

Quotation Request //

US Government Publishing Office

Agency Publishing Services
732 North Capitol Street, NW
Washington DC 20401-0001

JACKET:046-002

Quotations are Due By:
(Eastern Time)1:00 PM on 05/01/2023

**Submit Quotes Online, unless otherwise instructed, via: <https://contractorconnection.gpo.gov/openjobs.aspx>
Contractor must provide mandatory W-9 form before GPO makes payment.**

TITLE: Scenes: The People, Places, and Events that Shaped the United States Senate
QUANTITY: 954 Books Plus 13 QARCS, Plus digital deliverables (native and pdf).

SUBMISSION OF QUOTES: Vendor to submit quotes via Quick Quote (<https://contractorconnection.gpo.gov/OpenJobs>). Late quotes will not be accepted. All problems submitting quotes via Quick Quote must be reported prior to bid opening time to APS DC Team on 202-512-0098.

PRE-AWARD SAMPLES: The low responsive, responsible bidder may be required within two (2) workdays after notification by the Government, to submit to the Contracting Officer samples demonstrating their and their subcontractor(s)' ability to meet the printing, binding, and stamping requirements as stated herein. The printed samples must be formatted (with Bleed) and spot varnish on stock similar to specifications that were produced in the past 180 calendar days. The binding samples must be of same type in specifications of bind and stock; similar thickness, size, and stamping as required. Bidders unable to furnish acceptable samples within the time specified, may be declared non-responsible.

PRE-AWARD TEST: The contractor being considered for award will be required to demonstrate their ability to print the publication required in these specifications at the requisite quality level by completing a pre-award test. The Government may waive the pre-award test if there is other evidence that, in the opinion of the Contracting Officer indicates that the contractor being considered for award has the capability to successfully produce the item required.

For the pre-award test, an electronic file containing sample pages (up to eight (8) pages) representative of the pages to be produced under these specifications will be provided on the same media stipulated in these specifications. The perspective contractor shall first provide color proofs of the sample pages and then perform a press production run of the furnished samples pages.

The pre-award test color proofs must be of the type required by these specifications and contain color bars identical to press sheet. "All of the Pre-award test proofs and Press sheets must be machine dated and time stamped".

Within three (3) workdays after notification, the perspective contractor shall demonstrate their printing capability by producing printed press sheets of the sample pages. This test must be performed in the presence of one or more Government representatives under normal production conditions on the exact equipment and in the facility proposed to be used for the final production, and on the paper required under these specifications. Press sheets must contain control bars for each color of ink on the sheet. Control bars must be placed parallel to the press's ink rollers. The control bars must show areas consisting of 3/16 x 3/16 minimum solid color patches; tint patches of 25, 50, and 75%; dot gain scale (such as, BRUNNER, GATF,

GRETAG, or RIT); and gray balance patches for process color (if applicable). These areas must be repeated consecutively across the press sheet (can be on gripper edge, tail edge, or gutter of the press). The final press sheet will be allowed no more than 32 demerits.

Products from this test will be used by the Government to evaluate the contractor's capability to comply with applicable requirements of these specifications and the contractor's ability to maintain that quality level throughout the test press production run. Failure to produce sample press sheets meeting the specified quality level or to demonstrate the ability to maintain the required quality level throughout the production test press run may be reason for a determination of non-responsibility. In addition, the contractor's failure to successfully complete the test within two (2) hours (exclusive of make-ready) may also result in a determination of non-responsibility. The Contracting Officer may grant a period in excess of the two (2) hours if in his/her opinion he/she has reason to believe that the contractor is making great progress in meeting the contract standards.

No charges will be allowed for costs incurred in the performance of this pre-award test.

POSTAWARD CONFERENCE: Unless waived by the Contracting Officer, the total requirements of the job as indicated in these specifications will be reviewed by Government representatives with the contractor's representatives at the Government Publishing Office, Washington, DC, immediately after award. At the Government's option, the postaward conference may be held via teleconference. Person(s) that the contractor deems necessary for the successful implementation of the contract must be in attendance.

TRIM SIZE: Text: 8-1/2 x 11"

Case Bound Cover: Approximately 8-5/8 x 11-1/4.

French fold Dust cover: Flat 30 x 15-1/4", folds to final case dimension.

