> <li>• Emergency Action Plans</li> <li>• Environmental Safety</li> <li>• Hazards</li> <li>• Food Safety</li> <li>• Inspection and Asset Management</li> <li>• Footwear/Benefit Management</li> <li>• Lockout/Tagout</li> <li>• Machine Guarding</li> <li>• Medical FirstAid</li> <li>• Online Safety Manager</li> <li>• SOS Management</li> </ul> <p>Some services require qualifying purchase. Additionally, due to various statutory and regulatory requirements, authorization to sell this service to some Government customers requires Grainger legal and compliance review.</p> <p>Please see attachment detailing Grainger's Value Add and Fee-Based Services in Additional Documents Zip.</p> <p><b>Sourcing</b> Grainger's Sourcing Team procures Facility MRO, Industrial, and Building-Related Supplies and Equipment and services not found in the Grainger General Catalog. The Team leverages Grainger's buying power to provides customers with a total cost solution for infrequently ordered items via quick access to over 6,500 suppliers.</p> <p>Sourced products for Facility MRO include:</p> <p><b>CUSTOM KITTING CAPABILITIES</b> Through a combination of supplier partners and Sourcing capabilities, Grainger North America provides agencies and departments with customized supply kits to assist with critical or essential departmental needs, mass casualty or disaster responses. Examples include shelter kits to prepare for disasters and deployment kits for first responders in preparation for an event. Grainger can also provide kitting for non-disaster circumstances.</p> <p><b>Grainger Kit Deployment Value</b></p> <p>County (NY) Road Maintenance Department - Spring 2019: To mitigate injuries and lost time, Grainger worked with the Sourcewell Member to assemble over 300 personal PPE kits for its crew members. Grainger identified and secured product samples with varying features and price points for the County's evaluation and selection. The Grainger Branch assembled the necessary boots, helmets and other items, inventoried the products, created individual kits inside a clear bag, labeled the bags with crew member names, and delivered to each of four garages.</p> <p>US Pandemic Assistance- 2020: Grainger and a supplier partner sourced product globally, air freighted in components, assembled and fulfilled requests for pandemic kits to each of the lower 48 states. The 50 million kits were distributed to States, Counties and local governments.</p> <p>Vaccination Support -2021: Working with a supplier partner, Grainger deployed drive-through testing and vaccination stations for multiple states and counties throughout the pandemic. The structures included a 2-lane inflatable drive through, ante room, and a 22x22 connected structure to house support staff and vaccine freezers. The units were packaged in trailers and pallet boxes based on customer preference.</p> <p>Afghanistan Refugee Support - 2021: To help support Afghan refugee relief efforts, Grainger and supplier partners quickly secured and assembled a hygiene kit with products including blankets, towels and washcloths. At its peak, 30,000 hygiene kits were provided to customers.</p>
70	Within this RFP category there may be subcategories of solutions. List subcategory titles that best describe your products and services.	<p>The following is a summary of current major subcategories in Grainger North America's Facility MRO, Industrial, and Building-Related Supplies and Equipment portfolio. In pursuing innovative and cost-effective products, Grainger frequently restructures product categories for clarity and product alignment.</p> <p>Grainger North America MRO Subcategories include:</p>



