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*development of the proposal. These writings are also of great value to independent consultants and small businesses contractors intent on winning government contracts.*

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This comprehensive book covers the philosophy behind RFPs to prime readers to understand how to most effectively write them and provides instruction on navigating the submission process as it applies to multiple types of libraries. • Teaches readers how to acquire an appropriate product from a vendor at the lowest price • Provides practical examples of questions to use in various RFPs as well as lessons learned

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