The State of Maryland requires office space for lease at a single location for the **Office of the Public Defender** as follows:

a. **Type and amount**
   3,063 net usable square feet +/- 5% of administrative office space.

b. **Location**
   Elkton, Cecil County, Specifically with the following boundaries:
   - **North**: Rt 279
   - **East**: North St > Booth St > E. High > Locust Ln > E. Main St > Delaware Ave
   - **South**: Rt 40 (Pulaski Hwy)
   - **West**: Rt 279

c. **Term**
   - (1) - Original – 10 years
   - (2) – Option – 1 for 5 years

2. Offerors shall submit space in accordance with the requirements contained in the enclosed specifications or commit to make the improvements necessary at the Offeror’s expense to bring the space into compliance with those specifications by the required delivery time provided below.

The following special specifications must be complied with/provided. Whenever these special specifications conflict with the specifications contained elsewhere in this proposal package, these special specifications shall prevail:

a. **Delivery Time** 120 days from Approved Space Plans.

b. Offeror must provide secured parking with controlled access in accordance with DGS standards and specifications.

c. Offerors must acknowledge that they have read the attached Executive Order 01.01.2009.12 for Transit Oriented Development.

d. Offerors must enclose a map from an electronic mapping system which delineates the distance from the proposed site to the nearest Transit Station or Bus Stop.

e. Agency is requesting eight (8) parking spaces.

Proposals must be received by **3:30 p.m. on January 15, 2020**. Information on other pending Request for Proposals (RFP) for lease space may be found on the DGS website @ [www.dgs.maryland.gov/Pages/RealEstate/index.aspx](http://www.dgs.maryland.gov/Pages/RealEstate/index.aspx)
The Department of General Services Office of Real Estate General Performance Standards and Specifications for State of Maryland Leased Facilities are only available electronically at www.dgs.maryland.gov/Pages/RealEstate/index.aspx

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT ELECTRONIC PROPOSALS SHALL NOT BE ACCEPTED. ONLY HARD COPY SEALED PROPOSALS DELIVERED IN THE ENVELOPE PROVIDED WITHIN THE PERMITTED TIME PERIOD SHALL BE ACCEPTED.

PROPOSERS MUST REQUEST HARD COPIES OF THE REQUIRED PROPOSAL DOCUMENTS ALLOWING SUFFICIENT TIME TO RESPOND BY THE CLOSING DATE BY CONTACTING Dwight Custis AT 240.554.3022 OR VIA E-MAIL AT Dwight.custis@birch-advisors.com

PROPOSALS NOT SUBMITTED ON TIME, ON THE PROPER FORMS OR IN THE PROVIDED ENVELOPE WILL BE DETERMINED TO BE NON-RESPONSIVE AND WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

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REGULATORY NOTICES:

Public Information Act. Offerors should give specific attention to the identification of those portions of their proposals that they deem to be confidential, proprietary information or trade secrets and provide any justification why such materials, upon request, should not be disclosed by the State under the Access to Public Records Act, General Provisions Article, Title 4, of the Annotated Code of Maryland [COMAR 21.05.08.01]

If the proposal is for a contract that is reasonably expected to exceed $50,000.00 or if this procurement requires bid security under an applicable Federal law or a condition of Federal assistance, the Procurement Officer may require bid security in some form determined by DGS or Federal law, as the case may be. Offerors are encouraged to inquire whether such bid security is required for this solicitation if such notice is not given by DGS. [COMAR 21.05.08.02]

Minority business enterprises are encouraged to respond to this solicitation.
By submitting a response to this solicitation, an offeror shall be deemed to represent that it is not in arrears in the payment of any obligation due and owing the State of Maryland, including the payment of taxes and employees benefits, and that it shall not become so in arrears during the term of the lease if selected for contract award.

Please review, complete and sign the accompanying Proposal Affidavit and the Conflict of Interest Affidavit and Disclosure and be sure to include them with your proposal. Note that both affidavits provide that you are signing each affidavit under affirmation based upon the best of your knowledge, information and belief. Failure to include the affidavits will result in your proposal being rejected as unresponsive.