- Safety & Security: Arc Flash Protection, Asbestos Abatement, Confined Space Equipment, Emergency Eye Wash and Shower Equipment, Emergency Preparedness, Ergonomics, Eye Protection, Face Protection, Fall Protection, Firefighting Clothing and Accessories, Fire Protection, First Aid & Wound Care, Floor Mats, Footwear & Footwear Accessories, Gas Detection, Hand & Arm Protection, Head Protection, Hearing Protection, Lockout Tagout, Medical Supplies & Equipment, Noise Control, Portable Coolers and Beverages, Protective Clothing, Respiratory Protection, Safety Alarms and Warnings, Safety Storage, Signs & Facility Identification Products, Sorbents, Spill Control, and Spill Containment, Traffic Safety, Training, Water Safety, Workwear, Access Barriers and Crowd Control, Detectors, Scanners & Accessories, Door and Door Frames, Key Control & Identification, Locks, Mailboxes, Police & EMT Uniforms, Safes, Security Alarms and Warnings, Security Equipment Replacement Parts, Security Management and Law Enforcement, Security Seals, Self Defense, Two Way Radios and Police Scanners.
- Lighting & Electrical: Ballasts & Drivers, Emergency & Exit Lighting, Flashlights, Hand & Portable Lamps, Job Site Lighting, Lamp & Light Bulb Disposal & Recycling, Light Bulbs & Lamps, Lighting Controls, Lighting Fixtures & Retrofit Kits, Lighting Replacement Parts, Outdoor Lighting, Task Lights, Conduit, Fittings & Strut Channel Framing, Electrical Boxes & Enclosures, Electrical Supplies, Extension Cords, Power Strips, & Cord Reels, Fuses, Circuit Breakers, & Safety Switches, Grounding Rods, Braids, and Connectors, Industrial Controls, Automation and Machine Safety, Motor Controls, Solar and Temporary Power, Transformers, UPS, & Power Supplies, Voice and Data, Wire and Cable Management, Wire, Cable & Cordsets.
- Electronics, Appliances & Batteries: Appliances, Batteries & Battery Chargers, Communications, Electronic Equipment & Appliance Replacement Parts, Electronics, Intercoms & Speakers
- Tools & Test Instruments: Hand Tools, Measuring & Layout Tools, Power Tools, Sockets & Bits, Tool Balancers, Retractors, and Accessories, Tool Storage, Tool Tethering & Dropped-Object Safety, Air Movement, Asphalt Testing, Automotive Testing, Combustion Testing, Concrete Testing, Data Recording, Electrical Power Testing, Electronic/Bench Testing, Indoor Air Quality, Nonelectrical Properties Testing, Pavement Quality, Pressure & Vacuum Measurement, Process Monitoring, Replacement Parts for Construction and Pavement Testing, Temperature and Environmental Measurement.
- Cleaning & Janitorial: Cleaning & Janitorial Equipment & Replacement Parts, Cleaning Chemicals, Cleaning Supplies, Floor Cleaning Machines, Footwear Scrubbers and Sanitizers, Hand and Personal Care, Odor Control Chemicals & Supplies, Paper Product & Dispensers, Waste, Recycling, & Trash Supplies.
- HVAC & Refrigeration: A/C Refrigeration & Supplies, Air Conditioners & Accessories, Air Filters, Air Treatment, Central Equipment, Cooling Fans, Fan Blades & Propellers, HVAC & Refrigeration Replacement Parts, HVAC Controls & Thermostats, HVAC Test Instruments, Heaters, Refrigeration Test Equipment, Ventilation Equipment.
- Metalworking & Fabrication (Machining, Abrasives, & Welding): Clamping, Workholding & Positioning, Cutting Fluids & Coolant Systems, Drilling & Holemaking, Indexable Cutting Tools, Machine & Tool Maintenance, Machinery, Milling, Precision Measuring, Threading, Tool Blanks, Toolholding & Tooling, Turning, Boring, & Grooving, Abrasive Blasting, Abrasive Brushes and Wheel Kits, Abrasive Dressing Products, Abrasive Equipment Replacement Parts, Abrasive Rolls & Kits, Abrasive Sharpening Stones, Cut-Off and Grinding Wheels, Deburring, Flap Wheels, Mounted Points & Kits, Polishing, Sanding Belts & Kits, Sanding Discs and Kits, Sanding Hand Pads and Sponges, Sandpaper & Kits, Specialty Abrasives & Kits, Surface Conditioning Wheels, Tumblers & Media, Air Carbon Arc Cutting & Gouging, Arc Welding, Filler Metals, Fume Extractors & Accessories, Gas Equipment, Plasma Cutting, Plastic Welding, Soldering, Spot Welding, Stud Welding, Weld Cleaning, Welding Cable Grounds, and Accessories, Welding Chemicals, Welding Equipment Replacement Parts, Welding Safety Equipment, Welding Supplies, Welding Tables & Accessories.
- Motors & Power Transmission: AC Motors, DC Motors, Motor Capacitors, Motor Drives & Speed Controls, Motor Maintenance & Accessories, Motor Mounting & Accessories, Motor Mounting Accessories, Motor Replacement Parts, Bearings, Belt & Chain Guides, Tensioners, & Tighteners, Belts & Pulleys, Brakes & Clutches, Bushings, Gearing, Gearmotors, Linear Motion, Power Transmission Equipment Replacement Parts, Roller Chains & Sprockets, Shaft Couplings, Collars and Universal Joints, Speed Reducers, Vibrators.