PAGES: 308 page plus separate wrap around cover

SCHEDULE:

Furnished Material will be available for pickup by 05/19/2023

Deliver complete (to arrive at destination) by 06/15/2023

F.O.B. destination

QUALITY LEVEL: 2 Quality Assurance Through Attributes (GPO PUB 310.1, effective May 1979 (Rev. 9-19)) applies.

DESCRIPTION:

DIGITAL PRINTING IS NOT ACCEPTABLE.

Dust Jacket: Prints face only in 4-color process. Prints with a full coverage back ground with illustrations and type/rule matter, with some type reversing out to appear white. Bleeds all sides with uncommon bleeds. Film laminate the entire surface of the face only of the dust cover, with clear gloss polyesters (such as polyethylene terephthalate, polyethylene, vinyl or cellulose acetate), having a thickness in the range of 1.3 mil to 1.5 mil. The laminated product must have no distortion of the printed matter and must remain clear and legible.

Contractor to adjust spine on case bound cover and dust jacket if necessary to center image.

Casebound Cover: Stamp: spine in a match of General Roll Leafs imitation Silver, ALUFIN 800-950-FOIL. Stamping must have solid impressions -no picking, pinholes, or filled letters. Approximate stamping area: 1-1/2 X 10-1/2" with serial number*, and 1-1/2 x 9-1/2" without serial number, back strip reads down.

Contractor to create stamping media.

Note: The ISBN barcode must be printed in black ink at the bottom-right corner or bottom-center of cover 4. The ISBN number must be printed in Human-Readable interpretation and bar code using 3 of 9 (code 39) Bar Code System, non-contact reading in accordance with 978-0-16-095937-0.

Text pages true folio: i-x, 1-308 print head to head in 4-color process with photos, illustrations and type/rule matter. Pages viii, x, 44, 260, 286, 296, 297, and 298 are blank. All pages bleed top, left, and right and a couple pages have full bleeds. Also, all halftone images must be coated with a Clear, non-yellowing, Spot Gloss Varnish. Contractor to create the media for the spot coating of the images in the text.

Digital Deliverables: The contractor shall make all revisions to the electronic files. Prior to making revisions, the contractor shall copy the furnished files and make all changes to the copy.

Digital Deliverables: PLUS, three (3) sets of Digital Deliverables: One (1) set of native application production files - Upon completion, the contractor must furnish final production native application files, for future printings (digital deliverables, which includes high resolution tiff scans), with the furnished material. The digital deliverables must be an exact representation of the final printed product and shall be returned on CD-ROM (If entire product fits on one disk, otherwise DVD is acceptable). The Government will not accept, as digital deliverables, Postscript files, Adobe Acrobat, Portable Document Format (PDF) files, or any proprietary file formats other than those supplied unless specified by the Government. The CD-ROM (or DVD) and jewel case must be clearly labeled with publication title, jacket number, as well as a print out of the file directory included in the jewel case.

Two (2) sets of Repurposed Digital Deliverables (PDF)-Upon completion, in addition to the printed product, the contractor must also create an electronic version of the final production files. The electronic version must be created as Adobe Acrobat Portable Document Format (PDF) files with the following specifications:

The PDF files must be returned on single-session DVD, and in an appropriately labeled Jewel Case. A directory printout of the contents of the DVD must be provided. This printout must show each individual PDF file. Each set of PDF files must be labeled and identified.

One (1) set of PDF files must be created in Adobe Acrobat 7.0X using the default Screen Optimized job option. The PDF files must conform to version 1.3 of the Portable Document Format.

Each chapter must be a separate PDF file, including the Front Matter, Introduction, Part I, Part 2 Appendices and Index. The dust jacket will be used as the cover PDF files; break covers 1I and 4 into separate pages and attach the flaps to each page. Upon opening, each PDF file must have the magnification set to: "Fit in Window".

The PDF files must be an exact representation of the final printed piece, with no missing or misaligned text, or other publication elements (e.g., graphics, photos, etc.). Fonts must be embedded in PDF's.

The contractor must also generate a composite Black & White visual of each page of the PDF file. Any visual must be properly collated and stitched, one stitch in upper left, and must match both the printed piece

and the PDF file.

