

	Invitation to Bid AMENDMENT #1	Solicitation Number:	USC-IFB-3687-AR
		Date Issued:	March 15, 2021
		Procurement Officer:	Aimee B. Rish, Procurement Manager
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DESCRIPTION: Groundskeeping Services for the University of South Carolina

USING GOVERNMENTAL UNIT: **UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA FACILITIES MAINTENANCE, COLUMBIA**

The Term "Offer" Means Your "Bid" or "Proposal". Your offer must be submitted in a sealed package. Solicitation Number & Opening Date must appear on package exterior. See "Submitting Your Paper Offer or Modification" provision.

SUBMIT YOUR SEALED OFFER TO EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING ADDRESSES:

MAILING ADDRESS:
University of South Carolina – Purchasing Department
1600 Hampton Street, Suite 606
Columbia SC 29208

PHYSICAL ADDRESS:
University of South Carolina – Purchasing Department
1600 Hampton Street, Suite 606
Columbia SC 29208

SUBMIT OFFER BY (Opening Date/Time): March 30, 2021 at 11AM (EST) (See "Deadline For Submission Of Offer" provision)

Solicitation openings will be limited to teleconference only: Telephone 800.753.1965/Access Code 7777162

~~**QUESTIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY: March 12, 2021 at 11AM(EST) (Submit Questions Via Email only to arish@fmc.sc.edu**~~
~~See "Questions From Offerors" provision)~~ **EXPIRED**

NUMBER OF COPIES TO BE SUBMITTED: 1 (one) Original Hard Copy and 1(one) Electronic Copy (USB)

CONFERENCE TYPE: **Not Applicable**

DATE & TIME:

(As appropriate, see "Conferences - Pre-Bid/Proposal" & "Site Visit" provisions)

LOCATION: **Not Applicable**

**AWARD &
AMENDMENTS**

Award will be posted on **04/06/2021**. The award, this solicitation, any amendments, and any related notices will be posted at the following web address: https://sc.edu/about/offices_and_divisions/purchasing/index.php

You must submit a signed copy of this form with Your Offer. By signing, You agree to be bound by the terms of the Solicitation. You agree to hold Your Offer open for a minimum of thirty (30) calendar days after the Opening Date. (See "Signing Your Offer" provision.)

NAME OF OFFEROR

(full legal name of business submitting the offer)

Any award issued will be issued to, and the contract will be formed with, the entity identified as the Offeror. The entity named as the Offeror must be a single and distinct legal entity. Do not use the name of a branch office or a division of a larger entity if the branch or division is not a separate legal entity, i.e., a separate corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, etc.

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

(Person must be authorized to submit binding offer to contract on behalf of Offeror.)

DATE SIGNED

TITLE

(business title of person signing above)

STATE VENDOR NO.

(Register to Obtain S.C. Vendor No. at www.procurement.sc.gov)

PRINTED NAME

(printed name of person signing above)

STATE OF INCORPORATION

(If you are a corporation, identify the state of incorporation.)

OFFEROR'S TYPE OF ENTITY: (Check one)

(See "Signing Your Offer" provision.)

☐ Sole Proprietorship
 ☐ Partnership
 ☐ Other _____
☐ Corporate entity (not tax-exempt)
 ☐ Corporation (tax-exempt)
 ☐ Government entity (federal, state, or local)

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HOME OFFICE ADDRESS (Address for Offeror's home office / principal place of business)	NOTICE ADDRESS (Address to which all procurement and contract related notices should be sent.) (See "Notice" clause)
	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> Area Code - Number - Extension Facsimile </div>
	E-mail Address

PAYMENT ADDRESS (Address to which payments will be sent.) (See "Payment" clause)	ORDER ADDRESS (Address to which purchase orders will be sent) (See "Purchase Orders and "Contract Documents" clauses)
____ Payment Address same as Home Office Address	____ Order Address same as Home Office Address
____ Payment Address same as Notice Address (check only one)	____ Order Address same as Notice Address (check only one)

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF AMENDMENTS Offerors acknowledges receipt of amendments by indicating amendment number and its date of issue. (See "Amendments to Solicitation" Provision)							
Amendment No.	Amendment Issue Date	Amendment No.	Amendment Issue Date	Amendment No.	Amendment Issue Date	Amendment No.	Amendment Issue Date

DISCOUNT FOR PROMPT PAYMENT (See "Discount for Prompt Payment" clause)	10 Calendar Days (%)	20 Calendar Days (%)	30 Calendar Days (%)	____ Calendar Days (%)
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PREFERENCES - A NOTICE TO VENDORS (SEP. 2009): On June 16, 2009, the South Carolina General Assembly rewrote the law governing preferences available to in-state vendors, vendors using in-state subcontractors, and vendors selling in-state or US end products. This law appears in Section 11-35-1524 of the South Carolina Code of Laws. A summary of the new preferences is available at www.procurement.sc.gov/preferences. ***ALL THE PREFERENCES MUST BE CLAIMED AND ARE APPLIED BY LINE ITEM, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER AWARD IS MADE BY ITEM OR LOT. VENDORS ARE CAUTIONED TO CAREFULLY REVIEW THE STATUTE BEFORE CLAIMING ANY PREFERENCES. THE REQUIREMENTS TO QUALIFY HAVE CHANGED. IF YOU REQUEST A PREFERENCE, YOU ARE CERTIFYING THAT YOUR OFFER QUALIFIES FOR THE PREFERENCE YOU'VE CLAIMED. IMPROPERLY REQUESTING A PREFERENCE CAN HAVE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES.*** [11-35-1524(E)(4)&(6)]

PREFERENCES - ADDRESS AND PHONE OF IN-STATE OFFICE: Please provide the address and phone number for your in-state office in the space provided below. An in-state office is necessary to claim either the Resident Vendor Preference (11-35-1524(C)(1)(i)&(ii)) or the Resident Contractor Preference (11-35-1524(C)(1)(iii)). Accordingly, you must provide this information to qualify for the preference. An in-state office is not required, but can be beneficial, if you are claiming the Resident Subcontractor Preference (11-35-1524(D)).

____ In-State Office Address same as Home Office Address

____ In-State Office Address same as Notice Address **(check only one)**

AMENDMENTS TO SOLICITATION (JAN 2004)

(a) The Solicitation may be amended at any time prior to opening. All actual and prospective Offerors should monitor the following web site for the issuance of Amendments: www.procurement.sc.gov (b) Offerors shall acknowledge receipt of any amendment to this solicitation (1) by signing and returning the amendment, (2) by identifying the amendment number and date in the space provided for this purpose on Page Two, (3) by letter, or (4) by submitting a bid that indicates in some way that the bidder received the amendment.

QUESTIONS FROM OFFERORS - AMENDMENT (JUN 2017) The solicitation is amended as provided herein. Information or changes resulting from questions will be shown in a question-and-answer format. All questions received have been reprinted below. The “state’s response” should be read without reference to the questions. The questions are included solely to provide a cross-reference to the potential offeror that submitted the question. Questions do not form a part of the contract; the “state’s response” does. Any restatement of part or all of an existing provision of the solicitation in an answer does not modify the original provision except as follows: underlined text is added to the original provision. Stricken text is deleted. [02-2A097-1]

Q1 - Will the contractor be required to have a state issued pesticide license?

A1- Yes, in accordance with State requirements, a current and valid SC Pesticide License is required to be held by the vendor.

Q2- Will a valid driver’s license be required for contractors operating motor vehicles on campus?

A2 – Yes, in accordance with State Law, all persons who operate a motor vehicle on the property must possess a current and valid driver’s license.