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- Pneumatics & Hydraulics: Hydraulic Accumulators, Hydraulic Cylinders & Seals, Hydraulic Equipment Replacement Parts, Hydraulic Filtration, Hydraulic Fittings, Hydraulic Hose Sleeves, Hydraulic Motors, Hydraulic Oil Coolers, Hydraulic Power Tools, Hydraulic Power Units, Hydraulic Pumps, Hydraulic Rams & Tools, Hydraulic Tanks, Hydraulic Valves, Air Compressors, Vacuum Pumps, & Blowers, Cable Reels, Compressed Air Treatment, Pneumatic Equipment Replacement Parts, Pneumatic Motors, Pneumatic System Components, Pneumatic Tools, Pneumatic Tube Fittings, Pneumatic Valves, Vacuum System Components.
- Material Handling: Access Ladders, Platforms, & Scaffolding, Dock Equipment, Lifting, Pulling & Positioning, Load Securing, Material Handling Replacement Parts, Scales and Scale Accessories, Storage & Workspace, Structural Framing Systems, Transporting.
- Packaging & Shipping: Bags, Equipment, and Accessories, Carton Staples & Staplers, Edge & Corner Packaging Protection, Moving Blankets & Covers, Package Labels & Shipping Equipment, Packaging Tables & Accessories, Packaging Tapes, Dispensers & Machines, Pallets & Accessories, Protective Packaging, Shipping & Mailroom Scales, Shipping Boxes, Pads, and Tubes, Shipping Mailers & Envelopes, Shrink Wrap Films, & Equipment, Strapping, Stretch Wrap.
- Tapes, Adhesives & Lubricants: Adhesive & Sealant Dispensing Equipment, Adhesive & Sealant Surface Preparation, Adhesives & Glues, Caulks, Sealants, & Fillers, Concrete and Asphalt, Potting Compounds & Protective Coatings, Putties, Tape, Threadlockers and Gasket Sealants, Anti-Seize Compounds, Fittings and Hose Systems, Grease Feeders and Precision Metering Pumps, Grease Guns, Greases, Lubricant Pumps, Lubricants & Penetrating Lubricants, Lubrication Equipment Replacement Parts, Lubricator Accessories, Mold Release Agents, Oilers Reservoirs, and Sprayers, Oils, Storage & Dispensing Systems.
- Fleet & Vehicle Maintenance: Auto Body Repair, Brakes Tires, & Wheels Maintenance, Fleet & Vehicle Maintenance Replacement Parts, Storage, Lifting, Moving, and Protection, Towing & Trailer Equipment, Vehicle Accessories, Vehicle Cleaning Supplies, Vehicle Diagnostics & Inspection, Vehicle Electrical & Battery Power Maintenance, Vehicle Engine, Radiator, & Exhaust Maintenance, Vehicle Heating & Cooling, Vehicle Lighting, Vehicle Lubricants, Vehicle Specialty Tools, Vehicle Steering & Suspension, Vehicle Windshield Maintenance.