The contractor must also generate a Black & White visual of each page of the RTF file. Any visual must be properly collated and stitched, one stitch in upper left, and must match the final printed text. The RTF files must be returned on CD-R, and in an appropriately labeled Jewel Case.

ADVANCE BINDERY SAMPLE COPIES: Prior to binding of the total production quantity, the contractor must submit two (2) bound/stamped blank advance sample books, bound using the same production equipment used in the final book production. The blank (no printing required) advance samples must have the same components (number of leaves on the actual production stock, endleaf, etc.) as the final book. Deliver the advance sample copy directly to U.S. Government Publishing Office, Contract Management Division, Quality Control for Published Products Section (CSPS), Washington, DC 20401, at telephone area code (202) 512-1162.

Telephone calls will only be accepted between the hours of 8:00 am and 2:00 pm, prevailing eastern time. Contractor must call GPO Contract Compliance Section at (202) 512-0520 immediately upon sending/delivering proofs and immediately upon notification that the proofs are available for pickup at the department. Sample will be withheld not more than three (3) workdays from receipt in the department to when they are made available for pickup at the department. **CONTRACTOR MUST NOT BIND PRIOR TO RECEIVING AN "OK TO BIND "**.

MATERIAL FURNISHED: Contractor to receive. .

Via email after award.

One (1) PDF file for the cover, Mac based, InDesign, Illustrator, Photoshop, Acrobat. Contractor to adjust spine thickness as necessary and extend bleeds as necessary.

One (1) PDF file for the text. Contractor to extend bleed as necessary.

GPO Form 952 Desktop Publishing Disk Information

GPO Form 892 (R. 12/17) Proofs

GPO Form 2678 (departmental random copies-blue label).

GPO Form 917 (Certificate of Selection).

GPO Form 915 (Business Reply Label).

GPO Form 2686 QARC Random copies sampling & shipping instructions.

Contractor to download the "Labeling and Marking Specifications form (GPO Form 905, R. 7-15) from gpo.gov, fill in appropriate blanks, and attach to shipping containers.

Prior to image processing, the contractor shall perform a basic check (preflight) of the furnished media and publishing files to assure correct output of the required reproduction image. Any errors, media damage, or data corruption that might interfere with proper file image processing must be reported to the contract administrator.

The contractor shall create or change any necessary trapping, set proper screen angles and screen frequency, and define file output selection for the imaging device being utilized. Furnished files must be imaged as necessary to meet the assigned quality level. Minimum 175 line screens required.

PAPER: * Must be in accordance with JCP Paper Specification Standards in effect on date of this order
Text: JCP Code* A261, No. 1 Dull-Coated Text, White, Basis Size 25 X 38" Basis Weight 80 lbs.

Dust Jacket: JCP Code* L61, No.1 White Coated Cover, Gloss-Finish, Basis Size 20 X 26" Basis Weight 80lbs.

Case-Bound Cover Material: : CG-Holliston, Cialux, Book Cloth Blue (Sample stock will be required at proof stage)

Book Cover Board: Davis Permanent Binder Boards, 0.098 thick, or equal to JCP Code R30 (Sample stock will be required at proof stage)

Endleaves: Ecological Fibers Rainbow Endleaf, Birch Parchment, Antique Finish, 80 lb. (Sample stock will be required at proof stage)

Headband: Light blue bead book (Sample stock will be required at proof stage)

-All text paper used in the printing of this publication must be from the same lot.

*All cover paper must have the grain parallel to the spine.

COLOR OF INK:

Case Bound Cover: General Roll Leafs imitation Silver, ALUFIN 800-950-FOIL.

Text: 4-color process. Spot Gloss Varnish.

Dust Jacket: 4-Color Process plus Gloss laminate.

PRINT PAGE: Head to Head

MARGINS:

Dust Jacket: Inadequate gripper.

Text - Inadequate gripper.

Case Bound Cover: Adequate gripper.

Follow electronic files.

PROOFS:

One set of digital color content proofs for entire publication, plus One (1) set of digital color content proofs to show spot varnish. Direct to plate must be used to produce the final product with a minimum of 2400 x 2400 dpi. Proofs must be created using the same Raster Image Processor (RIP) that will be used to produce the product. Proofs shall be collated with all elements in proper position (not pasted up), imaged face and back, trimmed and folded to the finished size of the product.

AND

All paper samples will be required at the proof stage.

