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**SECTION VI: EVALUATION AND SELECTION CRITERIA**

The Department will evaluate Offerors' Proposals in accordance with provisions set forth in this Section VI of the IFB.

Contract award under this IFB shall be made on the basis of lowest Total Projected Cost, submitted on **Exhibit II.F** of the IFB among responsible and responsive Offerors.

On or after the Proposal Due Date and Time as set forth in IFB, Section II.A.1, all timely Proposals accepted by the Department will be opened and recorded. The Department will verify that the apparent lowest cost Proposal (i.e., the Proposal with the lowest Total Projected Cost) on **Exhibit II.F** of the IFB is responsive and the Offeror is responsible. Responsive means that the Proposal meets all mandatory requirements and specifications of the IFB. If the apparent lowest cost Proposal/Offeror is not found to be responsive and/or responsible, that Offeror's Proposal will be rejected and the next lowest cost Proposal/Offeror will be reviewed to determine responsiveness and responsibility.

In the event of a tie, the decision to award a contract to one Offeror over the other(s) shall be made by the Commissioner whose decision shall be final and the basis for determining the award shall be documented in the procurement record.