- Lab, Office, & Hospitality Supplies: Flooring, Food Service and Food Processing, Furniture, Furniture, Hospitality & Food Service Equipment Replacement Parts, Hospitality, Sports & Recreational Equipment, Audio Visual Equipment, Binders & Clipboards, Boards & Easels, Business Cases, Calendars & Planners, Clips, Push Pins, and Rubber Bands, Clock and Time Clock Systems, Computer Supplies & Media, Document Covers, Displays, and Frames, File Folders and Boxes, Flags, Flag Poles, and Accessories, Ink Stamps & Ink Pads, Ink and Toner Cartridges, Laminating and Binding Equipment, Office Cleaners, Office Equipment Replacement Parts, Office Machines & Equipment, Office Organizers, Office Paper & Notebooks, Paper Shredders, Paper Cutters, and Paper Folding Machines, Retail Supplies, Staplers, Tape Dispensers, and Hole Punches, Transparent Office Tape, Writing & Correction, Books & Books Supplies, Classroom Supplies, Decoration, Incentive, Toys, Agricultural Testing, Chromatography, Lab Chemicals, Lab Consumables, Lab Diagnostics, Lab Education & Training, Lab Equipment, Lab Filtration, Lab Fume Hoods and Accessories, Lab Furniture, Lab Instruments, Lab Ovens, Heating and Refrigeration, Lab Storage and Transport, Lab Supply Equipment Replacement Parts, Lab Utensils, Labware, Material Testing Equipment, Microbiology and Molecular Biology Supplies, Particle Sizing, Physical Test Equipment and Accessories, Soil Testing, Water Quality and Purification, Water Testing Equipment and Meters.
- Pipes, Hose, Tube, & Fittings: Hose Products, Pipe Products, Tube Products.
- Plumbing & Pumps: Bathroom Hardware, Bathtubs, Showers, & Repair Parts, Ceiling Tiles & Accessories, Drains & Drainage, Drinking Fountains, Bottle Fillers, & Water Dispensers, Faucets, Fixtures, Garbage Disposals and Accessories, Gas and Water Line Connectors, Gaskets, Insulation, Liquid Level Gauges and Sight Indicators, Pipe, Tubing and Fittings, Plumbing Hoses, Plumbing Replacement Parts, Plumbing Valves, Sinks, Wash Fountains, & Repair Parts, Toilets, Urinals, and Repair Parts, Water Filtration & Purification Systems, Water Heaters, Water Softeners & Softening Salt, Aeration, Centrifugal Pumps, Chemical Pumps, Circulating Pumps, Flanges, Unions, & Controls, Condensate Pumps & Pan Switches, Condensate Return & Boiler Feed Systems, Coolant Pumps, Diaphragm Pumps, Drum Pumps, Electronics Cooling, Filtration, Flexible Impeller Pumps, Fuel and Oil Transfer Pumps, Machine Tool and Parts Washer Pumps, Marine Pumps, Plunger, Progressive Cavity & Roller Spray Pumps, Pool and Spa Pumps, Pump Accessories, Pump Controls, Pump Replacement Parts, Rotary Pumps, Sump,