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Note: For digital one-piece composite laminated halftone proofs, Provide proofs for a random of pages with photos and charts, and a couple of full screen pages from the front and back of the book.

One (1) set of digital one-piece composite laminated halftone proofs on the actual production stock (Kodak Approval, Polaroid PolaProof, CreoSpectrum, or Fuji Final Proof) with a minimum resolution of 2400 x 2400 dpi for Covers plus Text pages with halftones Only.

At contractor's option, One (1) set of inkjet proofs that are G7 profiled and use pigment-based inks may be submitted in lieu of digital one-piece composite laminated halftone proofs. A proofing RIP that provides an option for high quality color matching such as Device Links Technology and/or ICC Profiles Technology, and meets or exceeds industry tolerance to ISO 12647-7 standard for Graphic Technology (as of 2016 and future amendments) must be utilized. Proofs must be ripped and sent at plate resolution (minimum of 2400 x 2400 dpi). If using a 1 bit tiff, the tiff must be made at a minimum of 2400 dpi. Output must be a minimum of 2400 x 1200 dpi on a GRACoL or SWOP certified proofing media. Proofs must contain both of the following to be evaluated for accuracy: 3-tier color control strip: IDEAlliance ISO 12647-7 2013(i1), and the GPO Resolution target found www.gpo.gov/gporestarget.pdf. NOTE: If a contractor chooses this proof option, prior evaluation and approval of this proofing method must be provided by GPO, Quality Control for Published Products, to ensure that the final product will be produced in accordance with contract specifications. See instructions at:

<https://www.gpo.gov/docs/default-source/forms-and-standards-files-for-vendors/qlsamples6f200c30b44a64308413ff00001d133d.pdf>. Failure to obtain this evaluation and approval may be cause for the job to be rejected should the final product not match the proofs for color.

Proofs must contain color control bars (such as Brunner, GATF, GRETAG, or RIT) for each color of ink on the sheet. Control bars must be placed parallel to the press's ink rollers and must show areas consisting of minimum 1/8 x 1/8 solid color patches; tint patches of 25, 50 and 75%; dot gain scale; and gray balance patches for process color (if applicable). These areas must be repeated consecutively across the sheet.

The make and model number of the proofing system utilized shall be furnished with the proofs. These proofs must contain all elements, be in press configuration, and indicate margins. Proofs will be used for color match on press. Direct to plate must be used to produce the final product with a minimum of 2400 x 2400 dpi.

Send proofs together with the furnished media (copy, electronic files) directly to: Government Publishing Office, 732 North Capitol Street, Washington, DC 20401, Attn: Ken DeThomasis / Shirley Forster. Contractor must call GPO Contract Compliance Section at 202-512-0520, or e-mail information to compliance@gpo.gov immediately upon sending/delivering proofs and immediately upon notification that the proofs are available for pickup at the department. Proofs will be withheld not more than (7) workdays from receipt in the department to when they are made available for pickup at the department. **CONTRACTOR MUST NOT PRINT PRIOR TO RECEIVING AN "OK TO PRINT"**.

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BINDERY INSPECTION (after first off): The contractor must notify the GPO of the date and time the Bindery inspection can be performed. In order for proper arrangements to be made, notification must be given at least 2 workdays prior to the inspection, this may also be held virtually. Notify the U.S. Government Publishing Office, Contract Management Division, Quality Control for Published Products Section (CSPS), Washington, DC 20401, at telephone area code (202) 512-1162. Telephone calls will only be accepted between the hours of 8:00 am and 2:00 pm, prevailing eastern time. Note: See contract clauses, paragraph 14(e)(1), Inspections and Tests of GPO Contract Terms (GPO Publication 310.2, effective December 1, 1987 (Rev. 1 18)). When supplies are not ready at the time specified by the contractor for inspection, the Contracting Officer may charge to the contractor the additional cost of the inspection. The contractor must not bind prior to receipt of an "OK TO BIND".

PRESS INSPECTION: PRESS SHEET INSPECTION: Final make-ready press sheets will be inspected and approved at the contractor's plant for the purpose of establishing specified standards for use during the actual press run. Upon approval of the sheets, contractor is charged with maintaining those standards throughout the press run (within QATAP tolerances when applicable) and with discarding all make-ready sheets that preceded approval. See GPO Publication 315.3 (Guidelines for Contractors Holding Press Sheet Inspections) issued January 2015. **NOTE:** A press sheet inspection is for the purpose of setting specific standards that are to be maintained throughout the entire run. It does not constitute a prior approval of the entire run.

