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PROPOSALS FOR NAVAL SUPPLIES, TIMBER, LUMBER, &c.

NAVY DEPARTMENT.

Bureau of Construction, &c. May 11, 1854.

SEALED PROPOSALS to furnish naval supplies for the fiscal year, ending June 30th, 1855, (endorsed proposals for materials of timber, metals, and miscellaneous, as the case may be, naming the navy-yard and class for which the offer is intended,) will be received and class for which the offer is intended,) will be received by this bureau, to 3 o'clock, P. M. of the 20th day of June next, to be delivered under contract, at the several navy-yards hereinafter named, free of expense to the U. States, and at the risk of the Contractor:

One fourth part of the material of metals and miscellaneous hereinafter specified for each navy yard, comprising a due proportion of each kind, must be delivered on or before the first of September next, one other fourth part on or before the 1st of December next, one other fourth part on or before the 1st of April, and the remainder on or before the 30th of June, 1855.

Proposals must provide for furnishing and delivering on *the terms and conditions*, any additional quantity or quantities of the articles contracted for, excepting white oak and pine timber, that may be required at either or said navy yards before the expiration of the fiscal year ending on the said 30th of June, 1855, on fifteen days previous notice from the bureau or the commandant of the navy yard where the articles are to be delivered, to the contractor or his agent at the place of delivery.

In accepting offers, all other things, including price and quality, being equal, preference will be given to articles of the growth, production, and manufacture of the United States.

All articles must be of the very best quality, conforming to samples, which will be exhibited on application to the commandant of the yard at which they are to be delivered. They must be in good order and condition, in suitable packages or packages of the case may be, at the charge of the sels or packages of the case may be, at the charge of the contractor. All articles, vessels and packages to be subject to the inspection of the yard where they are received, and to be in all respects to the satisfaction of the commandant thereof.

The flax canvas to be 20 inches wide, and each bolt to contain 40 running yards. The blue thread in all to be at the usual distance from the selvage. The weight of each bolt, and that to be borne by strips in testing, is as follows:

No.	Weight per bolt.	Weights to be borne by strips. Crosswise.	Lengthwise.
1	42 lbs avoirdupois.	420 pounds.	316 pounds.
2	36 do do	420 do 280 do	
3	33 do do	270 do 250 do	
4	32 do do	340 do 230 do	
5	29 do do	320 do 216 do	
6	28 do do	300 do 200 do	
7	26 do do	280 do 163 do	
8	20 do do	300 do 213 do	

The strips to be one inch in width, except No. 8, which will be 1½ inch. The warp and filling to be made entirely from long, well-dressed, water rotted flax of the very best quality, without any mixture of shorts or tow. The yarns to be evenly spun and of proper fineness, the warp to be rather more twisted than the filling. The warp and filling from No. 1 and No. 5, inclusive, to be double thread, and numbered twisted, and Nos. 5, 7, and 8 single thread. No other description of weavers' dressing to be used in the manufacture, tor any cylindering, calendering, mangling or beating. Cotton canvas to be twenty inches wide, each bolt to contain fifty running yards, and to weigh as follows, viz:

No. 1, 45 pounds avoirdupois		
No. 2, 40	do	do
No. 3, 36	do	do
No. 4, 33	do	do
No. 5, 30	do	do
No. 6, 24	do	do
No. 7, 22	do	do
No. 8, 20	do	do
No. 9, 18	do	do
No. 10, 20	do	do

The hammock stuff to be 42 inches wide, each bolt to contain 50 running yards, and weigh 100 pounds avoirdupois. The bag stuff to be 42 inches wide, and each bolt to contain fifty running yards, and weigh 75 pounds.

The twine must conform in size, number of threads, and in other respects, to the requisitions which shall be made from the navy yards respectively.

One-fourth part of the timber, lumber, &c., required at each navy yard must be delivered on or before the 30th of May, one other fourth part on or before the 30th September, one other fourth part on or before the 30th day of December, eighteen hundred and fifty-five.

All the aforesaid timber, lumber, and other articles, must be of the very best quality, subject to inspection and measurement, and be in all other respects in conformity with the stipulations contained in the "*Rules and Regulations necessary for the inspection and measurement of timber for the navy of the United States*," copies of which may be seen at either navy yard or navy agent's office. All the aforesaid articles are required to be in all respects satisfactory to the commandant of the navy-yard where the same shall be delivered.

The yellow pine plank stocks must be of the very best quality of long leaf, fine grain southern yellow pine, the quality of which is to be excluded in the measurement. The white oak timber and plank must be felled between the 1st of October and the 1st of March, and must have grown in the vicinity of the sea coast; must be stripped of the bark, the sides of the sea coast; must be stripped of the bark, the sides of the sea coast; must be stripped of the bark, the sides