		<p>Sewage, &amp; Utility Pumps, Test Pumps, Well Pumps &amp; Systems.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fasteners, Hardware, &amp; Raw Materials: Anchors, Bolts, Fastener Assortments, Hardware, Hooks, Key Stock, Lanyards, Manuals, Measuring Equipment, Nails, Nuts, Pins, Retaining Rings, Rivets, Safety Lockwire, Screws, Shim and Shim Stock, Socket Screws and Set Screws, Spacers and Standoffs, Staples, Thread Insert, Threaded Rods &amp; Studs, Washers, Braces and Brackets, Door Hardware, Door Hardware Replacement Parts, Drawer and Cabinet Hardware, Garage Door Openers, Hardware Supplies, Hook and Loop Fasteners, Hooks, Magnets and Magnetic Strips, Mounts and Vibration Control, O-Rings &amp; O-Ring Kits, Rubber Edge Trim Seals, Rubber Edging, Springs, Tarps &amp; Tarp Accessories, Wall and Hand Rail Hardware, Window Hardware, Alloy Steel, Aluminum, Assortments, Brass, Bronze, Carbon Steel, Cast Iron, Ceramic, Copper, Cork, Fabrics, Felt, Fiberglass, Foam, Graphite, Plastics, Rubber, Stainless Steel, Tin, Titanium, Tool Steel, Wire Cloth.</li> <li>Building &amp; Ground Maintenance: Camping Equipment, Concrete Mixing &amp; Preparation, Crop, Nursery, and Landscaping, Cutting &amp; Pruning Tools, Electrical Generators, Engines, Fencing and Fencing Hardware, Forestry, Hoses and Sprinkler Systems, Insect and Pest Control, Lawn Mower Attachments, Lawn Mowers &amp; Equipment, Outdoor Equipment Replacement Parts, Power Brushes, Yard Vacuums and Leaf Blowers, Pressure Washers and Steam Cleaners, Rakes and Cultivating Tools, Shovels, Tampers and Digging Tools, Snow and Ice Removal, Soil Treatment and Weed Control, Sprayers and Spreaders, Temporary Outdoor Structures, and Accessories, Water Diversion &amp; Erosion Control, Wheelbarrows and Wheelbarrow Accessories, Automotive Paints and Coatings, Exterior Paints &amp; Stains, Floor &amp; Multi Surface Coatings, Interior Paints &amp; Stains, Paint &amp; Coating Applicators, Paint Booths &amp; Accessories, Paint Mixers, Shakers, and Accessories, Paint Sprayers &amp; Accessories, Paint Thinners, Removers, and Cleaners, Paint Trays &amp; Buckets, Paint and Wallpaper Tools, Painting Equipment Replacement Parts, Rook &amp; Leak Coatings, Specialized Paints &amp; Coatings, Spray Paints &amp; Primers, Striping &amp; Marking Paints &amp; Chalks, Surface Protection &amp; Dust Barriers.</li> </ul>
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**Table 148: Depth and Breadth of Offered Equipment Products and Services**