Press sheets must contain control bars for each color of ink on the sheet. Control bars must be placed parallel to the press' ink rollers. The control bars must show areas consisting of 1/8 x 1/8" minimum solid color patches; tint patches of 25, 50, and 75%; dot gain scale (such as, BRUNNER, GATF, GRETAG, or RIT); and gray balance patches for process color (if applicable). These areas must be repeated across the entire press sheet.

Viewing Light: Press sheets will be viewed under controlled conditions with 5000 degrees Kelvin overhead luminaries. The viewing conditions must conform to ISO 3664-2009; a viewing booth under controlled conditions with 5000 degrees Kelvin overhead luminaries with neutral gray surroundings must be provided.

The contractor must notify the GPO of the date and time the press sheet inspection can be performed. In order for proper arrangements to be made, notification must be given at least two (2) workdays prior to the inspection. Notify the U.S. Government Publishing Office, Contract Management Division, Quality Control for Published Products Section (CSPS), Washington, DC 20401, at telephone area code (202) 512-1162.

Telephone calls will only be accepted between the hours of 8:00 am and 2:00 pm, prevailing eastern time. Note: See contract clauses, paragraph 14(e)(1), Inspections and Tests of GPO Contract Terms (GPO Publication 310.2, effective December 1, 1987 (Rev. 1 18)). When supplies are not ready at the time specified by the contractor for inspection, the Contracting Officer may charge to the contractor the additional cost of the inspection.

BINDING:

Smyth Sewn text on 11 inch side.

Score and fold dust covers twice along the horizontal dimension at the full depth of cover boards and score and fold ends and insert between pages 2 and 3 of the front and back endleaves, with backstrip centered on spine.

Case binding construction must hold round and shoulder height must equal thickness of cover boards.

NOTE: Cracks and wrinkles are NOT acceptable.

Reinforce the endleaves and the first and last signatures with strips of ungummed, sized cotton cloth extending 1/4" on inner side of the signatures and 1" on the endleaves. Smyth (signature) sew, trim 3 sides, round back and Grey and Silver. Reinforce spine with crash and strong paper liner.

For 30 sets of unbound signatures --Collate unbound/untrimmed text signatures into sets, suitable for future binding plus 30 flat laminated dust cover forms.

PACKING:

All containers must be labeled with contents for re-distribution.

DISTRIBUTION:

30 sets of collated unbound/untrimmed text signatures are to be banded or shrink-film wrapped flat in sets and packed suitably in shipping containers. The untrimmed dust covers are to be packed flat. Pallets are required. Shrink-film wrap each book. Pack five books in shipping containers. Pallets are required. All shipping containers must be marked with "Jacket Number: 046-002, and ISBN 978-0-16-095937-0.

Contractor must notify the ordering agency on the same day that the product ships/delivers via e-mail sent to sforster@gpo.gov and kdethomasis@gpo.gov. The subject line of this message shall be "Distribution Notice for Jacket 046-002, Req. No. 0-00142". The notice must provide all applicable tracking numbers, shipping method, and Title. Contractor must be able to provide copies of all delivery, mailing, and shipping receipts upon agency request.

Ship f.o.b. destination. Contractor must give 24 hours notice before delivering any copies. Contact Shirley Forster, U.S. Government Printing Office, (202) 512-0224. Ship by traceable means: Registered mail or signature service if by freight. No deviations from shipping instructions will be permitted.

Copies delivered to the Government Publishing Office must be delivered prior to 12:00 noon, local time.

Return all furnished materials, stamping dies, and specified digital deliverables, via traceable means (registered mail or signature service if by freight) to U.S. Government Publishing Office, 44 H Street, NW, Washington, DC 20401. Attn: Congressional - Shirley Forster. CPS Room C-730, 202-512-0224.

20 Case Bound: copies marked for "Emergencies", forward to Room C-730, Attn: Shirley Forster

DELIVER: 500 copies (includes 50 Departmental Random "Blue Label" Copies) via traceable means to: US GPO, 44 H Street, NW, Washington, DC 20401. Attn: Congressional - Shirley Forster. CPS Room C-730, 202-512-0224.