Indicate below if the listed types or classes of equipment, products, and services are offered within your proposal. Provide additional comments in the text box provided, as necessary.

Line Item	Category or Type	Offered *	Comments	
71	Facility MRO	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	North America Grainger provides a comprehensive product and service offering addressing this category.	*
72	Industrial supplies or building materials	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	North America Grainger provides a comprehensive product and service offering addressing this category.	*
73	Electric, mechanical, fluid, or pneumatic power transmission	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	North America Grainger provides a comprehensive product and service offering addressing this category.	*
74	Electrical service or lighting	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	North America Grainger provides a comprehensive product and service offering addressing this category.	*
75	Plumbing or waterworks	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	North America Grainger provides a comprehensive product and service offering addressing this category.	
76	Services related to the offering of the solutions in Lines 71-75 above	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	North America Grainger provides a comprehensive service offering addressing categories referenced in Lines 71-75.	

**Exceptions to Terms, Conditions, or Specifications Form**

Only those Proposer Exceptions to Terms, Conditions, or Specifications that have been accepted by Sourcewell have been incorporated into the contract text.









## Documents

### Ensure your submission document(s) conforms to the following:

1. Documents in PDF format are preferred. Documents in Word, Excel, or compatible formats may also be provided.
2. Documents should NOT have a security password, as Sourcewell may not be able to open the file. It is your sole responsibility to ensure that the uploaded document(s) are not either defective, corrupted or blank and that the documents can be opened and viewed by Sourcewell.
3. Sourcewell may reject any response where any document(s) cannot be opened and viewed by Sourcewell.
4. If you need to upload more than one (1) document for a single item, you should combine the documents into one zipped file. If the zipped file contains more than one (1) document, ensure each document is named, in relation to the submission format item responding to. For example, if responding to the Marketing Plan category save the document as "Marketing Plan."
  - [Pricing](#) - Pricing-091422.zip - Tuesday September 13, 2022 10:49:00
  - [Financial Strength and Stability](#) - Financial Strength.zip - Tuesday September 13, 2022 09:02:00
  - [Marketing Plan/Samples](#) - Marketing Plan.zip - Tuesday September 13, 2022 09:02:38
  - WMBE/MBE/SBE or Related Certificates (optional)
  - [Warranty Information](#) - Table 9\_Q46 Sourcewell Grainger Warranty .pdf - Tuesday September 13, 2022 09:02:51
  - [Standard Transaction Document Samples](#) - Standard Transaction Documents.zip - Tuesday September 13, 2022 09:03:01
  - [Upload Additional Document](#) - Additional Documents.zip - Tuesday September 13, 2022 09:03:12

## Addenda, Terms and Conditions

### PROPOSER AFFIDAVIT AND ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE

I certify that I am the authorized representative of the Proposer submitting the foregoing Proposal with the legal authority to bind the Proposer to this Affidavit and Assurance of Compliance:

1. The Proposer is submitting this Proposal under its full and complete legal name, and the Proposer legally exists in good standing in the jurisdiction of its residence.
2. The Proposer warrants that the information provided in this Proposal is true, correct, and reliable for purposes of evaluation for contract award.
3. The Proposer, including any person assisting with the creation of this Proposal, has arrived at this Proposal independently and the Proposal has been created without colluding with any other person, company, or parties that have or will submit a proposal under this solicitation; and the Proposal has in all respects been created fairly without any fraud or dishonesty. The Proposer has not directly or indirectly entered into any agreement or arrangement with any person or business in an effort to influence any part of this solicitation or operations of a resulting contract; and the Proposer has not taken any action in restraint of free trade or competitiveness in connection with this solicitation. Additionally, if Proposer has worked with a consultant on the Proposal, the consultant (an individual or a company) has not assisted any other entity that has submitted or will submit a proposal for this solicitation.
4. To the best of its knowledge and belief, and except as otherwise disclosed in the Proposal, there are no relevant facts or circumstances which could give rise to an organizational conflict of interest. An organizational conflict of interest exists when a vendor has an unfair competitive advantage or the vendor's objectivity in performing the contract is, or might be, impaired.
5. The contents of the Proposal have not been communicated by the Proposer or its employees or agents to any person not an employee or legally authorized agent of the Proposer and will not be communicated to any such persons prior to Due Date of this solicitation.
6. If awarded a contract, the Proposer will provide to Sourcewell Participating Entities the equipment, products, and services in accordance with the terms, conditions, and scope of a resulting contract.
7. The Proposer possesses, or will possess before delivering any equipment, products, or services, all applicable licenses or certifications necessary to deliver such equipment, products, or services under any resulting contract.
8. The Proposer agrees to deliver equipment, products, and services through valid contracts, purchase orders, or means that are acceptable to Sourcewell Members. Unless otherwise agreed to, the Proposer must provide only new and first-quality products and related services to Sourcewell Members under an awarded Contract.
9. The Proposer will comply with all applicable provisions of federal, state, and local laws, regulations, rules, and orders.
10. The Proposer understands that Sourcewell will reject RFP proposals that are marked "confidential" (or "nonpublic," etc.), either substantially or in their entirety. Under Minnesota Statutes Section 13.591, subdivision 4, all proposals are considered nonpublic data until the evaluation is complete and a Contract is awarded. At that point, proposals become public data. Minnesota Statutes Section 13.37 permits only certain narrowly defined data to be considered a "trade secret," and thus nonpublic data under Minnesota's Data Practices Act.
11. Proposer its employees, agents, and subcontractors are not:
  1. Included on the "Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons" list maintained by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the United States Department of the Treasury found at: <https://www.treasury.gov/ofac/downloads/sdnlist.pdf>;
  2. Included on the government-wide exclusions lists in the United States System for Award Management found at: <https://sam.gov/SAM/>; or
  3. Presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from programs operated







by the State of Minnesota; the United States federal government or the Canadian government, as applicable; or any Participating Entity. Vendor certifies and warrants that neither it nor its principals have been convicted of a criminal offense related to the subject matter of this solicitation.

☒ By checking this box I acknowledge that I am bound by the terms of the Proposer's Affidavit, have the legal authority to submit this Proposal on behalf of the Proposer, and that this electronic acknowledgment has the same legal effect, validity, and enforceability as if I had hand signed the Proposal. This signature will not be denied such legal effect, validity, or enforceability solely because an electronic signature or electronic record was used in its formation. - Allison Darling, Senior National Government Sales Manager, W.W. Grainger, Inc.

The Proposer declares that there is an actual or potential Conflict of Interest relating to the preparation of its submission, and/or the Proposer foresees an actual or potential Conflict of Interest in performing the contractual obligations contemplated in the bid.

☒ Yes    ☐ No

The Bidder acknowledges and agrees that the addendum/addenda below form part of the Bid Document.

Check the box in the column "I have reviewed this addendum" below to acknowledge each of the addenda.

File Name	I have reviewed the below addendum and attachments (if applicable)	Pages
Addendum_5_Facility_MRO_Supplies_RFP_091422 Wed August 24 2022 02:50 PM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1
Addendum_4_Facility_MRO_Supplies_RFP_091422 Wed August 17 2022 02:11 PM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2
Addendum_3_Facility_MRO_Supplies_RFP_091422 Mon August 1 2022 09:35 AM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1
Addendum_2_Facility_MRO_Supplies_RFP_091422 Fri July 29 2022 03:22 PM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2
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## Pricing Offer – Grainger Facility MRO 091422-WWG

Grainger North America's offer encompasses the entire US and Canada portfolios of maintenance, repair, and operating (MRO) supplies and services with a pricing model that is a comprehensive, robust, and competitive Sourcewell offer. The contract provides Members numerous cost savings opportunities:

- Category Discounts
- Facility MRO Supplies & Equipment Hot List
- Member Market Basket
- General Catalog Discounts
- Large Order and Volume Discounts
- Customer Specific Pricing (CSP)
- Access to all Grainger-Sourcewell Contract Awards and the Pricing Benefits of each

**CATEGORY DISCOUNTS:** Our North American offer encompasses significant discounting across multiple MRO categories. These category discounts are applied to Grainger North America's Contract Reference Price (CRP). CRP is market-based, stable and only subject to change three times per year. When evaluating pricing, it is important to compare "final" product prices, as a larger discount percentage offered by a competitor who has not adopted market-based pricing may not yield a lower final product price.

Differences between the U.S. and Canadian supplier base vary across all product categories so not all Grainger US products, catalog or sourced, are available in Canada.

Grainger continues its efforts to enhance its online search and purchasing experience by incorporating new technology and functionality to its online offering. Accordingly, and at Grainger's sole discretion, product categorization may be modified from time to time to promote clarity and product alignment. Additionally, there are products that, because of their volatile nature in context of supply, including pricing, demand, and availability, are not eligible for any, including general, category discount.

Category	Discount	Category	Discount
Abrasives	7%	Motors	19%
Adhesives, Sealants, & Tape	10%	Outdoor Equipment	12%
Air Filters	40%	Paint, Equipment, & Supplies	10%
Cleaning	22%	Plumbing	20%
Electrical Supplies	23%	Pneumatics	11%
Electronics, Appliances, Batteries	19%	Pumps	7%
Fasteners	32%	Power Tools	11%
Hand Tools	14%	Power Transmission	19%
HVAC Supplies	17%	Safety	19%
Lab Supplies	15%	Security	15%
Lighting	22%	Test Instruments	7%
Lubrication	10%	Welding, Machining, Cutting	10%
Mat. Handling, Storage, Packaging	15%	All other Categories	5%

For Sourcewell Members, CRP is found on Grainger.com and Grainger.ca when Members log into their account. The CRP at the time of purchase will be the price to which any contract discounts will be applied. The offered category discounts are fixed through the life of the contract across the specified MRO categories.