Note: For the "Blue Label" Copies -- A copy of the Government furnished certificate (GPO Form 917) must accompany the voucher sent to GPO, Financial Management Service, for payment. Failure to furnish the certificate may result in delay in processing the voucher. NOTE: Form is also available at <https://www.gpo.gov/pdfs/vendors/sfas/Form917.pdf>

MARK FOR REDISTRIBUTION:

421 Copies: Federal Depository Library Program (BAC 1520-01) U.S. Govt. Publishing Office, Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP), Item Number 0998-A-01, Document Warehouse, 8660 Cherry Lane, Laurel, MD 20707-4986.

10 copies: to LOC (By-law) (BAC# 1525-01) Library of Congress, US/Anglo Division, U.S. Govt. Doc. Section, 101 Independence Ave., SE, Washington, DC 20540-4274

3 copies: IES/ IES-PRT (BAC# 1540-01) U.S. Govt. Publishing Office, International Exchange Service (IES), Document Warehouse, 8660 Cherry Lane, Laurel, MD 20707-4986.

All expenses incidental to returning materials, submitting/returning proofs, and furnishing samples must be borne by the contractor.

QUALITY ASSURANCE LEVELS AND STANDARDS: The following levels and standards shall apply to these specifications:

Inspection Levels (from ANSI/ASQC Z1.4):

- (a) Non-destructive Tests -- General Inspection Level I.
- (b) Destructive Tests -- Special Inspection Level S-2.

Specified Standards-- The specified standards for the attributes requiring them shall be:

ATTRIBUTE	SPECIFIED STANDARD
P-7. Type Quality and Uniformity	OK Press Sheets/Furnished Electronic Media
P-8. Halftone Match (Single and Double Impression	OK Press Sheets/Furnished Electronic Media
P-10. Process Color Match	OK Press Sheets/Furnished Electronic Media

Special Instructions: In the event that inspection of press sheets is waived by the Government, the following listed alternate standards (in order of precedence) shall become the Specified Standards:

- P-7. OK Proofs/Furnished Electronic Media
- P-8. OK Proofs/Furnished Electronic Media
- P-10. OK Proofs/Furnished Electronic Media

QUALITY ASSURANCE RANDOM COPIES: The contractor will be required to execute a statement furnished by GPO certifying that copies were selected as directed. Business Reply Mail labels will be furnished for mailing the quality assurance random copies. The copies are to be mailed at the same time as the first scheduled shipment. A U.S. Postal Service approved Certificate of Mailing, identified by Jacket and Purchase Order numbers, must be furnished with billing as evidence of mailing.

PREAWARD SURVEY: In order to determine the responsibility of the prime contractor or any subcontractor, the Government reserves the right to conduct an on-site pre-award survey at the contractor's/subcontractor's facility or to require other evidence of technical, production, managerial, financial, and similar abilities to perform, prior to the award of a contract. As part of the financial determination, the low contractor may be required to provide one or more of the following financial documents:

- 1) Most recent profit and loss statement
- 2) Most recent Balance Sheet
- 3) Statement of cash flows
- 4) Current official bank statement
- 5) Current lines of credit (with amounts available)
- 6) Letter of commitment from paper supplier(s)
- 7) Letter of commitment from any subcontractor

The documents will be reviewed to validate that adequate financial resources are available to perform the contract requirements. Documents submitted will be kept confidential, and used only for the determination of responsibility by the Government. Failure to provide the requested information in a timely manner may result in the Contracting Officer not having adequate information to reach an affirmative determination of

responsibility.

PAYMENT: Submitting invoices for payment via the GPO fax gateway (if no samples are required) utilizing the GPO barcode coversheet program application is the most efficient method of invoicing. Instruction for using this method can be found at the following web address:
<http://winapps.access.gpo.gov/fms/vouchers/barcode/instructions.html>.

Invoices may also be mailed to: U.S. Government Publishing Office, Office of Financial Management, Attn: Comptroller, Stop: FMCE, Washington, DC 20401.

For more information about the billing process refer to the General Information of the Office of Finance web page located at <https://www.gpo.gov/how-to-work-with-us/vendors/how-to-get-paid>.

Attachment(s): NONE