**FACILITY MRO SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT HOT LIST:** Grainger North America, through decades of serving government customers, has captured purchasing data reflecting current and relevant product needs to compile its Hot List offer. Grainger North America analyzed usage and procurement data of Facility MRO Supplies & Equipment-related products from its largest states, provinces, local government, education, and non-profit customers across North America and combined it with all Sourcewell Members' prior 48 month purchasing analytics. Data points such as the number of times an item was purchased, when and how often, how many individual agencies purchased the item, including those items added into an inventory management solution, were scrutinized to prepare the Hot List. The



Hot List encompasses roughly 850 items specific to Sourcewell state, province, local, educational, and non-profit agency customers.

Grainger North America makes the Facility MRO Supplies & Equipment Hot List available to all US and Canada Sourcewell Members who complete the **Grainger** affiliation process to access the Sourcewell Facility MRO Supplies & Equipment #091422 contract. To keep the **Facility MRO Supplies & Equipment** Hot List meaningful throughout the life of this contract, Grainger North America will evaluate the product selection and update it each year to ensure relevant product mix. The net contract pricing is automatically available to you when you are logged into Grainger.com.

**MEMBER MARKET BASKET:** In addition to the Grainger **Facility MRO Supplies & Equipment** Hot List, we offer the ability for each affiliated Member to create a custom Market Basket for a mutually-agreed upon number of items.

**GENERAL CATALOG DISCOUNT:** All items in Grainger's General Catalog are included within this Sourcewell offering. Grainger recognizes the operational importance to provide Members access to products beyond those covered by Defined Category Discounts, Hot List, Member Market Basket and products aligned to a specific category. Grainger North America provides a 5% discount off of CRP on these products except for items identified as volatile which are not eligible for a discount.

**LARGE ORDER AND VOLUME DISCOUNTS:** Grainger has years of experience working with Sourcewell Members on individual projects and discounted pricing. Grainger North America will continue to work with Sourcewell Members to leverage additional discounts for large, single orders, based on size and scope.

**CUSTOMER SPECIFIC PRICING (CSP):** Grainger North America recognizes the importance of providing Members with relevant pricing for specific products in special circumstances. Deeper discounted pricing can be sought in the form of Customer Specific Pricing (CSP) as it relates to specific opportunities.

Grainger North America reserves the right to adjust pricing to reflect market conditions, as provided in Section 4 (Sourcewell's Vendor Price & Product Change Request Form, referenced in RFP **#091422**). These adjustments may include unforeseen significant increases in supplier's costs resulting from changes in laws or regulations, impositions of tariffs, currency fluctuations, increases in commodity prices, or other changes in conditions not reasonably foreseeable to Grainger North America.

**ACCESS TO ADDITIONAL GRAINGER-SOURCEWELL CONTRACT AWARD BENEFITS:** Upon affiliating with the Sourcewell Facility MRO Supplies & Services Agreement, # 091422, a Sourcewell Member may also affiliate with any other Grainger-Sourcewell Agreement and access the benefits under that agreement, so long as each agreement remains valid. Upon expiration or termination of any other agreement, Grainger will extend the benefits provided in any successor agreement associated with the Member so long as that agreement remains valid.

A Member may contact Grainger at [sourcewell@grainger.com](mailto:sourcewell@grainger.com) or the local Grainger Account Manager, to learn how to adopt additional Grainger-Sourcewell awarded contracts and access value-added service and pricing benefits through your Grainger account.

For full details on the pricing elements of Sourcewell Facility MRO #091422, please visit: [Grainger: Contract 091422-WWG | Sourcewell \(sourcewell-mn.gov\)](#)

